

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends:

Spring has sprung and we get ready for the quilt show. I am enjoying gardening this week and being outside in this wonderful weather. I have been having a rough time since our wonderful retreat at Amy's house because my mother is ill. I want to thank Amy for a wonderful time and a great retreat center. My mother is having medical problems in Green Bay so I have been helping get her get started in day care and spending lots of time at her home in Green Bay which still has two feet of snow.

I would like to congratulate all of our members for the most quilts ever in the show by our chapter. This large number of quilts is a trend over QU and they will be contacting everyone with more than 3 entries to rank the quilts as to entry preference. They are not sure that all of these quilts will fit and will probably limit entries.

There was a big QU meeting and these are the important points for our chapter:

1. The quilt show will be the third weekend in May starting next year. The dates for 2009 are May 14, 15 and 16. It will not compete with Mothers' Day or Memorial Day.
2. The annual meeting will be the Thursday before the quilt show and the speaker will be part of the quilt show. The classes will be at the quilt show. We will merge the annual meeting and the quilt show starting in 2009.
3. QU's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be a birthday party theme and there is a challenge in the big QU newsletter.
4. There is a proposal for redesign of the Big QU web page. We hope to have a contract by the end of May.
5. Our fall lecturer will be Carol Taylor on October 23, 2008. See her website at <http://www.caroltaylorquilts.com/>
6. Please submit community service projects to Connie for the big QU newsletter.

Thank you to Carla for filling in during my absence and I will see you at the auction.

*Donna Sinrud*

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## Monthly Meetings

Place:  
McLean Baptist Church  
1367 Chain Bridge Rd.  
McLean, VA

Dates:  
4th Tues. each month  
Time: 9:30 am

## Bees

Dates:  
Tuesdays

Time:  
10:00 am

Place:  
Check schedule for  
location and directions

## McLean QU Auction

### Tuesday, March 25, 2008

-DONATIONS: You may bring items for the auction itself, or for the bargain table in back, the day before the auction (i.e. on Monday, March 24) to the youth room at the church, on the lower level. We will be there between 10 AM and 2 PM. Of course, you may also bring your contributions on the day of the auction, before 10, when the auction starts.

-VOLUNTEERS: A big thank-you to all who volunteered to help out at the auction. We need two more people to help - please email Judy Kozlowicki ([jwkozlo@gmail.com](mailto:jwkozlo@gmail.com)). Remember, "It takes a whole chapter to raise an auction". We will remind volunteers the week before the auction. If you have volunteered, please be at the church by 9:15 that day.

-FAT QUARTER BASKET: If you haven't yet done so, please bring a fat quarter of quilting fabric on or before the day of the auction. The basket has been a Mclean tradition for years; in the past it was raffled off. This year it will be part of our new silent auction so you may bid on it at the auction.

-DOOR PRIZES: We have \$50 certificates to several quilt shops in the area. These will be drawn for towards the end of the auction, and you must be present to win.

Co-chairpeople, Cathy Rees and Judy Kozlowicki

## April 22 Program

### with Diane Herbort

The April program will be a slide presentation about QSDS, the Quilt Surface Design Symposium, which is held each June in Columbus Ohio. A number of QU members have been going to QSDS to take 2-day, 5-day or 7-day classes. Some of them will bring "show and tell" from the classes they have taken. This program tries to capture the mix of fun, learning and making new friends. You can get away from daily life at a symposium, where you immerse yourself in sewing, dyeing, design and other fiber arts. You will see slides of work by every member of the 2008 QSDS faculty, including Sue Benner, Rosalie Dace and Terrie Mangat, and hear brief descriptions of their classes.

## Quilt Collection

Quilt Show entries will be collected after May 7. Each entry must have a 4 1/2" hanging sleeve firmly attached, and a label in the bottom right corner of the back with the member's name, phone number, McLean Chapter, and the name of the quilt. Your quilt collectors, Suzie Buck (703-536-5211) and Kay Burnett (703-242-8732), would like to collect the majority of the quilts at our May Bees and Meeting. If you need another time, please contact either Suzie or Kay. Quilts may be returned any time after the Quilt Show takedown, June 8, and must be picked up before June 23. If you cannot pick up your own quilt a written note giving permission to another must be presented before your quilt will be handed over.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

Packets for service quilts have been revised to include a photo of the quilt design and easy layout. The packets are available at our McLean meetings, the 4th Tuesday of the month, at the service table. Our thanks to the many quilters who are providing finished tops for the packets. Last month I received thanks you notes from the three organizations to which we donate the lap quilts. Jeanne Sclater from The Assistance League writes: "We express our sincere appreciation to those in the McLean Quilters Unlimited for your donation of beautiful baby quilts! These quilts are part of the layette bundles for the OB/GYN Clinic at Fairfax Hospital for very low income mothers."

Diane Hunter from Teenage Parenting Programs writes, "Our program provides educational and human services to teenage mothers and their children in a friendly and nurturing setting. This effort will enable these young parents to become self-sufficient and provide a healthy family environment for their children. Your donations help in this effort. Thank you for your kind support." Note...in order for a young mother to receive a baby blanket, she must stay in school and the program for one month...not miss a day. This helps to keep a teenage mom in school until graduation.

And finally, Barbara Allen from the Arlington Adult Services Unit/Aging and Disability Services Division writes, "I would like to thank you for a beautiful quilt I took to an 88 year old woman who lives alone in South Arlington. She keeps the heat in her house on very low, and stays bundled up in a robe and slippers for the winter. She welcomed the quilt and was thrilled with the colors. I thank your group for the many beautiful quilts donated to our Adult Services Unit."

Your effort helps so many people in our area. Our thanks for your continued support. The next service bee will be in June. More details in the next newsletter.

The Service Committee, Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan, Suzie Buck and Pat Carroll

## Lancaster Bus Trip

March 27, 2008 is the date for our annual trip to the Quilters' Heritage Celebration. The cost is \$40, payable to McLean QU. This includes entry fee, dinner at Good N' Plenty Restaurant, and bus. There will be a sign up sheet at the meetings. If you have any questions, please call Ginny McConnell at 703-764-2775 or email her at [vmcconnell1@verizon.net](mailto:vmcconnell1@verizon.net) (that is a number 1 after my name not a letter l)

## Big QU Newsletter

Big QU is going green. There was a question on your membership form asking if we could email your big QU newsletter to you. If you answered YES or you didn't answer the question, but you gave us an email address, you should have gotten emails with links to the previous 2 newsletters (Sept. & Dec.) on the QU website. The next newsletter will be available around the beginning of March. Mailed copies should arrive in your mailbox after March 15. If you did not get the newsletters or the links in the way you thought you requested, please contact me and I will investigate. Also, if you want to change your "answer," notify me. ed.

**For the third issue of the big QU newsletter this year, nearly 80% of the members were notified by email. This saved hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs.**

## Membership

This past year has resulted in a lot of questions about membership. Here is a brief list of things to remember.

- Registration for the following year begins in May.
- Dues must be accompanied by a registration form.
- Senior members are eligible to renew as Life members the year after they reach their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. You must have at least one year as a Senior member before renewing as a Life member.
- Life members must also fill out a registration form.
- If you are a life member of another chapter you must pay the dues as an Associate member with McLean.
- Your registration must be received by Oct. 1 for you to be included in the Big QU directory and to remain on the chapter mailing list (whether email or snail mail).
- Beginning in January, dues are half price for NEW members. We do not reward procrastination (or forgetfulness). ☺
- We do not sign anyone up in April. New people are encouraged to attend this month as our guest and to sign up in May.

Please look for the 2008-2009 membership form in our May newsletter. The form will also be available on the Big QU website. You will make my life much easier if you sign up in May (or by the end of September, at the latest.) I know life gets in the way sometimes, but please try. If you pay by check, it will be easier for you to look back and see if you have joined. If you receive a reminder email in September, it means you haven't yet registered. I will call the people who have not joined by September and do not have email.

Connie Doberenz has volunteered to embroider "McLean QU" on white fabric for our nametags.

### **Would anyone like to make the nametags for new members?**

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help with the nametags. Thanks so much! Maureen Gray 703-503-8162 [david.gray48@verizon.net](mailto:david.gray48@verizon.net)

## Birthday Column

<b>MARCH</b>		Connie Doberenz	12	Dorothy Stringer	19
Helen Peterson	29	Carolyn Balcom	16	Jeri Borsi	20
<b>APRIL</b>		Eileen Culligan	16	Janet Fuoto	24
Margot Eddy	1	Barbara Tricarico	21	Betty Larson	28
Jane Heile	2	Dora Rousseau	25	Donna Pendleton	28
Jean Hansell	3	Alice Crampton	26	Bea Sommovigo	28
Ann Myers	5	<b>MAY</b>		Evelyn Penn	31
Trudy Pearman	6	Emily Gross	2		
Carol Miller	7	Donna Sinrud	13		

### Schedule of Events

- March 25 Auction at the church
- April 1 Bee at the church  
Sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available
- April 8 Bee at Jill Halbert's (703-759-4498) 9059 Jeffery Rd., Great Falls. Old Dominion Dr. towards Great Falls. Left at Georgetown Pike. First right at Riverbend Rd. After the stop sign, first right onto Jeffrey.  
Food volunteers – Amy Berger and Carole Marti
- April 15 Bee at Loretta Sullivan's (703-536-1692), 6701 Pine Creek Court, McLean. From the church take Chain Bridge Road to a left onto Westmorland Drive. Turn right on Poole Ln. Then left on Pine Creek Court.  
Food volunteers – Jane Heile, Cathy Brown and Diane Kirkhart
- April 22 Program with Diane Herbort
- April 29 Jinny Beyer Studio, 776 Walker Rd., Great Falls. From McLean take Georgetown Pike (Rt. 193) West. As you enter Great Falls, left on Walker Road, right into the Village Center. Bear left as you enter and look for the studio sign.  
Food volunteers – Barb Hollinger, Lesa Schmidt and Nancy Fallone
- May 6 Bee at the church  
Sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available
- May 13 Bee at Mary Pace's, (703-536-5857), 4900 Yorktown Blvd., Arlington. Old Dominion Rd to Arlington. Bear R. on Glebe Rd. Right on 26th Street. Right on Brandywine. Left on Yorktown Blvd. 4th house on left.  
Food volunteers – Evelyn Penn and Cathy Brown
- May 20 Bee at Jenny Emry's, (703-528-1366), 302 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington. From the Beltway take exit 50 towards Arlington. Exit right onto ramp for Carlin Springs Road. At the traffic light turn left. Turn left onto N. Jefferson.  
Food volunteers – Lura Alsalam and Cindy Wilson
- May 27 End of year potluck and Archeological Challenge Reveal at the church.  
(Remember, your quilts need to be completely finished.)

### Santa Fe Retreat

The Santa Fe Retreat will be September 26-October 3, 2007. All are welcome, new or returning. Contact Kay Burnett for information on travel schedules, places to go and things to do. Donna Sinrud (one of our most frequent usual suspects) also is a good source of information on our activities. Kay's email is [mekayquilter@aol.com](mailto:mekayquilter@aol.com) and cell phone 703-969-3942.

### Inclement Weather and Home Bees

If the winter weather is less than perfect, there is no reason for us to base whether or not to hold home bees on what Fairfax County schools are doing. The decision is left up to each hostess. For some, if the weather is clear but there are large piles of snow along the sides of the roads, a bee may have to be cancelled due to lack of parking. Always check your email before leaving for a bee. For those without email, the phone tree will be activated. If all else fails and you are still in doubt, you can always call the hostess.

**Please note: Bees and meetings at the church are cancelled if Fairfax County Schools are delayed or cancelled.**

**McLean QU 2007 - 2008  
Officers and Committees**

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	<b>Pat Carroll</b>	<b>703-533-3199</b>
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Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Dorothy Stringer [dstringer@cox.net](mailto:dstringer@cox.net) or 703-573-8839

### Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from late March through the end of May. Go to page 4 to see which members are included.

Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your 2007/2008 membership form. If you want me to check, let me know.

### QU Digest

Do you subscribe to the QU Digest? The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events, QU members and the quilt community at large, quilting tips, and interesting websites. There is also on-going news about workshops and shows by QU and other guilds, bus trips, pleas for missing books or fabric, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't have to be quilt related! Subscribers are able to log onto a website to see QU Digest archives for the last few years, download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access a wide range of quilting tips submitted by readers, and see photos of workshops and events. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, e-mail Barbara Tricarico (V, McL) at [QUDigest@cox.net](mailto:QUDigest@cox.net). Include your name, QU chapter, and e-mail address.

### Newsletter Submissions and Suggestions

Have you visited a quilt show recently and had a good time? Did you find a great quilt shop on your vacation that you think others should hear about? Please send a review to me for the newsletter. Also, send in your photos, tips and hints. I'll try to include as much as I can. Any input from you would be gratefully appreciated. Any comments or suggestions about our newsletter would also be appreciated.



Are you overwhelmed by paper? Would you like to help QU "go green?" If you get your McLean and big QU newsletters mailed to you and you would like to see them on your computer, let me know. I'll get you added to the email lists. You'll get them sooner and see the pictures in color, too. Connie Doberenz at [cdoberenz20191@comcast.net](mailto:cdoberenz20191@comcast.net)

**Submission deadline for the next newsletter - May 7**