

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

True to form March came in like a lion...let us hope it goes out like a lamb. Auction time again. Judy and Cathy have been collecting all sorts of goodies, so turn out and don't forget your checkbooks. After the auction, it will be time for the annual trek to Lancaster. If you haven't signed up already, Ginny has a few spots still open. Spend the day having a frolic in fabric and feasting on fresh soft pretzels; and don't forget to take a peek at the quilts.

Please sign up to volunteer at the quilt show. Pat Blood needs workers to help with set-up. If you have young men in your family or neighborhood who would like to earn some quick cash, sign them up to work set-up on June 3, and 4 and take down on June 7. There are lots of other jobs that need to be done, too, so please offer to help. Remember it is your show.

Your 2009 challenge "I'll get around to it" will be due for show and tell at the May meeting. So get stitching.

Carla Schardt

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Slate of Officers

We will be voting on our officers for 2009/2010 at the May 26th meeting. The slate of officers is as follows:

President	Suzie Buck
Vice President	Peggy Knight
Secretary	Lesa Schmidt
Treasurer	Anjana Pringle.
Nominations	Nancy Fallone and Diane Kirkhart

We Need Help

We have a terrific group in McLean QU, with some new members who are bursting with talent. Are you willing to help on a committee next year, especially the auction? Working with others on a project or a committee is a great way to get to know our group. There are many opportunities to help, even small ways. If you are willing to help, please talk to a board member about your interests.

RETREAT?

Are you able to host a spring or summer retreat? You provide the home and Donna Sinrud will take care of all of the details. Please contact Donna at 703-620-3627 or dsinrud@msn.com.

Auction March 24

Our annual McLean auction will be the 'program' for the March meeting. The live auction will begin at 10. The silent auction table will open at 9:30, as will the fixed-price table.

Donations: You may bring donations for any of the above categories to the church on Monday, between 10 and 2. Go to the Youth Room, one floor down from the main level. Cathy Rees and Judy Kozlowicki will be there. If you are bringing items in on Tuesday, please be at the church by 9:30 to register auction items and receive a plate number.

Helping us out on Monday: For those of you who offered to help us sort on Monday, however long (or short!) you want to stay, is greatly appreciated.

There will be a few of us, so we hope we'll be done by 2PM. Suzie Buck: you may as well bring those baskets in case we need them.

Volunteers: A list of all volunteers and their positions has been emailed separately.

Monthly Meetings

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

Dates:
4th Tues. most months
Time: 9:30 AM

Bees

Dates:
Tuesdays
Time:
10:00 AM

Place:
Check schedule for
location and directions

Program Information

April's program features Morna McEver Golletz, publisher of The Professional Quilter magazine, presenting "Open House: A Peek Inside Quilters' Studios". She will provide many useful tips on organizing all the loot everyone brings home from the auction!

In May, we will have our annual end of the year potluck lunch and challenge show and tell. Please bring a dish to share; it's always a wonderful treat! We've enjoyed being your program chairs and are busy working on next year's programs whether you want us to or not. Thanks, Sandi Goldman and Pat Blood

2009 Show Quilts

If you entered a quilt in the 36th Annual Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show, this information is for you! Collection of quilts can begin after May 4, 2009. Kay Burnett and Donna Sinrud can collect at Bees and the May meeting. You must sign the McLean Quilt Show Log when your quilt is collected. McLean provided bags for the quilts, with labels on each bag with your name, quilt title, contact info, hanging position. You may pick your quilt up after the show following take - down. All quilts must be picked up by June 23, 2009. If you are having someone else either deliver your quilt for collection or pick up your quilt after the show you must have a written permission to give to the quilt collectors. Insurance provided by Quilters Unlimited covers only the period between May 4 and June 23, 2009.

Remember: your quilt is QUILT SHOW READY if all work is completed, there is a 4" hanging sleeve attached at the top (remember to remove the basting so the fullness is there to accommodate the pipes we hang quilts on) and your label is sewn onto the right bottom corner of the back with your name, telephone number, chapter (list only McLean, even if you belong to others chapters as well) and title of the quilt.

Another Way to Help Us Go Green

Let's help McLean QU become more friendly toward the environment. Please bring your own reusable mug for your beverage to the monthly meetings and put your name in for a door prize. We'll have a basket at the entrance and hope everyone will try to support this effort. Don't worry if you forget, We'll have disposable cups available, too!

Lura Alsalam and Lesa Schmidt, Hospitality committee

SERVICE COMMITTEE

HELP! The service committee is in need of quilt tops for the service bee in June. Mary Pace will be bringing packets to our meetings and bees. Please, if you can finish just one top, it will be so helpful. The tops need to be finished by our church bee June 2. The service bee is scheduled for June 9 from 10 until 3. Thanks!

Mary Pace 703-536-5857 shannon1216@hotmail.com

Service committee - Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan, Suzie Buck and Pat Carroll

Lancaster Bus Trip

McLean QU Lancaster bus trip will leave from the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, at 6:45 AM on April 2nd. **Please arrive by 6:30.** The bus will return between 9 and 9:30 PM. Any questions - contact Ginny McConnell at 703-764-2775 or vmcconnell1@verizon.net. We have a few seats left.

From the bee at Donna Sinrud's - they claim this wasn't planned.



McLean members at Hilton Head



Schedule of Events

- Mar. 24 Auction at the church.
- Mar. 31 Bee at Pat Blood's (703-356-4557) 1210 Potomac School Road, McLean. Potomac School Road is the stoplight at the intersection of Rts# 123 and 193. Coming from Mclean on 123, turn right on to Potomac School, and 1210 is the 4th house on the right (on the corner of P.School Rd and Stoneham.) There is A LOT of traffic for Potomac School, so parking on Stoneham is easier.
Food volunteers - Terri Fischer and Suzie Buck
- Apr. 7 Bee at the church. If you can help sew tops for service quilts, please bring a machine.
Sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening will not be available at this bee unless requested.
- Apr. 14 Bee at Diane Kirkhart's (703-749-4645) 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna. From Beltway take Rt. 7 West. As soon as you cross Toll Road, turn left onto Jarrett Valley Dr. Take 2nd left. House is on the corner.
Food volunteers - Jan Fuoto, Alice DeLaVergne and Debbie Taylor
- Apr. 21 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 - Cathy Brown and Lura Alsalam
- Apr. 28 Meeting at the church; speaker Morna Golitz, Studio Tour.
- May 5 Bee at the church. If you can help sew tops for service quilts, please bring a machine.
Sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening will be available.
- May 12 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 stop sign, first right onto Jeffrey.
Food Volunteers - Connie Doberenz and Jan Fuoto
- May 19 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 - Suzie Buck and Mary Orzech
- May 26 Meeting at the church with election of officers, challenge reveal and potluck luncheon.

Eyeglasses for Lions Club

Do you have any old glasses at home that you will never use again and would like to see recycled? Sandy Easterwood will have a box on the Welcome Table for your donations to the Lions Club.

Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from late March through May. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your membership form.

MARCH		APRIL		MAY	
Ginny McConnell	23	Margot Eddy	1	Emily Gross	2
Patt Madlener	25	Jane Heile	2	Donna Sinrud	13
Helen Peterson	29	Trudy Pearman	6	Flo Sander	19
Dolly Saunders	31	Carol Miller	7	Dorothy Stringer	19
		Connie Doberenz	12	Jeri Borsi	20
		Carolyn Balcom	16	Janet Fuoto	24
		Eileen Culligan	16	Betty Larson	28
		Barbara Tricarico	21	Donna Pendleton	28
		Dora Rousseau	25	Bea Sommovigo	28
		Alice Crampton	26	Evelyn Penn	31

McLean QU 2008 - 2009
Officers and Committees

President	Carla Schardt	703-478-2964
Vice President	Gayle Ropp	703-527-6983
Secretary	Peggy Knight	703-532-4417
Treasurer	Anjana Pringle	703-942-8740
Nominating	Donna Sinrud	703-620-3627
AQS Books	Jill Halbert	703-759-4498
Auction	Cathy Rees	703-757-8477
	Judy Kozlowicki	703-759-6576
Bees	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Challenge	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Communications	Mary Orzech	703-476-4641
Farewell	Gayle Ropp	703-527-6983
Food	Cindy Wilson	703-790-2616
Greeters & New Members	Janet Ball	703-255-0598
	Kathy Kinghorn	703-536-3923
Hospitality	Lura Alsalam	703-356-6032
	Lesa Schmidt	703-716-4275
Lancaster	Ginny McConnell	703-764-2775
Librarian	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
Membership	Maureen Gray	703-503-8162
Newsletter	Connie Doberenz	703-860-4379
Programs	Sandi Goldman	703-764-4479
	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
Quilt Collector	Kay Burnett	703-242-8732
	Donna Sinrud	703-620-3627
Quilt Show Rep	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
QU Matrix Job	Stevii Graves	703-669-0555
Service Projects	Mary Pace	703-536-5857
	Loretta Sullivan	703-536-1692
	Suzie Buck	703-536-5211
	Pat Carroll	703-533-3199
Sunshine	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
Telephone Tree	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
	Evelyn Penn	703-356-0766

Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Carolyn Lynch SBSue2U@cox.net or 703-288-4944

Big QU Newsletter

Big QU has gone 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 6 newsletters on the QU website. **Please consider changing to YES for the big QU and the McLean electronic newsletters if you have a computer at home.**

The big QU newsletter is being viewed on the website by nearly 84% of the members who were notified by email. This is saving hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs for each newsletter. Mailed copies of the big QU newsletter are very expensive.

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. 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



Submission deadline for the next newsletter - May 12

Please honor the deadline so that I can get the newsletter out on time.