

The Pieceful News

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Letter from the President

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All numbers are in the 703 area code

Useful Information

Monthly Meetings

Place: McLean Baptist Church
1367 Chain Bridge Road

Dates: Fourth Tuesday each month

Time: 9:30 am

Bees

Dates: Tuesdays

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Check schedule for location
and directions

QU Digest: To receive our Big QU online
newsletter, send your email address to
Barb Tricarico at QUDigest@cox.net

We have a lot of things going on at the May meeting. It is a potluck at my home, 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, in Vienna. My housing development is at Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and the Dulles Toll Road. The street you enter my development is called Jarrett Valley Drive. Once you are on Jarrett Valley Drive, take the second left. My house is the one on the corner. My house is the only one that is stucco and stone. If you get lost, give me a call at 703-749-4645. In addition to the regular Show and Tell, members participating in the Chapter Challenge will be showing their completed tops and will be competing for prizes. Thank you to Nancy Fallone and Jo Williamson for organizing the challenge. We will be collecting the quilts for the quilt show, so bring your quilts, and bring a dish to share. Cathy Rees has set the lineup for our new officers and we need to vote them in.

Thank you to all who have so generously volunteered their time to keep McLean QU running in full swing. The slate is as follows: President, Amy Berger; Vice President, Grace Lents and Ellen Power; Secretary, Kay Burnett and Treasurer, Donna Sinrud.

The quilt show and classes have both paid for themselves with vendor payments and class registrations as reported at the last Big QU Quilt Show meeting. This is good news. Don't forget to make a heart ornament for sale at the quilt show. The proceeds go to the research of heart disease in women.

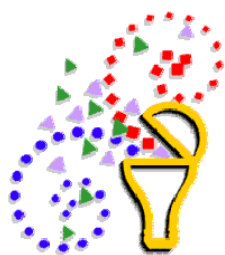
We've had a wonderful year with some great speakers and workshops. Thank you to Marla Bornholt and Amy Berger for arranging these for us. When life interfered with our scheduled speaker, we had a quick response from members to fill in. That's just the way the McLean chapter is, always ready to help. We had members participating in a Round Robin which I think you'll agree were all great to see. Our Holiday Bazaar and luncheon was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Sandi Goldman for arranging the vendors. The Lancaster bus trip was a success, thanks to Ginny McConnell we all got there and back without losing anyone AND had a great time. We produced many charity quilts thanks to the "gentle" prodding of Mary Pace, Suzie Buck and Loretta Sullivan. And didn't we all do well at the auction? Thanks to Cathy Rees and Kathy Stearman for organizing the auction. With Nancy Fallone warming us up with a little stretching to get us limber enough to do the serious bidding we did, and all of you donating the lovely items, we had a very successful auction. Thank you Donna Sinrud for stepping into the position of Treasurer and keeping our books balanced. Thank you Lorelei Crerar for taking Donnas place as Hospitality chair so Donna could be

treasurer. Thank you, Kay Burnett for being my Secretary and getting all the pertinent information into the minutes. Barbara Hollinger and Barbara Wynne did a fantastic job organizing the Silent Auction quilt for the quilt show and directing us in the assembly of same. And thanks to Kay Burnett and Mary Terhune for quilting the quilts. Pat Blood and her group have kept our library up to date. Happily we now can store our library at the church and no longer need to schlep them back a forth thanks to a little wheeling and dealing done the day of the auction. Thanks to Kathy Kinghorn and Evelyn Penn for greeting everyone as they come to the meetings. Thank you to Maureen Gray and Ruth Nielson for taking on the position of Membership. A big job and very well done. Thank you, Mary Orzech for being our Communications Diva. You keep everyone with email up to date on what is going on. Gloria Richard did a fine job with our Farewell Blocks, assembling the tops from the appliquéd hearts you turned in. Thank you, Gloria. Patti Perkins was great to step in and take over Charm Packs after Jean Hansell became ill again. Thank you Patti and our prayers are with you Jean. Thank you, Jane Heile for getting volunteers to feed us at each meeting. Lura Alsalam for handling Merryvale, I thank you. My thanks go to Dorothy Stringer for being our bit of sunshine and to Carolyn Lynch for being in charge of the telephone tree. A special thanks to Nancy Fallone for organizing all the bees at both the members' homes and the church. A big round of applause for Mary Terhune for editing our newsletter. All of you have made my job a bit easier. This year McLean had the very big job of being in charge of the layout of the quilt show. My deepest thanks to my committee, Kay Burnett, Nancy Fallone, Sandi Goldman, Maureen Gray, Barbara Hollinger, Janet Sampson and Barbara Wynne. I don't know what I would have done without you.

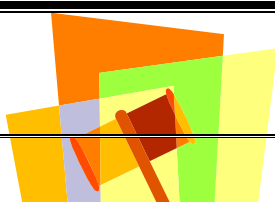
You've always made me feel welcome. Our chapter is a very warm and sharing group. From the first day I joined, I realized what a great group of ladies we have. At the first bee I'd gone to at a members home, an impromptu road trip was planned to Capital Quilts and you included me with "we have plenty of room in the car". This was a special bonus for me as I had recently moved here from Prince William County and had no idea where Capital Quilts was. It's wonderful to belong to such a large group that has just one bee rather than many bees. Our bees at members' homes as well as the church are special. You can always get inspired, or pick someone's brain for ideas or just sit back and enjoy the camaraderie.

It is with a little sadness that I will pass the gavel on. Thank you for being the chapter you are. I thoroughly enjoyed and am proud to have been your President.

Keep yourselves in stitches as I am, Diane



Wanted -- Your ideas for our 2006-2007 chapter retreat. Suggestions could include location, time of year, number of participants, theme, activities, and interest.



Summer Bee Schedule

June 6th - service bee at the church and return of quilt show quilts

June 20th - bee at the church

July 11th - bee at the church

July 25th - bee at the church

August 8th - bee at the church

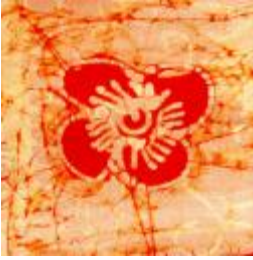
August 22nd - quilt shop field trip --- details to come

September 5th - bee at the church



Are you overwhelmed by paper? Would you rather open your email and have this newsletter waiting for you? Email Mary Terhune at mterhune@cox.net and ask to be put on the email list.

Charm Swap



It is time to sign-up for the 2006-2007 Charm Swap. Patty Perkins will be coordinating our 6" squares this year. If you are not at the luncheon, you can sign up by emailing Patty at suregood@aol.com. This year's theme will be announced soon.

Here are some rules we will follow:

1. If you are unable to attend a meeting you must send your squares with a friend.
2. Please bring nice fabric-give what you'd like to receive-100% cotton.
3. Each month all squares you bring will be cut from the same fabric.
4. Please launder and press your fabric before cutting.
5. Cut into **FULL** 6" squares - no short cuts.
6. Bring squares to the meetings in a Ziploc bag with your name and the month on the front of the bag. Stagger your squares for easier sorting and pick up your bags during the break (after the business portion of the meeting).
7. You may give me the entire year of squares at one time. You will then only have to remember to pick up your squares at each meeting.

Membership



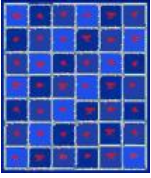
Membership dues are being collected for the 2006-2007 year. Please fill out the form found later in this publication and submit it to Maureen Gray. The sooner you pay your dues, the sooner you get your membership/discount card. Remember, if you don't renew in person be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope so Maureen can mail your membership card. Also, please **PRINT CLEARLY** when filling out this form. Many committee members rely on the information you provide and if they can't read it, they have incorrect information which is frustrating for everyone. Lastly, please note that if you want your name and number to be in the Big QU Directory, dues must be paid by September 30th.

Quilters Anonymous



We had another successful year with Quilters Anonymous, challenging members to complete their UFOs or other projects that they've always wanted to do. Need ideas, encouragement and support? QA is the place to be! Questions? Call Nancy Fallone at 703/533-3907.

Service Committee



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 6th. A service bee will be held at the church from 10am - 3pm. Bring a lunch and enjoy beverages as we tie, trim and sew the quilt tops. Quilts will be donated to Arlington County social services (adult lap quilts), Family Education Center (baby quilts) and a new recipient...the Northern VA Assistance League... which donates baby items to Fairfax Hospital OB/GYN clinic for mothers in need.

Mary Pace, Suzie Buck and Loretta Sullivan

Sully Quilt Show

The Annual quilt show at Sully Plantation will be on September 10th, 2006. Please mark your calendars now for a truly wonderful annual event. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day to man stations at QU's information/demonstration tent. Sign up information will be available during the summer bees.

Have a tip you'd like to share? Email Mary at mterhune@verizon.net

Special Feature -- The making of a Quilt Show

Submitted by Diane Kirkhart

This is an article written by Bonnie Wilbur, President of the Centreville chapter. I thought you might find it interesting. Before I began with the layout this year I just had a small inkling of what was required to put on the show. Now you too can have a more clear idea of just what goes into putting on our quilt show.

You might not know how our annual quilt show gets put together. It starts with a committee of volunteers, one chairman elected at the May annual meeting, one member per chapter, and a few good-hearted people who take on committees which are not assigned as chapter responsibilities, such as vendor chair and classes.

The Expo Center is booked several years in advance, and the \$10,000 deposit has to be paid a year in advance. Booking the 75 vendors, making plans for publicity, selling adds for the program and finding teachers begins almost as soon as the previous show has ended.

The first committee meeting is usually held in August. A timeline is determined, people figure out who they will be interacting with, and decisions are made regarding things like entry dates, program contents, ribbon colors, etc. Reports from the previous year are passed along and mentoring between chapters begins. Some committee members will put in several hundred hours of volunteer time, depending on their responsibility over the course of the year.

The chapter which does the layout gets one month to determine the jigsaw puzzle of which quilt should hand where and how to fit all the entries into the space available. When they are done they have to submit the layout to the fire marshal who can take up to a month to approve the layout. Once the layout is approved, changes are not supposed to be made. The layout is given to a graphic designer to create a detailed map of our layout and the vendor booths.

Our program has been 40+ pages for many years now, and a printer needs several weeks notice to complete a run of several thousand books like that. While layout is being worked on, the other page of the quilt entry form goes to typists to create lists of quilters and quilt information. When layout is complete, quilt locations are given to the program people to be integrated, along with the Expo map, the advertisements, and all other information such as silent auction donations, the letter from the show chair, the raffle quilt information, etc. When all this is combined in one electronic file, the program must be painstakingly proofed and handed over to the printer. Meanwhile, class registrations are being taken, display cards for each quilt with ribbons are being created, advertisements are being put into magazines, flyers are created for members and quilt shops to display to the public, volunteers are being solicited, raffle quilt tickets are being sold, and plans are made for setup. Then the hardest work starts. With a group of volunteers and a few paid quilters' children, steel pipes are assembled as a framework, quilts are hung, the show is put on, the vendors man their booths, the classes are taught and - exhaustion time!- the show is taken down and cleaned up. With no quilt entry fees, no judging or prizes and a volunteer group, we manage to put on one of the best shows in the Mid Atlantic region. It requires almost all of our membership to pull it off, and is an accomplishment to be proud of.

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McLean Chapter of Quilters Unlimited 2006 - 2007 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1 - June 30. Membership payment must be received by September 30th for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory. **YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION, EVEN IF RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Name Telephone (Home)

Address

City State Zip Code + 4 (need all 9 digits)

Email Address Birthday Month/Day Only) optional

Circle "Yes" or "No" for each question below (if blank, YES is the default):

QU may put my e-mail address in the directory YES NO

If applicable, QU may e-mail my chapter newsletter to me YES NO

If applicable, QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me YES NO

Below is my work phone number. I understand it will not be included in the directory:
(work phone - optional) _____

Membership Categories (check one) and Dues: Renewal _____ New Member _____

___ Regular (\$20.)

___ Senior - Age 65+ by June 30, 2006 (\$ 10.)

___ Life - Age 75+ by June 30, 2006 (no charge at primary chapter, complete form for annual records)

___ Family - two or more people at the same address (\$30.) - Please list names at the top

___ Associate - primary membership in other QU chapter (\$10.)

(Name of home QU chapter: _____)

\$ _____ Membership Dues

\$ _____ QU Membership Pin @ \$4.00 each, if desired

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Make your check payable to **McLean QU**. Include a SASE if you wish to have your membership card mailed to you.

Mail to: Maureen Gray
8702 Cromwell Drive
Springfield, VA 22151

McLean Quilters Unlimited Volunteer Form 2006-2007

Name

Phone #

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please let us know how you are able to contribute this year

- Chapter Challenge - help develop guidelines and arrange display
- Charm Squares - help distribute at monthly meetings
- Farewell Quilts - coordinate collection and assembly of blocks
- Greeter - welcome members and guests at the door at meetings
- Hospitality - assist with refreshments for the meetings
- Hosting Bees - have a "Bee" in your home
- Librarian Aide - carry a crate of books to meetings
- Magazine Swap - handle donations made in magazine swap
- Membership - work with the chair to get new members acquainted
- McLean QU Auction - lend a hand at our main fundraiser
- Quilt-In - work with committee
- Quilt Show - work with committee chair
- Telephone Tree - occasionally relay urgent messages to a few members

Big QU Events Calendar

June 2, 3, & 4, 2006 QU Quilt Show

Sept. 10 - Sully Quilt Show

Sept. 28 - Lecture - Barbara Randal --- Crazy Quilts with Attitude

Sept. 29 - Workshop - Barbara Randal --- Crazy Quilting Purses

Sept. 30 - Workshop - Barbara Randal ---- Crazy Quilting

Need more information? Look up www.QuiltersUnlimited.org.

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