

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I can't believe the year is almost over. Last year at this time I was all worried and confused about what was expected of me as President; I should've known how much help and cooperation I would get from you all while learning the ropes. Now I'll be stepping down with an even better sense of what a wonderful group of women we are. As Carolyn Lynch says "We're like sisters only we got to choose each other." I totally agree!

Thank you to my Board and Committee Chairs for making me look good this year. Without their help and knowledge I would've floundered for sure.

As I look back I am grateful for so many things: a successful Big QU Fall Program, a fun (sometimes exasperating) challenge, ever present bylaws' changes with lots of help, a new Bargain Sale, a very successful Auction, and even a magazine interested in what we do! I think about good speakers and workshops, a very popular Round Robin, catching up with each other at meeting breaks with good food and pretty seasonal decorations and table runners. I think about being able to see photos online at my leisure after meetings and events, when I have time to enjoy them. I think about quilt collecting which goes smoothly and a newsletter that's a joy to read. I think about welcoming new members and "seasoned" ones as well and how enriched we are by our association with each other. I think about Bees and 3 fun retreats and how lucky we are that members joyfully allow us to swarm their homes, so much in tow! I also think about members bringing sunshine to those who are troubled, letting them know they're in our hearts.

I'm grateful that our books are in good shape so we can have quality speakers, and that we've had a treasurer who understood what I didn't. I'm grateful for a secretary that kept me current when I couldn't remember from one day to the next and a nominating duo who answered my millions of questions about every conceivable topic. And finally I'm grateful for a VP who stood in for me at Big QU meetings and willingly handled her responsibilities.

I thank you all.

Suzie Buck

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2010 Quilt Show June 4, 5 & 6

Be sure to attend and enjoy the show. Volunteers are still needed.

Monthly Meetings

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

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

Email, Snail Mail and Phone Number Changes We Want to Stay In Touch

We want to keep you informed. Please let us know if you have any changes during the summer. Contact Cathy Rees, Jenny Emry or Connie Doberenz.

Don't forget to wear your badge to meetings and bees. If you haven't gotten a kit for the new badge, contact Gayle Ropp.

Bees

Dates:
Tuesdays

Time:
10:00 AM

Place:
Check schedule for location and directions

Meeting - May 25

The meeting will start at 10:00.

We will be voting on our officers for 2009/2010.

Slate of Officers:

President – Peggy Knight
 Vice President – Pat Blood
 Secretary – Starla Phelps
 Treasurer – Anju Pringle
 Nominations – Terri Fischer

What to bring to the meeting:

Challenge quilt for the reveal
 Your favorite dish for the potluck
 (and serving utensil if needed)
 Membership form and check
 Volunteer form
 Quilt Show entries

2010 Show Quilts

Quilt collecting for McLean entries into the Quilters Unlimited show will begin immediately. Kay will be at the Bees and the May meeting to collect your entries. Remember each quilt must have a 4 1/2" hanging sleeve (directions on the QU website) and a label with your name, phone number, quilt title and McLean QU and the label attached to the lower right corner of the back. If your entry is a wearable place a similar label inside the garment. You must sign the master McLean log when your quilt is collected, and you must sign again when you pick up your entry after the show. If you cannot make the Bees or May meeting please contact Kay Burnett (703-242-8732 (h) or 703-969-3942) to make other arrangements.

Volunteers Needed for McLean QU

We are in desperate need of volunteers to fill the positions of **quilt collector(s)** and big QU fall program lead. Kay Burnett is stepping down after years as our quilt collector. She would love to have the new collector shadow her in the next few weeks to learn the ropes and she can continue to provide valuable guidance in the coming year. The **fall program lead** is a job which must be started immediately, but is finished early in the fall. The job position involves **advertising big QU's fall workshops, registering attendees, and ensuring the room is setup for the Friday and Saturday workshops. Peggy Knight is finding a location for the workshop.** If you are interested, please contact Peggy Knight (peggy.knight1@verizon.net), Diane Kirkhart (dkirkhart@verizon.net) or Nancy Fallone (nfallone@verizon.net).

Also, please fill out the volunteer form you received in an email or with this newsletter. We need your help to keep making this such a great chapter.

SERVICE BEE - June 8

Our service bee will take place on Tuesday, June 8 at 10am. This will be the time to pick up your quilts from the QU quilt show. I will bring a sign-up sheet to the May meeting for those wishing to help with trimming the quilts and finishing the quilts using a sewing machine. Pizza will be served for lunch. However, help is needed if you could bring a salad or a dessert. Pizza, salad and dessert make a terrific lunch!

I will have all supplies to tie the quilts. Just come and enjoy the day.

I look forward to seeing you on the 8th. Contact me with any questions.

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

Santa Fe Retreat

The annual trip to Santa Fe will be Wednesday, September 29 to Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Join us at Kay Burnett's condo for the chance to walk around Historic Santa Fe and enjoy the museums, art galleries, fantastic restaurants and quilt shops. If you would like to be part of this trip please let Kay know - 703-242-8732, 703-969-3942 (c) or mekayquilter@aol.com. Further information is available from Donna Sinrud who has come for the previous 6 trips!

Kay Burnett

Schedule of Events

- May 25 End of the year potluck
 June 8 Service bee and quilt pick-up
 June 22 Bee at church
 July 13 Bee at church
 July 27 Bee at church
 Aug. 10 Bee at Suzie Buck's (703-536-52110) 4524 N. 35th Road, Arlington. Old Dominion Drive to Arlington. Left on Williamsburg Blvd. Right on 36th St N. Bear Left on N. Dittmar Rd. Right on N. Vermont. R. on 35th Rd. If you are at 35th Street, you went too far.
 Aug. 24 Bee at Jinny Beyer Studio
 Sept. 7 Bee at church

Fall Lecture and Workshops: Mark your calendars for September 30, October 1 and 2. Jane Sassaman will be the speaker and teacher for our big QU fall events. You can check out her website at www.janesassaman.com. Not only do we have a great speaker, but we have a great chapter (McLean) setting up the workshops!!

2010 Auction

I am so happy to tell you how we did at the auction. I do want to thank everyone involved in getting the auction off the ground. We had fabulous fabric donated by Carolyn Balcom. We were able to get it sorted and kitted into wonderful packets. The chapter donated books from our library. Thanks to Pat Blood and Nancy Ingrasano. Many thanks to Carole Marti for letting me bounce my insecurities off her. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers and the members I specifically asked to do certain jobs. Everyone was so gracious to help and donate. Thank you one and all. A big thank you to our leader, Suzie Buck, for her help and support. Now for the grand totals: Raffle - \$170; Silent Auction - \$1366; Live Auction \$3887 = **\$5423.00!!!**
 Gayle Ropp

Eyeglasses for Lions Club

Do you have any old glasses or cases at home that you will never use again and would like to see recycled? Drop them off at the Welcome Table for your donations to the Lions Club.

Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from mid-May through the mid-Sept. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your 2009/2010 membership form.

MAY

Dorothy Stringer	19
Jeri Borsi	20
Janet Fuoto	24
Betty Larson	28
Bea Sommovigo	28
Evelyn Penn	31

JUNE

Stevii Graves	1
Margaret Donivan	9
Marge Hughes	9
Nancy Scesney	9
Cathy Eckbreth	16
Anjana Pringle	16
Loretta Sullivan	16

JUNE (cont.)

Lura Alsalam	20
Terri Fischer	21
Sandi Goldman	22
Starla Phelps	26
Andrea Perkins	28

JULY

Mary Voytko	1
Stephanie Franke	3
Nancy Fallone	4
Janet Ball	7
Gayle Ropp	16
Judy Kozlowicki	17
Dianne Bullach	21
Carole Nicholas	25

AUGUST

Kay Walker	4
Diane Kirkhart	5
Nancy Ingrisano	11
Jennifer Emry	14
Kathy Kinghorn	18
Dorothy Staebler	22
Christal Collins	23
Shirley Knowles	31

SEPTEMBER

Janet Aronson	3
Patricia Overton	12
Cindy Grisdela	13

McLean QU 2009 - 2010
Officers and Committees

President	Suzie Buck	703-536-5211
Vice President	Peggy Knight	703-532-4417
Secretary	Lesa Schmidt	703-716-4275
Treasurer	Anjana Pringle	703-942-8740
Nominating	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
	Diane Kirkhart	703-749-4645
AQS Books	Jill Halbert	703-759-4498
Auction	Gayle Ropp	703-527-6983
	Carole Marti	703-237-2223
Bees	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Challenge	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Communications	Jenny Emry	703-528-1366
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
	Peggy Knight	703-532-4417
Quilt Show Rep	Maureen Gray	703-503-8162
QU Matrix Job	Terri Fischer	703-638-5995
Service Projects	Mary Pace	703-536-5857
	Loretta Sullivan	703-536-1692
	Debbie Taylor	703-538-4632
Sunshine	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
Telephone Tree	Evelyn Penn	703-356-0766
	Jan Fuoto	703-255-2067

Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Carolyn Lynch
SBSue2U@gmail.com 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 an email with the link to the previous newsletter 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 a large percentage 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 Cindy Grisdela (McL) at cpgrisdela@gmail.com. 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 - September 1

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

Financial report for July - May 2010

Check book Balance as at 7/31/2009		5881.48
Income		
Workshop classes	1755.00	
Lancaster Trip	1910.00	
Membership	1615.00	
Membership pins sold	24.00	
Bargain table	1236.55	
Auction	5473.00	
Total	12013.55	12013.55
Expenses		
Newsletter Copies	104.00	
Administration	25.80	
Hospitality	67.26	
Donations	275.00	
Workshops	3195.35	
Service Bee	448.59	
Lancaster trip	2792.00	
Membership	777.50	
Bargain Table	198.14	
Auction expenses	97.45	
Total	7981.09	-7981.09
Check book balance as at 9th Apr 2010		9913.94