

# 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

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Here it is November already. We've had a great start to the quilting year, with fine speakers, a workshop and marvelous bees. We're beginning to think of Thanksgiving, and all we have to be thankful for. We are indeed a lucky group of quilters.

Our chapter's challenge is well underway. And what a challenge it is. First you get a piece of fabric that is ugly. Not only is it ugly, but it's in colors you just don't like. To make matters worse, that quarter yard came as 2 pieces cut along the selvage, so you can't even cut it as a strip. And is it a fat quarter? Heavens no! It's just two pieces each about nine inches wide and longer -enough to make a quarter yard, but given the direction of the print it's going to be even harder to work with. Or if it's a print that would work best as a running quarter yard you got it as a fat quarter.

And now you have to make a string quilt. Oh, and did you say that you've never made a string quilt? Well, what more do you want in a challenge? Tough fabric to work with, and tough rules as to type of pattern.

But what is a challenge? One definition is "a stimulating task or problem." Now I might remind you that what you think of an easy I might find as a challenge, and what I might consider ordinary might be a challenge to you. Because of that, we'll all be able to help each other, and we'll all grow as quilters. And that's what a challenge is for.

So how do you approach the challenge? The first rule is that this is to be fun. Remember, no one is making you do this. There is no rule that says you have to finish, there is no rule that says that if you really get no joy from your ugly that you must continue. Sometimes the best thing you can learn from a challenge is your own limitations. We all have them, and we should respect the fact that we can't do everything. I personally would rather do one thing well than do five things poorly. We have to learn to be satisfied with our best effort.

Our holiday boutique is coming in December, and we should all be thinking about our auction coming early next spring. I hope everyone will be making fine things to donate. The dinner certificate I donated last year will be redeemed this month so I'll be cooking and thinking of all you when I do. It should be a lot of fun. And to me, that's what McLean QU is—fun. I do hope that it is fun for you as well

Amy Berger

## ***Chapter Challenge***



It's never too late to join our chapter challenge for this year -

### **The What Was She Thinking When She Bought This Fabric String Quilt Chapter Challenge**

We'll be making string quilts and incorporating an ugly fabric we're lucky enough to inherit. For all of the rules, please check the September newsletter. If you would like to join in the fun or if you have any questions, please contact me.

I'd also like to thank all who participated in the String Quilt Extravaganza last month. It was a wonderful sharing of quilts, books and ideas. If you still have questions, just come visit a bee and ask for help.

Nancy Fallone

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## ***Charm Swap***



Our exchange is on and the vote was for Batiks again. Eleven members signed up. We will have 7 months to exchange.

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 *GENEROUS* 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 the entire year of squares at one time. You will then only have to remember to pick up your squares at each meeting.

November: Multicolored

December: Fauna (animals) or fish-any color

January: Flora (plants)-any color

February: purple

March: green

April: orange

May: pale-any light color

Call with any questions 703-356-6032 or email me at [lura.alsalam@gmail.com](mailto:lura.alsalam@gmail.com). If I have omitted any guidelines, feel free to let me know...See you at the next meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lura

## ***Programs***



Novembers Wearable Art Trunk show will feature the works of Sandi Goldman, Barbara Hollinger, Carole Nicholas and Mary Terhune. We're hoping these pieces inspire members to create their own unique garments. It's a fun change of pace from quilts. Thanks to all the members who brought their garments for show and tell.

In December we are having our annual holiday boutique and potluck lunch. At press time there were 11 vendors featuring beaded jewelry, faux designer jewelry, artistic quilt embellishments, quilting related gifts, pottery, embroidered items, knitted items, wearable art jackets, vests, and purses just to name a few of the wonderful shopping opportunities. Please bring a dish to share (not all sweets) show and tell and money to shop. And don't forget to invite a friend to enjoy this wonderful event.

## ***Quilters Anonymous***



Quilters Anonymous, or QA for short, is a group of quilters who have a little trouble finishing their projects and need the incentive of answering to a group. We meet at every church bee throughout the year and provide support, along with a lot of teasing, as we work towards meeting our goals. All are welcome to join the group or just listen in. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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## ***QU 2007 Quilt Show Challenge***



Note: this is the official Jamestown2007.org emblem. It is depicted here for sample purposes.

Create a wall-hanging sized quilt that commemorates the 400th anniversary of the settling of Jamestown. Your quilt will be displayed at the 2007 QU Quilt Show in a special exhibition.

1. The outer perimeter must be between 30" and 156" around.
2. The colors bright blue, light olive green, cranberry, and gold will be used somewhere on the front of the quilt.
3. A symbol of Jamestown shall be depicted, i.e. Godspeed sailboat, Jamestown fort, colonial people, Powhatan Indian village, food of the day (corn, fowl, fish), transportation (canoes), housing, wildlife, etc.
4. Three layers shall be used in the construction of the quilt, and tied quilts are prohibited.
5. Embellishments are highly desired.
6. The due date is when the quilt show entry forms are due. Use an entry form to submit your challenge.

## ***Service Committee***



In need of a day to tie quilts, trim quilts, bind quilts, and attach labels. Then a service bee is for you. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 9, 2007 --- 10am at the church.

PS. Is extra baby fabric in your stash in need of a new home? The service committee would like to help. We welcome your donations of baby fabric for quilts. Thanks.

Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan and Suzie Buck

## ***String Quilt Retreat***

WHEN: January 26 to 28, 2007

WHERE: Amy Berger's Home, Great Falls, VA

COST: \$15 each plus one meal

This retreat is very similar to the retreats at Helen Petersons 3-4 years ago. Each person is responsible for one buffet meal (with 3-4 helpers). This includes the planning, purchasing, cooking, and clean up. The rest of the meals you get to sew, relax and have fun. We will purchase the paper products and supplies (BYOB). Also, bring a snack, water, soda or beverages to share (we will have a list for drinks). We will have too many snacks if we all bring them.

Please sign up at the meeting and note portable beds and sleeping bags if you have them. We will each bring our towels and pillows and possibly a sewing light. Try to stay as long as you can to enjoy the fun and meet new friends.

The format will be similar to a bee, chat or sew your choice. We thought we would work on our string projects. You are welcome to come for as long or short a time as you like. It is a short drive. Just let us know for food preparation. We do not want to cook for 30 if 10 will be there and will finalize the list at the January meeting.

### **Tentative Schedule**

Arrive 10:00 Friday or after as your schedule permits.

Choose one meal to prepare at sign up.

Friday, Brunch

Dinner

Saturday, Brunch

Dinner

Sunday, Brunch

Everyone is invited! Contact Donna Sinrud, coordinator with questions or to sign up --- [dsinrud@msn.com](mailto:dsinrud@msn.com) or 703-620-3627

## *Schedule of Events*

**November 21** - NO BEE

**November 28** - Diane Kirkhart (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 - Susan Owen and Mary Orzech

**December 5** - Bee at the church

**December 12** - Holiday Fair at the church

**January 2** - Bee at the church

**January 9** - Service Bee at the church

**January 16** - Pat Blood (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 might be easier. Food Volunteers --- Janet Sampson and Cathy Brown.

**January 23** - Meeting at the church --- Cyndi Souder lecture "Lessons learned"

**January 24** - Workshop --- Cyndi Souder workshop "Trees"

**January 26 - 28** - String Quilt Retreat. Amy Berger (703-757-2885) 411 Chesapeake Dr., Great Falls. From Mclean, take Old Dominion toward Great Falls. Make a left turn onto Georgetown Pike at the entrance to Great Falls Park. Make the first right turn onto River Bend as if going to River Bend Park. Go 2 miles to the first stop sign. Make a left onto Arnon Chapel. Go to the first cross road and make a left onto Chesapeake Dr. It is the first house on the left, the one you just passed on Arnon Chapel. It has light tan bricks and a blue-grey roof.

**January 30** - Donna Sinrud (703-620-3627) 10938 Stuart Mill Rd -- right across from Stuart Mill Ct. From 66 take exit 60 (chain bridge road) towards Vienna. Turn Left on Hunter Mill Rd. Turn Left on Vale Rd. Stay straight onto Stuart Mill Rd. (sort of a Y intersection). House is about 1 block down on right after the fire plug. It's best to park on left side of road. Food Volunteers --- Pat Blood and Jean Hansell.

**February 6** - Bee at the church.

## Treasurer's Report

	YTD 15-Oct-06 Income	Actual Expenses	2006/07 budget Income	Expenses
Administration		\$ -		500.00
Auction		\$ -	4,000.00	300.00
Bank				
Donations		\$ -		500.00
Gifts/door prizes		34.16		500.00
Hospitality		\$ -		200.00
Field Trips/Lancaster		\$ -	1,700.00	3,000.00
Library		29.24		100.00
Membership	\$1,521.00		2,000.00	1,000.00
Newsletter		\$ -		500.00
Programs/workshops		310.22	800.00	2,500.00
Service Projects		\$ -		300.00
Space Rental		\$ -		1,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,521.00</b>	<b>\$ 373.62</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>
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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 ongoing 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."

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