

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Quilters:

Thank you all for volunteering and helping me through the meetings. I think the new microphone system is working great for the speakers. We will learn to use it, also.

We had a great retreat in Santa Fe and I am looking forward to the retreat at Diane's house November 15 to 17, 2007. Please consider joining us. We have a great time. You are welcome to come for as long as you like.

I would like to tell you about a cheap thrill. I am having three solo memory quilt shows starting November 1 to December 30, 2007. They will be at Loudon County libraries: Ashburn; Cascade and Sterling. The Ashburn library has the best display. It may be fun if relatives or friends are in town and you want to look at a few quilts before lunch. There are some nice restaurants in the area. These shows have resulted in many commissions for me.

I am having an executive board meeting at the end of each meeting before the newsletter is due. Please email me or catch me at the meeting if you have items to discuss at these meetings.

Happy Quilting,

Donna Sivrud

Chapter Challenge

It's not too late to sign up for this year's chapter challenge, *The Great Archeological Quilt Challenge*. This year's challenge simply involves finishing a project which has been sitting around for a while. For details and to sign up, please contact Nancy Fallone: nfallone@verizon.net or 703-533-3907.

LANCASTER BUS TRIP.

Our annual bus trip to Lancaster will be on March 27, 2008. Sign-up will start in January.

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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

Fall Quilt Retreat

Last year's retreats were so popular we are having another one.

WHEN: November 15-17, 2007

WHERE: Diane Kirthart's home, 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna, VA

COST: \$10 each plus one meal and a snack

Each person is responsible for one buffet meal (with 3-4 helpers). This includes the planning, purchasing, cooking, and clean up. For the rest of the meals you get to sew, relax and have fun. We all commute.

You will be assigned a snack or supply item to share.

The format will be similar to a bee - chat or sew. It's your choice. Many of us will work on our challenge. You are welcome to come for as long or short a time as you like. It is a short drive. Just let me know by the November meeting.

Schedule each day:

Arrive 9AM or after

Lunch at 12:00

White Elephant at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00

Leave at 9PM or before

Please RSVP the meals you will be attending for planning purposes.

Please contact Donna Sinrud, coordinator with questions or to sign up ---

dsinrud@msn.com or 703-620-3627

Things to bring:

Light to quilt with

Sewing machine and cutting supplies or hand sewing items

Snack or assigned supply

Items for meal – can shop that day for large items (meals assigned via email)

White elephant item (no purchases allowed - the worst gift you ever received or purchased)

Bring Your Own Beer or Wine

SANTA FE RETREAT

In light of the number of requests for assurance that there will be a Retreat in Santa Fe next year, the following information is offered: September 24-October 1 will be the dates, so mark your calendar now. Let Kay know if you want to be put on the list-not necessary to do plane reservations quite yet!

Kay Burnett

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December Lecture

The Fabric of My Life lecture chronicles Lesley Riley's journey from her first quilt in 1971 to the present. Lesley is the author of two books (and at work on #3), a DVD, a Contributing Editor to *Cloth Paper Scissors*™ magazine, and one of the guests on the soon to be seen, Quilting Arts TV (PBS). Discover how she has used fabric to create a path that took her from her days as the mother of six to published author, editor and international teacher. The lecture will include show and tell of quilts, fabric-filled altered books and work from her books and magazine articles.

Lesley Riley's website <http://www.LaLasLand.com>

Her Blog - <http://www.MyArtHeart.Blogspot.com>

December Lunch

Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share.

January Lecture and Workshop

In January, Emily Martin will be giving us a trunk show: My Journey from being a contented, "pieceful" quilter to the world of "Applique Addiction". Included in the trunk show will be her Baltimore Album Quilt. She will also have various kits and patterns for sale. In the afternoon from 1:00-4:00, Emily will give an intermediate workshop making a fall cornucopia wallhanging. The cost for the workshop is only \$25 for McLean members. To reserve a spot and obtain a supply list, email Sandi Goldman, tobquilt@aol.com, 703-764-4479 or Pat Blood, bloodbj@yahoo.com, 703-703-356-4557 and for the .

Emily is a guest Artist in Residence at the 2008 Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy.

Emily's interest in art and nature, in art form, has been a life long journey. Initially, she expressed her talent in paintings, but migrated to traditional quilting using leftover fabrics from other sewing projects. Once introduced to appliqué, Emily was hooked and began sharing her learned skills with others. A veteran of the Appliqué Academy, she teaches, designs her own patterns and enjoys presenting her work to interest guilds.

Personal Notes from Emily: Looking back on my childhood I was always the one of the five siblings who had to be called away from picking flowers or drawing pictures. In school, it was the sewing classes that satisfied me, and I pushed to learn as many techniques as possible. So it was natural for me to study art later on. Choosing the colors to blend for the "Old Masters' Technique" was pure heaven. In between, there was the more practical side that resulted in a degree in nursing. But it wasn't until I stitched for our children and had leftover scraps of cotton fabric that someone introduced me to traditional quilting. That was 30 plus years ago and I haven't stopped quilting. After returning from one of Elly's academy sessions, my friends urged me to teach them what I had learned. That launched my teaching career and provided opportunities to share those skills. Drafting patterns of my designs was a natural consequence of teaching. Since I love color, teaching in four fabric stores is risky business; the array of fabrics often stimulates a new quilt idea and I am off and running.

Embroiderers' of America (EGA) Master Craftsman Program

It took me about 5 years to complete the program and earn my Master Craftsman in Quilting certificate. It was very challenging. Projects are submitted for judging twice a year in March and September. Of the six steps required, I passed only two the first time. Three projects took two submittals and one step took me three times to get it right-- and it was not the most difficult-- I kept making minor technical errors that disqualified my piece.

While very frustrating at times, I also found it very rewarding; I learned a lot. I also discovered applique, which I had never done before. It is now probably my favorite technique. You can tell I took to it immediately; I passed that one with my second attempt at an appliqued quilt. The picture is of my quilt, "Aztec Sun" (named thanks to a comment made by Cathy Brown while I was working on it.)

The page below will take the reader directly to the current education catalogue of EGA. Clicking on page 12 will bring you to the description of the program in general, and page 16 describes the quilting program. As you'll note, it is one of many programs, the rest of which are beading and/or specific types of hand embroidery.



http://www.egausa.org/files/education_catalog/2007/EdCat07/html/EdCat07.html

Pat Carroll

Big QU Newsletter

Big QU is going green. If you circled NO on your membership form *last year* to the question about emailing the Big QU newsletter to you, you should get one in the mail before our 1st meeting. 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 a link to the newsletter on the QU website. The next newsletter will be sent per your instructions on *this year's* membership form. If you did not get the newsletter or the link in the way you thought you requested, please contact me and I will investigate. Also, if you want to change your answer, notify me.

For the first issue of the big QU newsletter this year, approximately 75% of the members were notified by email. This saved hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs and saved a few trees.

Schedule of Events

- November 20 no bee
- November 27 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 helpers – Mary Orzech and Nancy Fallone
- December 4 Bee at church
- December 11 Lesley Riley lecture: The Fabric of My Life
Potluck lunch
- January 8 Bee at church
- January 15 Service bee at church
- January 22 Emily Martin lecture: My Lecture (see page 3)
Emily Martin Workshop: Fall Cornicopia from 1:00 to 4:00

Some Interesting McLean QU Statistics as of November 4, 2007

Total number of members:	114	McLean newsletter distribution	
Number of regular members:	60	Email:	80
Number of senior members:	29	Mail:	34
Number of life members:	15	Big QU newsletter distribution*	
Number of associate members:	10	Email:	73
		Mail:	31

(*Distribution is controlled by primary membership.)

Service Committee

Quilt packets will be available at church bees and meetings. We are fortunate to have a large number of packets that need your care and help. Also, people are needed to tie quilts at church bees...to prepare us for the service bee in January. Our thanks for your help in these areas.

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful membership, we are gathering a wealth of quilt tops and soon it will be time to put them all together. Our next Service Bee will be held on January 15th at the church from 10am to 3pm with pizza for lunch. For those who like to sit and work together, we have lots of quilts to tie. Needed are 4 quilters who can bring cutting supplies like rulers, cutters and cutting matts. Please come to trim the quilts and possibly share your supplies with others. Lastly, we need 6 quilters who are able to bring their sewing machine and bind and label the quilts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next 2 meetings for anyone willing to help. Also, you and contact Mary Pace at 703-536-5857 or email her at shannon1216@hotmail.com.

We would love to have a large turnout for thie worthwhile effort. Hope to see you in January on the 15th.

Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan, Suzie Buck, and Pat Carroll

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Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Dorothy Stringer dstringer@cox.net or 703-573-8839

Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the following members with birthdays from November through January:

NOVEMBER		JANUARY	
Ellen Lott	12	Ruth Ziebell	8
Lorelei Crerar	13	Peggy Murry	17
Dorothy Furey	18	Janet Nelson	23
Bunnie Jordan	19	Linda Bell	26
DECEMBER		Susan Owen	27
Barbara Wynne	1	Paula Golden	29
Jean Moore	2	Pat McCracken	30
Mary Hastings	28	Cathy Brown	31
		Ellen Engelson	31

(Your name will not appear in this column unless you put your birthday on your 2007/2008 membership form. If you want me to check, let me know. ed)

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 - January 4, 2008