

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The leaves and the temperature are falling, and the holidays are rapidly approaching. The first may give you inspiration for a quilt design. The quilt you make will help with the falling temperatures and/or provide at least one person on you list with a gift.

The retreat at Diane Kirkhart's house was great. Fun and food and friends. If you haven't been to one (it was my first) plan to go the next one, whenever that may be. I'm sure we will hear from Donna about a retreat in the spring.

The "I Finally Got Around To It" guild challenge is off to a good start. Ideas for circles or curves were discussed at the last church bee and a number of people have started quilts that are sure to be interesting. Remember that your design doesn't have to be circles. Any design that has curves (not straight lines that appear curved) will send you in the right direction. Talk to Nancy Fallone if you have questions.

Remember that the November meeting is on the 18th....the third Tuesday. Nancy Prince will be our guest speaker. Her trunk show will be followed by 2 workshops on thread painting. The December 9th meeting will feature our holiday pot luck luncheon and a trunk show by Mary Kerr ....Vintage Revisited.

Keep yourself in stitches.

*Carla Schardt*

## In This Issue

<i>December Program &amp; Luncheon</i>	2
<i>Demo Day Report</i>	2
<i>Incident Weather Policy</i>	2
<i>Service Committee</i>	3
<i>Schedule of Events</i>	3
<i>Birthday Column</i>	3
<i>Contact Information</i>	4

## November 18-19 Meeting and Workshops

On November 18, Mclean will welcome Nancy Prince for her lecture on Thread Painting. An accomplished teacher and author on this technique, Nancy will offer a trunk show. After the meeting, from 1 to 4, there will be a workshop; "Thread Sketching" is a new method of using the wonderful diverse world of threads and only a straight stitch to create a design. The cost of this workshop is \$35 members/\$40 non-members. Kits will be available (cost to be determined) for the tools needed.

On Wednesday, November 19, from 10 to 4, there will be another workshop; "Thread Painted Landscapes" is her most popular workshop for both novice and experienced sewers. With just a straight or zigzag stitch, you'll learn amazing designs. The cost of this workshop is \$70 members/\$80 non-members. Kit available (at a cost to be determined).

If you sign up for both workshops, the cost is \$100 members/\$115 non-members.

These workshop projects can be seen at her website, [www.nancyprince.com](http://www.nancyprince.com). For more information, contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, [tobquilt@aol.com](mailto:tobquilt@aol.com) or Pat Blood, 703-356-4557, [bloobj@yahoo.com](mailto:bloobj@yahoo.com).

## 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

## AQS Calendars

Jill Halbert will again order calendars from AQS. They come in two forms: desk version with 52 pictures of widely varied quilts for \$10.31, and wall calendars with 12 larger pictures of some of the best quilts of the year for \$9.61. This is a bulk ordering rate and postage is included. Please contact her to place your order at 703-759-4498 or [jillhalbert@cox.net](mailto:jillhalbert@cox.net).

### December 9 Program and Luncheon

#### Mary Kerr, Pieced of Olde, presents Vintage Revisited: The Anatomy of a Challenge

Mary Kerr is an American Quilt Society certified appraiser and a long time quilter. Mary grew up in a family of quilters and has been teaching since 1987. She currently lectures and conducts workshops that focus on quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles.

Mary will be giving us a power point presentation and trunk show providing a behind the scenes look at the exhibit, Vintage Revisited. It includes 19 artists who worked to create an exciting collection of 120 Art and Contemporary quilts using 6 identical sets of vintage blocks. You will see numerous examples of quilts from the collection.

The meeting will start at 9:30AM. Immediately following Mary's presentation, we will hold our annual holiday potluck. This has always been a popular event with our members. Please bring a covered dish to share. Appetizers, main dishes and sides, and, of course, desserts are welcome.

### Demo Day Report

At the October church bee, a group of us demonstrated different techniques we've tried when using curves and circles in our quilts. With the rounded theme of this year's challenge, we thought we'd start the year off with an inspirational bee to get you going on your projects. We had special rulers, rotary cutters, templates, bias binding, coffee filters and aluminum foil all used in quite a variety of methods. Thank you to Lura Al-salam, Bunny Jordon, and Carolyn Lynch for the great job they did with their presentations. I was so impressed with the amount of information which was passed along that day.

If you have an interesting technique for any kind of project which you'd like to share as a demo or you've had an idea for a quilt which you think would make a fun class, please come talk to me about scheduling something at a future bee. I find that I learn the most from my fellow quilters and we are quite lucky to have such a talented group of them in McLean.

Nancy Fallone

(Ed. note - we should give a special thank you to Nancy for doing a demo and for arranging this for us, too.)

### SERVICE COMMITTEE

Our special thanks for the many beautiful quilt tops and finished quilts that were given to our service committee over the past few months. Also, thanks for the donated fabric and cut 6" squares. Packets are now including a photo in the bag. When you return the finished quilt top, please return the photo with your quilt top.

The next service bee will be held on Tuesday, January 13 from 10am until 3pm at the McLean Baptist Church. We will be in need of quilters to tie, trim and finish the many quilts. Come and enjoy a pizza lunch and hours of quilting with friends. More details to come with a sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

Mary Pace 703-536-5857 [shannon1216@hotmail.com](mailto:shannon1216@hotmail.com)

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

### Inclement Weather Policy

Meetings and church bees - if Fairfax County Schools are closed or delayed, the church will be closed. All activities at the church are cancelled. You can check TV, radio or go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.htm>.

Home bees - there is no reason for us to base whether or not to hold home bees on what Fairfax County schools are doing. The decision is left up to each hostess. For some, if the weather is clear but there are large piles of snow along the sides of the roads, a bee may have to be cancelled due to lack of parking. Always check your email before leaving for a bee. For those without email, the phone tree will be activated. If all else fails and you are still in doubt, you can always call the hostess.

### Schedule of Events

- Nov. 11 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 – Anju Pringle & Carol Miller
- Nov. 18 Nancy Prince 'Thread Painting' trunk show and workshop
- Nov. 19 Nancy Prince workshop
- Nov. 25 NO BEE
- Dec. 2 Bee at the church; sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available.
- Dec. 9 Mary Kerr, Vintage Revisited; December potluck - bring your favorite dish.
- Dec. 16 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 might be easier. Food volunteers TBA
- Dec. 23&30 NO BEE
- Jan. 6 Bee at the church. Check your Monday email to find out if sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening will be available.
- Jan. 13 Service bee
- Jan. 20 Bee at Amy Berger's (703-757-2885) 411 Chesapeake Dr., Great Falls. 703-757-2885. 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.  
Food volunteers – Jan Fuoto & Alice DeLaVergne

### 2009

- Jan. 27 Betsy True
- Feb. 24 Jill Jensen
- Mar. 24 Auction
- Apr. 28 Morna Golitz, Studio Tour
- May 26 Luncheon/Elections

### 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 November through the end of January. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your membership form.

#### NOVEMBER

Joan Hannas 10  
Barbara Hopkins 10  
Ellen Lott 12  
Lorelei Crerar 13  
Dorothy Furey 18  
Bunnie Jordan 19

#### DECEMBER

Barbara Wynne 1  
Jean Moore 2  
Carolyn Scherer 5  
Mary Pace 16  
Mary Hastings 28

#### JANUARY

Sandy Easterwood 2  
Beth Lucas 6  
Hazel Carter 9  
Peggy Murray 17  
Janet Nelson 23  
Linda Bell 26

Lesa Schmidt 26  
Paula Golden 29  
Pat McCracken 30  
Cathy Brown 31  
Ellen Engelson 31

McLean QU 2007 - 2008  
Officers and Committees

President	Carla Schardt	703-478-2964
Vice President	Gayle Ropp	703-527-6983
Secretary	Peggy Knight	703-532-4417
Treasurer	Pat Carroll	703-533-3199
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
Charm Pack	Cathy Brown	703-556-9165
	Jan Fuoto	703-255-2067
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	Lorelei Crerar	703-503-3424
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	Dorothy Stringer	703-573-8839
Telephone Tree	Carolyn Lynch	703-288-4944
	Evelyn Penn	703-356-0766

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

### 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 5 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 90% 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:cdoberenz20191@comcast.net)



**Submission deadline for the next newsletter - January 9**

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