

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Quilters:

I have had a great summer. I spent most of May on a textile tour of the French Riviera. It was wonderful and I strongly recommend it for anyone who loves France, or to travel. This is the web site. <http://www.jeannemillstours.com/> Take a look and consider it. The Yves Saint Laurent Gallery in Paris was wonderful. I was so impressed with all of the fashion and sights.

Back to Mclean and the new year, I would like to encourage everyone to consider going green for the newsletter. That is to get the newsletter via email rather than a paper copy. You will receive the newsletter a week early, get it in color and save the environment. You will also always be able to find it since it will be in your email.

We have a busy year planned and I would like to schedule some local retreats this year. They were such a success last year. I would like to schedule one in October and one in January. Is there anyone willing to offer up your house for Friday and Saturday? I think one large room works best. Everyone wants to be in on the action. I will organize the retreat and we will bring all of the food. I think people find it easier to commute since it is too much to pack, so sleeping is not part of the retreat.

I am still looking for a volunteer to be the quilt show collector. Please let me know if you will do this job for the chapter.

I want to thank Mary Pace for a wonderful mini retreat at her house. We all had a wonderful time.

I am looking forward to a creative, inspiring and successful year.

Donna Sinnud

Special Election

Last spring, a slate of officers was presented and voted on which did not include anyone for the position of vice president. Therefore, at the September meeting we will be holding a special election. Carla Schardt has expressed an interest in "running." We will be accepting further nominations from the floor.

Dues must be paid by September 30 to be included in the QU Directory and to continue receiving newsletters.

In This Issue

<i>September Lecture</i>	2
<i>September Workshop</i>	2
<i>October Lecture</i>	3
<i>November Lecture</i>	3
<i>November Workshop</i>	3
<i>Chapter Challenge</i>	4
<i>Bees & Quilters Anonymous</i>	4
<i>Santa Fe Retreat</i>	4
<i>Charm Block Exchange</i>	5
<i>Proposed Budget</i>	6
<i>Schedule of Events</i>	7
<i>Contact Information</i>	8
<i>Birthday Column</i>	8

Special Events

Sully Plantation Quilt Show.....	September 9
Fall Quilt-in & Lecture	October 18

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

September 25 Lecture

JULIA PFAFF: What Place is This? Archaeologically Inspired Quilts

Julia will show slides illustrating her twenty years of working as an archaeological technical artist in Greece, Egypt and Jordan. She will explain how this work has influenced her quilts and how her work as a quilt artist has grown and matured and in what new directions she is moving. She will discuss the techniques and processes she uses in her quilts including crazy piecing, appliqué, foundation quilting, fabric dyeing and printmaking. Julia lives in Richmond, Virginia where she teaches and is also a studio artist.

September 25 Workshop

JULIA PFAFF: Drawing With Your Sewing Machine

The simplest piece of fabric can be turned into beautiful and unique art through the addition of quilted lines. This fast-paced workshop introduces various ways to use a sewing machine to draw on fabric. Both free-motion and conventional quilting methods will be explored. Participants will produce several samples during the class suitable for use as pillow tops. Some sewing experience is recommended and participants are encouraged to bring their own portable sewing machine.

Fee: \$25.00 for McLean members/\$35 non-members. A kit fee of \$5, payable to the instructor, provides some materials. To sign up, contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, Tobquilt@aol.com

To Bring:

- ◆Your own sewing machine and if possible it's manual as well.
- ◆Your machine's embroidery/free motion/darning foot attachment, this allows you to see clearly what the needle is doing. It's called different things but each is basically the same. If your machine does not have one you can purchase a "universal foot" at most sewing machine stores. **You do not need this** to machine quilt –but it allows you to free motion quilt.
- ◆You may want to bring a good piece or two of fabric to practice on. It should be cotton and medium weight. It can be a solid, a print, or even a pieced or appliquéd block. You can cut at class but we will be working on blocks about 13 inches square.
- ◆Wash out fabric pencil (not marker) (optional since I will have some there for class use)
- ◆Rotary cutter, ruler, and cutting board (optional since I will have some there for class use)
- ◆Sewing thread for your machine (coats and clarks all purpose works fine) You can use any color for samples also bring something that "goes" with any good fabrics you may be bringing.

Provided: (kit fee: \$5)

- ◆White and muslin fabrics to practice on
- ◆Muslin and twill backing fabrics
- ◆Low loft cotton batting for machine quilting
- ◆Some basic thread colors
- ◆Some fabric pencils for class use
- ◆Rotary cutters, rulers, and cutting boards for shared use

October 23 Lecture

Polly Mello: Halloween Quilt Talk and the Macabre Needle Arts

The creepy, crawly quilts are crawling out of Polly Mello's basement and will be haunting the October meeting. A trunk show of antique quilts. Scary readings, cotton graveyards, snakes and spiders and bugs, OH MY! A look at the darker side of quilting. Halloween quilts, patterns and fabrics and treats. Who will win the chocolate COFFIN! Maybe it will be you! Bring your Halloween quilts for a fun Show and Tell. Be There or Beware!!!

November 13 Lecture

Paula Golden: Quilts of Virginia

Paula Golden will provide a slide show lecture of the Virginia Consortium of Quilter's book – *Quilts of Virginia: 1607-1899*. This is an opportunity to learn about this extensive quilt documentation project and to see some of Virginia's finest examples of historic quilts, dating back to George Washington's great-great-grandmother. The documentation project included the work of slaves and freed women, First Ladies, and everyday men and women quilters, as well as representatives of each of the 8 Virginia-born U.S. presidents (more than any other state) with works by their wives, mothers, and daughters.

November 13 Workshop

Paula Golden: Drafting a Mariner's Compass

“Master the secret of drafting mariner's compasses in circle, oval and off-center format and then explore design possibilities. Create a paper foundation pattern from your design for easy construction. Play with value placement to create stunning compasses.”

To sign up, contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, tobquilten@aol.com

Quilt Collector Needed

Our chapter is in need of a Quilt Collector for the coming year. It is an easy job, but Diane is unable to do it this year as she has her hands full being Big QU President. There will be one meeting you will need to attend where you will learn just how they want you to measure and have the forms completed, deadlines, etc. Then you will take pictures of the quilts (if you don't have a camera, someone will have one available), measure them, collect the quilts before the quilt show and gather a few members to help you keep watch over the quilts on the day of set up and take down. If you think this is something you can do to help support our chapter, please let Donna Sinrud or Diane Kirkhart know. If we don't get a quilt collector, we will not be able to hang quilts in the upcoming show.

2007 – 2008 Chapter Challenge

Do you have a few UFO's that have been sitting around your quilting room for years gathering dust? Are you beginning to wonder if you'll ever finish them? Well, now we're giving you a little nudge and we're hoping you jump at the opportunity. Our new challenge is **The Great Archeological Quilt Challenge**. Here's what we want you to do:

Dig through your old projects and find one (or more) that you haven't worked on at all in at least 2 years. This means you can't have done much more than stroke it and look at it longingly.

Next, simply... **finish it!** Down to the label and hanging sleeve, we want to see a totally completed quilt by the May meeting.

Are you one of those unusual people who don't have UFO's? Are you a new quilter? Well, we haven't forgotten you. If there is a quilt pattern you've always wanted to try or a technique you've always wanted to learn now is the time. Just complete your project by May.

Bees and Quilters Anonymous

McLean QU has always had open bees. There's nothing to join—just show up and share in the camaraderie. Our bees will keep the same set-up this year as in the past few years. The first bee of every month will be at the church and the remainder in members' homes, with all starting at 10 a.m.

The bees at the church are usually very busy. They often last into the middle of the afternoon with some just stopping by for a quick visit while others spend the entire time. Bring your current project and spend the day working in the company of your fellow quilters. If you don't have a project you want to drag in, the service committee usually has a few quilts to tie or fabric to cut. If you have a problem with whatever you're working on you can always find someone (or lots or someones) willing to lend a hand or advice. And, of course, there is always Quilters Anonymous.

QA, as we call it, is a group of quilters who have a little trouble finishing their projects and need the incentive of answering to a group. Reminiscent of a 12-step program, we set goals for the month and the year and support each other in attaining those quilting goals. If you are interested, please join us for our first meeting of the year at the bee on October 2nd. We usually meet at about 10:45, right in the middle of the bee. All are welcome to listen in.

The bees in homes are a great way to get to know your fellow McLean members. Our hostess is helped out by a couple of others with food. These bees usually last until about 12 and have a slower pace than the church bees.

We hope to see many of you at the bees throughout the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Nancy Fallone

703-533-3907

nfallone@verizon.net

Santa Fe Retreat

The Santa Fe Retreat will be September 26-October 3, 2007. All are welcome, new or returning. Contact Kay Burnett for information on travel schedules, places to go and things to do. Donna Sinrud (one of our most frequent usual suspects) also is a good source of information on our activities. Kay's email is mekayquilter@aol.com and cell phone 703-969-3942.

Charm Block Exchange

STRETCH YOUR MIND

Variety is the key.

Flexibility is desirable.

Jan Fuoto and I, Cathy Brown, are co-instigators of this year's Charm Block Exchange. As of this writing five people have signed up. If you wish to participate and have not yet done so we will have sign-up sheets at the September Chapter Meeting.

There will be 8 months to exchange, October through May.

Within a week of the September meeting we will let you know how many people to plan for and how to prepare the fabrics in plenty of time for our first exchange at the October Chapter Meeting.

October - Reproduction fabrics

November - Travel - iconic images which call to mind a special place such as the Eiffel Tower for France

December - Symbols - e.g. letters, numbers, road signs, etc.

January - Children - NOT babies - items related to children such as clothing or activities or etc.

February - The color of your birthstone -
(Hint: Call Jan if you need to know what your birthstone is.)

March - The most whimsical fabric you can find

April - Your LEAST FAVORITE color - not ugly!!, just your least favorite

May - Africa - this is a huge and diverse continent, let your imagination free

Jan Fuoto - the telephone lady. Her home number is 703-255-2067

Cathy Brown - the internet one. I'm at candwbrown@verizon.net

2007-08 Membership

Have you registered for the new year? As we go to print, I have 72 quilters registered. We ended last year with 118, so please send those registrations in or bring them to our meeting on September 25th. The registration form was in the May newsletter and I will have copies available at the meeting. I must have your registration by September 30th for you to be included in the Big QU Directory. Please contact me at 703-503-8162 or david.gray48@verizon.net if you are unsure if you have registered. Thanks, Maureen Gray

2007/2008 Proposed Budget

	2006/07 Actual Income	2007/08 Budget Income	2006/07 Actual Expense	2007/08 Budget Expenses
Administration			\$ 34.55	\$ 500.00
Auction	\$ 3,952.60	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Donations			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Gifts/door prizes			\$ 82.67	\$ 500.00
Hospitality			\$ 81.87	\$ 200.00
Field Trips/Lancaster	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,368.00	\$ 2,500.00
Library			\$ 29.24	\$ 100.00
Membership	\$ 1,643.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 792.50	\$ 800.00
Newsletter			\$ 110.44	\$ 500.00
Programs/workshops	\$ 535.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,129.03	\$ 2,500.00
Service Projects			\$ 379.18	\$ 500.00
Space Rental			\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,300.00
Total	\$ 7,680.60	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 7,632.48	\$ 10,200.00
Checking Balance			\$ 10,412.27	

We will be voting on this budget at the September 25th meeting.

Help Wanted

I am in need of assistance with the newsletter. Are you good at proofreading? Would you be able to get the newsletter printed at Office Depot or Staples on four Mondays in the next year. If you would like to see the newsletter a day or two before anyone else and can help with either or both of these tasks, please contact me.
Connie Doberenz cdoberenz20191@comcast.net

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

- September 11 Bee at Mary Brederhoff's (703-534-2189) 6107 Woodland Terrace, McLean. From Kirby Rd. R. on Chesterbrook Rd., R. on N. Albermarle, immediate R onto Woodland Terrace. Food helpers – Lura Alsalam and Cathy Brown
- September 18 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 helpers – Jan Fuoto and Dorothy Stringer
- September 25 Julia Pfaff Lecture - What Place Is This? Archaeologically Inspired Quilts Workshop - Drawing With Your sewing Machine 1:00-4:00
- October 2 Bee at the church
- October 9 Bee at Cindy Wilson's (703-790-2616) 1103 Kensington Road, McLean. From the intersection of Dolly Madison (rt. 123) and Old Dominion Drive in McLean, head north on rt. 123 (away from Tyson's). Go about ½ mile and turn left on Kensington Road. Cindy is in the townhouses on the right towards the end of the street. Food helpers – Eileen Culligan and Gayle Ropp
- October 16 Bee at Kathy Kinghorn's. 703/536-3923. 1911 Rhode Island Ave. From the beltway take 123 East. Right on Old Dominion through McLean. Right on Park Rd. Immediate left on Vermont, right on Massachusetts. At 4-way stop, left on Rhode Island. Bear right. 2nd house on left. Food helpers – Pat Carroll and Jenny Emery
- October 18 Big QU Fall Quilt-in and Lecture
- October 23 Polly Mello lecture: The Halloween Quilt Talk and the Macabre Needle Arts
- October 30 Bee at Janet Ball's. 703/255-0598. 10003 Oakton Plantation Ct., Vienna. Take 123S. Make a left at Courthouse Rd, past Nutley, past flashing red, 1/3 mile to left on Oakton Plantation La. Turn L on Oakton Plantation Ct. Food helpers - Susan Owen and Ginny McConnell
- November 6 Bee at church
- November 13 Paula Golden lecture: Quilts of Virginia Workshop-Drafting a Mariner's Compass , 1:00-4:00
- 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 Janet Sampson
- December 4 Bee at church
- December 11 Lesley Riley lecture: The Fabric of My Life Potluck lunch

Service Committee

In need of a project at our church bee in Sept.? Plan to tie several quilt tops we have received this summer. Also, our thanks to you for cutting fabric into squares during the summer bees. Look forward to seeing you in Sept.

The Service Committee

McLean QU 2007 - 2008

Officers and Committees

President	Donna Sinrud	703-620-3627
Vice President	VACANT	
(Tentative Secretary	Carla Schardt	703-478-2964)
Treasurer	Peggy Knight	703-532-4417
Nominating	Pat Carroll	703-533-3199
AQS Books	Carol Miller	301-460-6478
Auction	Jill Halbert	703-759-4498
	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	Susan Owen	703-893-0194
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	703-356-4577
Membership	Maureen Gray	703-503-8162
Programs	Sandi Goldman	703-764-4479
	Pat Blood	703-356-4577
Quilt Collector	VACANT	
Quilt Show Rep	Cathy Rees	703-757-8477
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	703-941-6987

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 September through mid-November:

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Patricia Overton	12	Sandra Helm	2
Elizabeth White	17	Joanne Field	8
Alice DeLaVergne	20	Judy Childers	20
Mary Lou Nelson	20	Betty Osweiler	26
Katherine Crerar	22	Pat Blood	28
Barbara Toohig	29	Carole Marti	31
NOVEMBER		Lorelei Crerar	13

(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 - October 23