

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Here we go again. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to our bees and meetings as much as I am., seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I know I need a change of scenery from sorting and folding fabric as I try to organize my sewing room, if organization is even possible. When you look over your stash, do you wonder what possessed you to buy a particular piece of fabric? There must have been a reason. One of our programs later in the year will address the issue of organization.

Jeanne Benson will be our guest speaker at our first meeting. Her topic "Tools of the Art" will be followed by a 3 hour workshop. This is a "no machine" class leading you through the design process. In October, Heidi Thayer will teach a workshop on quilting your blocks before you assemble the quilt. November will be busy with 2 workshops by Nancy Prince - one 3 hour and one all day class both on thread painting.

It is gratifying to see our hard working members step forward to head up the various committees. Lots of fun and lots of effort. Thanks in advance. But (there is always a "but") one job that has not had any takers is that of Quilt Show Rep. This year McLean's task at the quilt show will be set up. It sounds formidable; but, in true quilter fashion, volunteers do step forward to help when the call goes out. Our other task for QU this year is lead chapter for the Annual Meeting. The speaker has been chosen (Mark Lipinski) and the meeting will be held in conjunction with the June Quilt Show. More about this later. As you can see, we need a member or two or three to step forward and fill these jobs. Please.

Nancy Fallone has a new challenge for us all about curves and circles. Read further to find out more. Charm squares will be back as well as our service projects, the trip to Lancaster and McLean's fabulous food.

I hope to see all of you on September 23 with news about your summer, grandbabies and lots and lots of show and tell.

Carla Schardt

Santa Fe Retreat

The Santa Fe Retreat will be September 24-October 1. 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.

McLean Special Election

Last spring, a slate of officers was presented and voted on which did not include anyone for the position of Nominating Chair. Therefore, at the September meeting, we will be holding a special election. Donna Sinrud 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.

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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

September 23 Meeting and Workshop

The program committee has a wonderful year of speakers and workshops lined up; to start the year off we have Jeanne Benson who will present a trunk show of her quilts. Jeanne is very well known quilter and teacher, and you can see her work at www.jeannebenson.com. She is a maker of original, contemporary quilts for more than 25 years, and has taught quilt making and design for The Smithsonian Associates (formerly the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program) in Washington, D.C., since 1988, as well as for quilt guilds, quilt events, and local art centers since 1983.

Her work has been in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and presented through the State Department's Art in Embassies program. Her quilt "Arrangement for Mixed Greens with Edible Flowers and Raspberry Vinaigrette" was juried into Quilt National '05. Jeanne has been published as both author and subject of magazine articles, and her book The Art and Technique of Appliqué was published by EPM, 1991. She received a Maryland State Arts Council award for her work in appliqué.

In the afternoon, from 1 to 4, Jeanne will be giving a workshop Design "One-O-One." The cost is \$35 members/\$40 non-members. There are only a few spaces left. Come broaden your horizons and stimulate your creativity with lots of great ideas for quilts and new sewing machine required. Contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, tobquilten@aol.com to register. (*At press time, there are only two spaces left.*)

McLean QU's Chapter Challenge 2008 - 2009

I Finally Got A-Round to It

Curves are usually avoided by quilters for years, but this is your chance to finally "get around to it." The challenge is to incorporate something round into a quilt, whether by piecing or appliqué. Pieces with straight edges which only give the illusion of a curve, like a storm at sea, do not count. Choose something you haven't done before which stretches your limits a little or a lot. After all, this is a challenge. **To successfully complete this challenge, you must present a completed top by our final meeting on May 26th, 2009.**

Experienced quilters who think they've done it all can embrace the spirit of a challenge by simply trying something new and working outside their comfort zones. If you've pieced curves and appliquéd small berries, how about trying something like the curved flying geese that Caryl Bryer Fallert does? What about a mariner's compass with a radiating checkerboard pattern a la Judy Mathieson? I haven't seen too many of those in our show and tell. Even if you think you've already done it all, there's always something out there that's new for you to try.

To help you along, we will be having demos at the church bees starting in the fall. Our chapter has a history of members helping and inspiring each other, so gather up any interesting books, pictures and patterns you have to share with others at bees. Our past challenges have taken us off in directions we never thought we'd go.

Sign up for this year's challenge and join in the fun.

Nancy N. Fallone, nfallone@verizon.net

Bees

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 of someones) willing to lend a hand or advice.

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

October 28 Meeting and Workshop

On October 28, Heidi Thayer will present a lecture and trunk show about the COTTON THEORY of Quilting, an amazing method of quilting and assembling your projects all at once! The end result is a reversible, completely finished item!! Only a zig-zag stitch is needed, but decorative stitches can be used to create wonderful detail on your project.

The afternoon workshop, from 12:30 to 4:30, will proceed step by step throughout the process of making a placemat, using the Cotton Theory technique. The cost of the workshop is \$35/members and \$40/non-members. A kit will be available for purchase (cost to be determined), which will include the special batting and tools needed. A supply sheet will be available at the September meeting, so participants will be ready for the workshop. For more information, contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, tobquilten@aol.com or Pat Blood, 703-356-4557, bloodbj@yahoo.com.

Fall Quilt Retreat

WHEN: October 9 & 10, 2008

WHERE: Diane Kirkhart's house, 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna, VA

COST: \$15 each plus one meal

Everyone is invited!

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 time you get to sew, relax and have fun. The format will be similar to a bee - chat or sew, your choice. Many of us will work on our challenge. You are welcome to come for as long or as short a time as you like. It is a short drive. Just let us know for which meals you will be present. We do not want to cook for 20 if 10 will be there. The list will be finalized at the September meeting.

Schedule:

Arrive 9AM or after

Lunch at 12PM

White Elephant exchange at 5PM

Dinner at 6PM

Leave at 9PM or before

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

Contact Donna Sinrud, coordinator, with questions or to sign up. dsinrud@msn.com or 703-620-3627

SERVICE COMMITTEE

The service committee provides lap quilts for three organizations. They are the Assistance League for OB/GYN Clinic at Fairfax Hospital, the Arlington County Teenage Parenting Program, and Arlington Adult Services Unit on Aging and Disability Services.

Packets for these quilts will be available at our church bees and meetings. Directions for completing the quilt are included in the packet. Please bring your finished tops to a bee or meeting. Also, please include the photo that came with the packet. If you have any questions, you can contact one of our service committee members.

Our next service bee will take place in January. Further information on that bee will be in the next newsletter.

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

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

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. For more information, contact Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, tobquilt@aol.com or Pat Blood, 703-356-4557, bloodbj@yahoo.com.

CHARM SQUARE SWAP - 2008-2009

Theme: Colors, Colors, Colors all around – But NO MIDDLE GROUND!! (It is a political year, after all ☺)

Oct – Red

Feb – Orange*

Nov – Blue

Mar – Purple

Dec – Green

Apr – Brown

Jan – Yellow*

May – Black

It has often been found that we tend to build our stashes with medium values. This year's charm square swap will lend itself very well to expanding our project possibilities with the lights and darks, with more striking contrasts in our projects and, possibly, just the perfect piece for an appliqué block or embellishment.

Parameters of the exchange:

1. The fabric does not have to be a solid and may contain other colors in the pattern. However, the predominant, most obvious/outstanding color of your exchange fabric is to be the color of the month.
2. The exchange fabric may ONLY be a light or dark value of the color of the month. Please do not use any medium values in the exchange. Please note that light value black may be gray, or a light value red may certainly be pink, and a dark value red may be a burgundy. Just please keep in the same color family, but ONLY light or dark values.

* Since both yellow and orange are light and bright colors, it is “mandated” that January and February must be “light” months. (can you think of any DARK value yellows or oranges? I can't.) So, to counter the short days, long nights and post-holiday(s) doldrums, we will be brightening things up in January and February by exchanging light, bright colors of yellow and orange in ONLY light values.

If you have any questions, please Cathy Brown, 703-556-9165 or Jan Fuoto, 703-255-2067.

Getting A-Round to a Few Demos

To help us out with our “I Finally Got A-Round to It Challenge,” several of our fellow members will be demonstrating different techniques for making round and curvy shapes in quilts. Join us at the church bee on Tuesday, October 7th. The bee gets started at 10 and the demos start at 10:30. Make sure you bring pen and paper so you can take notes on these very cool techniques.

If you have any questions or would like to demonstrate, please contact me: Nancy Fallone, nfallone@verizon.net or 703—533-3907.

McLean Financial Information

The table below includes the financial statement figures and the proposed budget amounts for 2008/2009. We will be voting on the proposed budget at the September meeting.

	Income			Expenses		
	2007/08 Budget	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget Proposed	2007/08 Budget	2007/08 Actual	2008/09 Budget Proposed
Administration				\$ 500.00	\$ 142.89	\$ 250.00
Auction	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,381.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 214.69	\$ 300.00
Donations				\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gifts/door prizes				\$ 500.00	\$ 162.62	\$ 500.00
Hospitality				\$ 200.00	\$ 138.40	\$ 300.00
Field Trips/Lancaster	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,609.50	\$ 3,000.00
Library		\$ 64.45		\$ 100.00	\$ 17.64	\$ 100.00
Membership*	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 887.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Newsletter				\$ 500.00	\$ 161.53	\$ 250.00
Programs/workshops	\$ 500.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,717.98	\$ 4,000.00
Service Projects				\$ 500.00	\$ 895.28	\$ 1,200.00
Space Rental**				\$ 1,300.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 1,300.00
Total	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 7,863.25	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 8,910.53	\$ 13,000.00

As of 6/30/08:

Checking balance 7/1/07	\$ 10,341.77	Checking	\$ 9,294.39
Income	\$ 7,863.25	CD	\$ 1,032.52
Expenses	\$ (8,910.63)	CD	\$ 1,032.52
Checking balance 6/30/08	\$ 9,294.39	CD	\$ 1,032.52
		CD	\$ 1,470.47
		Total assets	\$ 13,862.42

*Does not include \$702 in 2008/09 membership fees deposited but not shown here.

**Church has not yet billed for second half of year. They asked to bill in Sept. rather than June.

Big QU News

Read all about it in the QU Quarterly – the first issue of 2008/2009 is now available online at:

www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/Aug_SepNltr.pdf

Of particular note are details about the October visit of Carol Taylor. On Thursday, October 23, she'll present a lecture "So Many Quilts, So Little Time." This will be followed by a Friday workshop "Freemotion Quilting Patterns" and a Saturday Workshop "Arc-i-Textures". **The lecture will be preceded by a Special Meeting to discuss and vote on QU bylaw changes.**

McLean QU Library

In order to facilitate the viewing and circulation of books in the Mclean QU library, we'll try some new ideas for this year...

1. The time that books are on loan will be **ONE MONTH**. Please return your books then, so others will have the same opportunity to use a book.
2. You can renew it if there isn't another who wants it. The point is to **CIRCULATE** a good book, so others get inspired....
3. Summer loans will be for two months, If you are going away for an extended period, please try to give the books to someone else, rather than leaving them in your home.

The Mclean QU library list is online at www.LIBRARYTHING.com. You will need to supply the 'user name' *quunlimited* and the 'password' *mclean* in the boxes on the right of the page. Use the 'search' tab to see if it is in our library. In most cases, a thumbnail cover will appear in a column followed by my description of the book. There should be a color listed at the end of the entry telling you which box to search when the books are at a meeting at the church. Please note that some of the older books will have only a black cover shown.

If I can be of more help, contact me. Pat Blood 703-356-4557 bloodbj@yahoo.com

Please check you quilt books for ones that belong to the McLean QU library and return them to the September meeting.

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.

Food Volunteers

Quilters, please take time to sign up to bring a **"food goodie"** to our monthly meetings. The sign-up will be on the table in the back room where all the food is set out. The optimum number of members bringing in food would be 9 or 10 for each meeting. We love to see appetizers, sweets, fruits, sandwiches, or that special item that you make. Since quilters are also great cooks, be prepared to be asked for your recipe!

Cindy Wilson jscbwilson@cox.net

Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from September through the end of November. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your membership form.

SEPTEMBER

Patricia Overton 12
Cindy Grisdela 13
Barbara McCracken 16
Debbie Taylor 17
Elizabeth White 17
Alice DeLaVergne 20
Mary Lou Nelson 20
Katherine Crerar 22
Barbara Toohig 29

OCTOBER

Sandra Helm 2
Joanne Field 8
Lorraine McClure 15
Judy Childers 20
Betty Osweiler 26
Pat Blood 28
Carole Marti 31

NOVEMBER

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

Schedule of Events

- Sept. 2 Bee at the church; sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available.
- Sept. 9 Bee at Mary Brederhoff's (703-534-2189) 6107 Woodland Terrace, McLean. From Kirby Rd. R. on Chesterbrook Rd., R. on N. Albemarle, immediate R onto Woodland Terrace.
Food volunteers: Jan Fuoto & Lura Alsalam
- Sept. 16 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 right on Oakton Plantation La. Turn L on Oakton Plantation Ct.
Food volunteers – Sandy Easterwood & Nancy Fallone
- Sept. 23 Jeanne Benson 'Tools of Art' trunk show and workshop
- Sept. 30 Bee at Cindy Wilson's (703-790-2616) 1103 Kensington Road, McLean. From the inter-section 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 volunteers – Barbara Wynne & Eileen Culligan
- Oct. 7 Bee at the church; sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available.
- Oct. 14 Bee at Carolyn Lynch's (703-288-4944) 1450 Emerson Ave., #406, McLean. From the church parking lot, turn left onto Chain Bridge Road. At the light at Old Dominion, turn left. Turn right on Lowell (at Café Oggi). The main entrance to the building is at the corner of Lowell and Emerson. It is that big building with the green roof.
Food volunteers – Dorothy Furey & Gayle Ropp
- Oct. 21 Hostess – ***Mary Pace (703-536-5857) or Nancy Fallone (703-533-3907)***
***Both Mary and Nancy have remodeling work scheduled for the fall. They live only a mile apart, both in Arlington. As the date draws closer, they will decide on the location of the bee. Once the decision is made, an email will go out with the information.
Food volunteers – Suzie Buck & Nancy Fallone or Mary Pace
- Oct. 28 Heidi Thayer 'Cotton Theory' trunk show and quilted placemat workshop
- Nov. 4 Bee at the church; sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available.
- Nov. 11 Bee at Diane Kirkhart's (703-749-4645) 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna. From Belt-way 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
- Dec. 2 Bee at the church; sewing machine repair and scissor sharpening available.
- Dec. 9 Mary Kerr, Vintage Revisited, & December potluck
- 2009**
- Jan. 27 Betsy True
- Feb. 24 Jill Jensen
- Mar. 24 Auction
- Apr. 28 Morna Golitz, Studio Tour
- May 26 Luncheon/Elections

McLean QU 2007 - 2008
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Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Dorothy Stringer 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 answering YES on your 2008/2009 membership form for the big QU newsletter and the McLean newsletter questions for electronic newsletters.**

The big QU newsletter is being viewed on the website by nearly 80% of the members who were notified by email. This is saving hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs for each newsletter.

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 - November 1

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