

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope you all had a lovely, summer filled with sunshine, relaxation and lots of quilting. Of course for most of us relaxation and quilting are one and the same!

I remember back in February when I was in the Florida sunshine and there were emails hinting at being your president. My first reaction was "are you crazy!" and then tempered to "well, maybe" and that was it. I thought about it long and hard, but then realized what this group means to me. I was already missing my many McLean QU friends and couldn't wait to get back to cold, dreary Virginia to attend a meeting and see everyone.

I love this group and all that we do. I feel strongly that if we are to get something out of it, which I certainly have, then we have to give back. I want to thank all those who did so by taking on a Board position and/or Committee this year – without major arm-twisting! We need that willingness to maintain our wonderful, talented group. Let's see if we can share that enthusiasm by recruiting some new members this year. One opportunity would be the "Sit & Sew" time at the Sully Show Sept. 13th from 10-4:30. I've been to my first Big QU meeting and found a welcome spirit of cooperation and good will. One of our chapter's assignments is the Fall Program Lead which Terri Fischer has graciously agreed to take on. Please thank her by helping out when she asks, and look for more information in the QU Quarterly. Since the Matrix has changed due to Falls Church dropping from QU, former QU President, our own Carole Marti, has agreed to help the current President take on the job of Quilt Show Set Up. That's true dedication! Pat Blood and her crew did a spectacular job of this and we thank them wholeheartedly.

We have lots to look forward to already. Nancy Fallone has organized a terrific challenge using quilt blocks from the 30's. Diane Kirkhart is offering her lovely home in October for a Tuesday/Wednesday Retreat, and Kathy Kinghorn is organizing the comeback of a group quilt for our Auction. Sandi Goldman and Pat Blood have scheduled some great programs and workshops, the first features Patricia Pepe whose workshop will actually precede our regular meeting by one day so pay special attention to our calendar and Jenny Emery's email notices; she's doing a terrific job by the way. Well, I can't wait to see the Show & Tell from this summer so let's get this year started and most importantly – HAVE SOME FUN!!

Suzie Buck

**Something to think about – what fabulous item can you begin now for our auction in March??!!*

McLean QU Needs Your Help

We need you to be a co-Quilt Collector for the Big QU Show. Requires being in town and attending the May Bees and Meeting to help collect quilts, being at the Thursday quilt hanging and Sunday taking down. Also measuring and helping to photograph, usually from about December to February for McLean members. It's really not too much work-just a couple of frantic flurries of activity. Contact Kay Burnett, mekayquilter@aol.com or 703-242-8732.

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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

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

Monday, September 21 Workshop - The Value of Snails**Hurry If You Are Interested!**

This is a color value workshop with Patricia Pepe (read more about her below). It will require at least 24 fat quarters, including lights, mediums, medium dark and dark, etc., but kits will be available (mostly batiks) for \$20. The workshop is from 10-4 at the church. Mclean member price - \$25, other QU members - \$30, non-QU members - \$35. The supply list is available from Pat Blood. Contact her at 703-356-4557, bloodbj@yahoo.com or Sandi Goldman, 703-764-4479, tobquilt@aol.com to register. (At press time, there are still many spots available.)

**September 22 Meeting****Patricia Pepe - Tales from the Light Side**

Patricia Pepe is passionate about fabric, color and quilt design and enjoys sharing her knowledge and talents with others. She is known for her award-winning, intricately pieced and appliqued quilts which use traditional blocks and techniques in not-so-traditional ways. Patricia's quilts have been receiving awards since 1992 at many local, national and international quilting events and have been featured in many quilting publications. Her most widely recognized quilt, "Into His Light", won Best of Show and 1st Place at the [National Quilting Association](#).

Teaching quilting professionally since 1994, Patricia also enjoys teaching young people the art of quilting. She hopes to continue the art and legacy of quilting for the next generation. She is the designer and creator of the X-Blocks™ Rotary Cutting Tool. This exciting technique creates many different designs from simple blocks or strips and makes spectacular quilts that look complex, but are amazingly quick and easy! Patricia also designed a line of X-Blocks patterns to be used with the tool, and thus her business, Quilt Queen Designs was born. The entire line of Quilt Queen Designs products can be viewed on her site at <http://www.patriciapepe.com/QuiltQueenDesigns.html>

Patricia's lecture will be about her winning quilt. She will also be showing some of her X-block quilts since she is teaching that workshop for other QU chapters.

McLean QU's Chapter Challenge 2009 - 2010**You're Not Getting Older; You're Getting Better**

They say that imitation is the highest form of flattery. I hope that's so because we will be borrowing Mary Kerr's "Vintage Revisited" idea for our next challenge. Mary presented one of our most popular lectures this past year showing us what her team of quilters was able to create from old, discarded blocks. Just like her project, this challenge involves taking vintage blocks and "repurposing" them into a quilt of your own. Here's what you need to do to take part:

- Pay a \$5 fee to receive your block.
- You can do anything you want to the block but you must use the entire thing or as much as is possible.
- Create a completed quilt top by the May 2010 meeting.

The design can be simple such as merely putting borders around the block. Or, if the creative bug strikes, you can unsew, cut, paint, embellish or do whatever you want to it. There are no size limitations but you must add something to the block you receive. For inspiration, you may want to take a look at Mary's website (<http://www.marywkerr.com/index.htm>) and click on "Vintage Revisited".

As always, we will have prizes for everyone who successfully completes the challenge and maybe a few special ones for those who truly set themselves apart and embrace the spirit of the challenge. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

*****I still have a few blocks available. If you have requested a block and not yet paid, please do so by the September meeting so I will know that you are still interested.**

Nancy N. Fallone, nfallone@verizon.net, 703-533-3907

October 27 - Healing Quilts with Lisa Ellis

For our October meeting, Lisa Ellis, a Fairfax, Virginia quilter, will present Healing Quilts, a slide show featuring projects where quilts have been used to make the world a better place. This lecture will show excerpts from some poignant and powerful exhibits including the Walter Reed cancer quilts, Alzheimer's Forgetting Piece by Piece, Sacred Threads and Beyond the Barrier (quilts made by inmates of the Ohio Reformatory for Women). You will also see a mini trunk show of pieces purchased in fund raising auctions to support autism, Alzheimer's and cancer.

Fall Quilt Retreat

WHEN: October 20 & 21, 2009

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

COST: \$5 each plus one meal

Everyone is invited!

Each person is responsible for one buffet meal (with 5-6 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 or via email.

Schedule:

Arrive 9AM or after

Lunch at 12PM

White Elephant exchange at 5PM

Dinner at 6PM

Leave at 9PM or before

Things to bring:

Sewing machine and cutting supplies or hand sewing items

Snack or assigned supply

Items for meal - can shop that day for large items

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

Debbie Taylor is joining our service committee this year. We are now three members, Debbie, Loretta Sullivan and myself. Packets are being assembled and will be ready for the bees at the church and our meetings. My thanks to Marge Hughes for putting together the strip quilt packets.

Plans are for our service bee to be held in January. More information on the bee will be coming this fall. This will be my last year to work with the service committee. If anyone has an interest in chairing this committee, please get in touch with Nancy Fallone nfallone@verizon.net and/or Diane Kirkhart dkirkhart@verizon.net. The new chairperson can continue with the lap quilts or be creative with other possibilities. Also, Diane and Nancy have some ideas to share with the new chairperson if she is looking for ideas.

Our thanks for your help throughout the year with these lap quilts.

Mary Pace

Service committee - Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan and Debbie Taylor

Note: Several people have asked if we are in need of batting for our quilts. The answer is yes we would love donations of batting. We prefer a thin loft as it is easier to tie or machine quilt. The size would be: 45" x 52" for a baby quilt and 45" x 64" for the senior quilt.

McLean 2009 Financial Statement and Proposed 2009/2010 Budget

The table below includes the financial statement figures and the proposed budget amounts for 2009/2010. We will be voting on the proposed budget at the September meeting.

	Income			Expenses		
	2008/2009 Budget	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget	2008/2009 Budget	2008/2009 Actual	2009/2010 Budget
Administration				250.00		250.00
Auction	3,000.00	3279.40	3,000.00	300.00	226.14	200.00
Challenge quilts prize					105.95	100.00
Donations				1,000.00	1000.00	500.00
Gifts/door prizes				500.00	169.65	100.00
Hospitality				300.00	185.17	200.00
Field Trips/Lancaster	1,800.00	1160.00	1,800.00	3,000.00	2343.50	2,400.00
Library				100.00	96.94	100.00
Membership	1,600.00	1,019.00	1,000.00	800.00	848.85	800.00
Membership refund		7.50				
Newsletter				250.00	32.93	125.00
Programs/Workshops	1,200.00	2045.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	4547.62	3,500.00
Service Projects				1,200.00	900.33	900.00
Service rental 2008/09				1,300.00	1000.00	2,000.00
Service rental Jan-June 09					725.00	
Total	7,600.00	7510.90	7,800.00	13,000.00	12182.08	11,175.00
Closing balance as on 7/31/09	6897.26					
	-39.78	Checks not cleared				
	-976.00	Membership for 2009/2010				
Total	5881.48					

November 17 Nine-Patch Trunk Show with Ann Littleton

Ann began designing quilts in 1986. Articles and photographs of her quilts have appeared in various publications, including the cover of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine's 'QUILT IT for Keepsakes'. As an experienced teacher/speaker, Ann enjoys combining embellishments and vintage design, along with stories of the friendships of women in her quilts, trunk show programs, workshops and patterns.

When you're dealt lemons, make a quilt!!

The custom over the past few years in McLean QU has been to send cards or letters of cheer to members facing health or other big challenges. We like to add to this six inch squares of fabric related to the lemon theme. These can be fabrics with lemons or good lemony yellows or other colors that go with the theme – greens you might see on a lemon tree, pink for a pink lemonade theme, sky blue, or anything else you think might work. Please let Carolyn Lynch, sbsue2u@gmail.com, know of someone you think might enjoy this so we can spread the word. Also, if you have a pattern you think might work with these squares, let her know as well.

Fall Lecture - McLean Chapter Assignment

Read all about it in the QU Quarterly – the first issue of 2009/2010 is now available online at: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/Sep09Nltr.pdf> Of particular note are details about the October visit of Mary Mashuta. On Thursday, October 29, she will present a lecture “Color: Too Much Is Not Enough” at NOVA in Annandale. McLean chapter is responsible for providing food at the lecture. Terri Fischer may be asking for help with the food, so let's all pitch in and help her.

McLean QU Library

Please return your 'summer reading' at the September meeting, so you can discover some of the new books and old favorites in the library.

New books:

- Charmed, I'm Sure, Quilts and More from 5" Squares by Lesley Chaisson
- Scraps and Shirrtails, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle! The Art of "Quilting Green" by Bonnie Hunter
- The Quilter's Edge, Borders, Bindings and Finishing Touches by Darlene Zimmerman
- Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts (including CD/templates) by Ranae Merrill

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.

BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug)

Let's help McLean QU become more friendly toward the environment. There was wonderful support for this effort last year and I'm sure it will be even better this year. Please bring your own reusable mug for your beverage to the monthly meeting and put your name in for a door prize. We'll have a basket at the welcome table. Anne Webb, Mclean QU member living in New Zealand, has sent us "mug bags" and the pattern. Don't worry if you forget; there will be disposable cups available.

Lura Alsalam and Lesa Schmidt, Hospitality committee

Eyeglasses for Lions Club

Do you have any old glasses or cases at home that you would like to see recycled? Give them to Connie Doberenz at a meeting or bee. She will pass them on to Sandy Easterwood for 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
Denise O'Rear	23
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. 15 Bee at Starla Phelp's. (703-354-5833) 1519 N. Chambliss St., Alexandria. From the beltway, exit onto Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236) East. Continue until Beauregard St. Make a left. Go one block to traffic signal and bear left onto N. Chambliss St. Proceed on N. Chambliss downhill to it's end (about 10 blocks). Take Larston St. to the left. The house is the last on the right before the park. Park in the driveway or on the street in front of the house.
Food volunteers: Sandi Goldman & Gayle Ropp
- Sept. 21 Patricia Pepe Workshop "The Value of Snails" at the church
- Sept. 22 Patricia Pepe "Tales From the Light Side" lecture at the church
- Sept. 29 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 Suzie Buck & Evelyn Penn
- Oct. 6 Bee at the church
- Oct. 13 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 – Carol Miller & Peggy Murray
- Oct. 20&21 Retreat at Diane Kirkhart's house
- Oct. 27 Lisa Ellis "Healing Quilts" trunkshow at the church
- Nov. 3 Bee at the church
- Nov. 10 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 volunteers – Jenny Emry & Anju Pringle
- Nov. 17 Ann Littleton Nine-Patch trunk show at the church

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

McLean QU 2009 - 2010
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AQS Books	Jill Halbert	703-759-4498
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Challenge	Nancy Fallone	703-533-3907
Communications	Jenny Emry	703-528-1366
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Food	Cindy Wilson	703-790-2616
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Hospitality	Lura Alsalam	703-356-6032
	Lesa Schmidt	703-716-4275
Lancaster	Ginny McConnell	703-764-2775
Librarian	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
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Newsletter	Connie Doberenz	703-860-4379
Programs	Sandi Goldman	703-764-4479
	Pat Blood	703-356-4557
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	VACANT	
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	Loretta Sullivan	703-536-1692
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Telephone Tree	Evelyn Penn	703-356-0766
	Jan Fuoto	703-255-2067

Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Carolyn Lynch
SBsue2U@gmail.com or 703-288-4944

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 2009/2010 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 85% of the members who were notified by email. This is saving hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs for each issue of the 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.

