



Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

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President's Message

Dear QU,

If September is any indication, this year promises to be a fantastic one for QU! The Sully Quilt Show and Sale was unbelievable! The vendors had so many new fabrics, books, and patterns that I couldn't make up my mind, so I just bought a little bit of everything. The weather was fantastic so I took some time to enjoy looking at all the vintage quilts hanging on the clotheslines blowing in the breeze. Everything looked gorgeous.

Laura Cater-Woods' lectures were such a treat! I wish more members had taken advantage of the opportunity to hear her and see her work. It was interesting to see how someone who was traditionally trained to sew was able to combine those skills with very untraditional artistic abilities. She was a delight. I hope more of you will come out to hear our speaker, Sue Nickels, at the spring lectures.

The fall is a busy time for all of us especially with the holidays right around the corner. My best laid plans always involve lots of hand-made gifts for everyone, but I seem to run out of time and wind up making those quick 'n' easy last minute projects. Thankfully my quilting buddies are willing to share their latest and greatest easy gift ideas that are always a hit. It's still early in the season—why not schedule a gift exchange workshop with your chapter or bee and get a head start on these quick and easy projects? Maybe you can save yourself some time for more quilting during the holidays?

Whatever you do this fall, enjoy the beautiful fall colors and weather, your friends and family and take some time to quilt something wonderful!

Happy stitching,

Lynne Everly

QU Board Meeting August 24, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
Welcome by President Lynne Everly (Arl)
Dates for QU Board Meetings: October 5, January 4, April 5
All meetings @ 7:00 pm in Room 103 Packard Center, Annandale.

Newsletter

Editor Jeanne Coglianese (C) not in attendance but provided e-mail address for newsletter items:
qunewsletter@yahoo.com.

Newsletter deadlines: October 1, January 1, March 1.

Please send information re: upcoming programs for inclusion in newsletters. Submissions should be in electronic copy please

Secretary's report

Kristy Kahrs (Secretary) absent; Suzanne Langsdorf (Arl) taking minutes. No secretary's Report.

Treasurers Report

Eileen Linares (A) just received QU books from auditors – no report. She will schedule a meeting of chapter treasurers and will provide reporting deadline dates soon.

Membership

Cindy Pedder (S) (not present) but discussion initiated to clarify Life Membership terms: members must be 75 or older. They will not need to pay dues, but must re-register using current application form every year. However, Life Members are required to pay the Associate dues (half price, \$10) for each additional chapter they join.

Quilt Show

Quilt show chair Andrea Gribble (V) not present; on her behalf Gail Franchi (MtV) provided information re: Quilt Show Committee meetings.

1. Meeting locations: Kitchen of Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236 @ Olley Road (south side of Rt. 236)
2. First meeting: probably second Monday of September (Sept. 12)
3. Subsequent meetings: first Monday of each month through May 2006
4. Chapter Presidents are asked to send Andrea the name, email and telephone # of their chapter's Quilt Show committee representatives.

Programs

Program chairs for 2005/6 are co-chairs Lisa Langlais (Arl) and Anne Marie Folsom (FC).

Sully: Sun Sept. 11 – Diane Kirkart (McL) reported volunteers and arrangements set.

Fall lectures & workshops arrange, Betty Beal (A) in charge.

Fall Quilt-in = Tues October 11 at Falls Church HS, Theme is "Queen for the Day". Attendees to make crowns to wear – prizes to be awarded.

Raffle Quilt

Loretta Spittle (S) doing Raffle Quilt again. Falls Church made the quilt which is being quilted.

Old business

Discussion of ways to improve attendance at Fall lectures – study bringing back luncheon

Ways to promote membership – update & distribute brochures; provide samples of New Member packets.

Meeting adjourned

Suzanne Langsdorf (President, Arl)
Filling in for QU Secretary Kristy Kahr

Sully Quilt Show

The Sully Quilt Show was excellent. The weather was just lovely, not too hot, not humid and a gentle breeze most of the day. Our speakers were very well received.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to our speakers Paula Golden (McL), Kay Burnett (McL), Dorothy Stringer (McL) and Mary Pace (McL).

A great big thank you to our volunteers at the "Sit and Sew" tent. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The following is a list of generous ladies at the "Sit and Sew": Arlene Wagner (FC McL), Carolyn Lynch (McL), Critchett Hodukavich (FC ARL), Anne Peacock (FC ARL), Gloria Richards (F McL), Pam Zaelke (C), Helen Mielo (Pam's Mom), Libby Fritsche (B), Marla Bornholt (McL), Betty Ladd (V), Cathy Eckbreth (FC McL), Barbara Swartchick (FC), Barbara Kruszewski (FC), Nancy Fallone (McL), Linda Makranczy (V McL), Barbara Denmon (V), Rosie Pilkerton (FC A), Carrie Davis (C), Gail Franchi (MtV), Maryann Rozzell (F), Donna Sinrud (McL F), Janet Sampson (McL), Sandi Hettler (McL), Alice DeLaVergne (V McL), Ginny Hall (ARL), Bonnie Wilbur (C), Carol Campanola (R), Barbara Hoge (C), and Pat Blood (McL).

Thank you again,
Diane Kirkhart (McL)

QUEEN FOR A DAY -- The Fall Quilt-In was a great success!

In keeping with our theme, many folks wore crowns, of assorted designs and methodologies. Each chapter supplied a "judge" to select crowns noteworthy for certain characteristics (such as largest, most colorful, funniest, you get the idea). Some of the headpieces were definitely noteworthy -- not necessarily "regal" but definitely expressive of their makers!

We were treated to remarkable and beautiful quilts shared during show-and-tell. A special feature was the impressive "parade" of pink ribbon quilts made from blocks donated at the Quilt Show in June. Another special was the raffle quilt for the next Quilt Show, with exquisite applique and hand quilting. Displays of, and drawings for, the gorgeous "crown" blocks showed a good response to the patterns designed by Gene Ives. Hope to see some completed tops at the next Quilt-In!

Many folks went home with door prizes -- we had two kinds. Lots of them were donated by quilters individually and as chapters, and some were "royal" (super-special) prizes donated mostly by quilt-related businesses in our area. Every one of them added spice to the already enjoyable event. And we mustn't forget -- the food was excellent, a nice variety and plenty of it. After all, that's almost the most important thing, right?

The very most important thing -- the fun, fellowship, and lovely cooperative attitude enjoyed by all. Mt Vernon Chapter thanks everyone who attended, wore a crown, helped with show-and-tell, shared a quilt or two, judged crowns -- you made us feel really royal!

Clear Your Calendars for Quilt Show Classes!

Classes return to the 2006 QU Quilt Show! Starting with lectures Thursday afternoon and evening, June 1st, we will be presenting three full days of classes covering a wide spectrum of quilting techniques and patterns. Presentations should appeal to quilters of all levels, from bare beginners to very experienced stitchers looking to expand their repertoire.

We will be putting a page with specific teachers and class names on our quiltersunlimited.org website as soon as all contracts are confirmed, but we currently have verbal commitments for a weekend full of fun. A nationally known longarm quilter, will present classes on how to plan quilting patterns appropriate to your quilt top and eyeball them as you quilt without marking, on any make of longarm or domestic machine. Class participants will be able to try these techniques on Gammill machines.

For beginning or newish quilters, there will be a class on Piecing the Perfect Quilt block, full of tips and techniques for getting your piecing perfect, whether by hand or machine. Quilters of all levels can look forward to make-and-take classes for multiple quilts and wearables, including a sweatshirt jacket class with Priscilla Stultz, whose inspiring trunk show has been a highlight of several chapter meetings.

Intermediate quilters can improve their quilts with very easy methods for set-in seams and piping with the dynamic Susan Cleveland and special finishing techniques from Gayle Ropp, both of whom are very generous with their wide range of knowledge and experience. Those of us with closets full of fabric and boxes of scraps can benefit from excellent stash busting suggestions and free motion quilting advice.

Not confirmed yet, but we are hoping to offer very special rates on a local hotel, so you can plan to stay overnight close to the Expo Center and avoid rush hour traffic drives. Just as you plan a weekend in Lancaster, now you will be able to plan a weekend at the QU show, to take full advantage of the great vendors, excellent classes, and lovely quilts made by you, your chapter members, and your guild friends!

Award for Annandale Charity Efforts

Under the leadership of our Community Services chairwoman, Angela Barnes, the Annandale chapter of QU has, for the past 11 years, been making and donating quillows to the Residential Youth Services project for abused children. There are approximately 60 quillows per year donated. Annandale QU also donates approximately 40 baby quilts yearly for at-risk teen pregnancies. Members who have participated in these endeavors are Angela Barnes, Betty Beal, Marti Carrington, Jo Cotter, Ann Cox, Ramune Dailide, Paul Dick, Johnnie Fletcher, Mary Larson, Margaret Loftus, Dot Martin, Haru Myers, Rosalie Nahas, Carolyn O'Flaherty, Darryl Schanke, Virginia Stevens, Joyce Tobias, Ricci Waters, Stacy Northrup, Janet Grouchy, Linda Steans, Eileen Linares and Angela Shelton.

In June of 2004, AQU started an ongoing project with the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter located in the Route 1 corridor of Fairfax County. Again, under the leadership of Angela Barnes, a group of Annandale quilters teach quilting to the shelter residents every Tuesday evening. Since QU is a 501c(3) education nonprofit organization, it was determined that this would be an opportunity to share our quilting skills. This is a 2 year transitional shelter so there is some continuity with residents. AQU had helped the residents make 23 quillows for themselves and 20 to be donated to the family shelter (Mondloch House) for the children living there. The shelter residents had their first quilt show in August 2004 with 9 quilts. The quilt show was covered by the Mt. Vernon Gazette and the AQU was nominated for Fairfax County Volunteer of the Year Award. AQU recently received the New Hope Housing Volunteer of the Year Award. The members participating in this activity are Angela Barnes, Darryl Schanke, Margaret Loftus, Carolyn O'Flaherty, Joyce Tobias, Jo Cotter, and Johnnie Fletcher.

***** New Location for Vienna Chapter *****

Vienna QU will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Vienna Elementary School located at 128 Center Street, South in Vienna.

Springfield QU's Annual Fall Auction

You are invited to the Springfield Annual Fall Auction to be held on November 15th, 2005 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St. in Springfield, Va. The Auction will begin at 10 am., but come early to look over the wonderful auction items, then stop to look over "under \$20 table" for some great finds and not necessarily quilt related. There is always an abundance of homemade foods. We have had in past auctions wonderful hand made quilts and beautifully embellished garments, baskets filled with interesting items, crafts and always some unexpected surprises. This event is always great fun and supported by our members. Hope to see you there and bring your friends. For more information please call Carolyn Pic 703-440-1491 or email at cpicinva@cox.net. Thanks for your support.

2005-2006 Calendar of Events

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| Jan 4 | Board Meeting | Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m. |
| March | Winter Quilt-In | Falls Church High School |
| April 5 | Board Meeting | Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m. |
| May 4 | Spring Seminar/ Annual Meeting | Sue Nickels Lectures and Election of Officers for 2005-6 |
| May 5 & 6 | Spring Seminar Workshops | Workshops with Sue Nickels |
| Jun 2,3,4 | QU Quilt Show | Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA |

Schedule of Quilt Show Assignments for 2005/2006

| Assignment | Chapter |
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| Advertising | Centreville |
| Annual Show (food, drapes, stanchions, clothes hangers) | Haymarket |
| Classes | Centreville |
| Design/Layout (Mentor) | Falls Church |
| Design/Layout (Primary) | McLean |
| Demonstrations | Mt. Vernon |
| Program/Cards | Springfield |
| Publicity | Burke |
| Ribbons/Dolls/etc. | Fairfax |
| Set-up (Mentor) | Arlington |
| Set-up (Primary) | Vienna |
| Silent Auction | Reston |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Annandale |

2005/2006 QU BOARD

| Office | Name |
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| Vienna President | Theresa Nichols |

QU Chapter Information

Listed below are the meeting times and dates for the 12 chapters of QU. Please be advised that time, dates and subject of programs can change.

Annandale

Third Wednesday 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church. Baste-a-Thons: First Wednesday, 10 am. The Quilt Patch. Bees: Second Wednesday, 10 am., Packard Center, 4020 Hummer Rd., Contact: to Joyce Onesty 703-978-4684 conesty@aol.com

Arlington

Second Monday (Program), 7:30 Auditorium (LL) Goodwin House West, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church (Bailey's Crossroads). Other Mondays are Bees, 7:30 PM, Top of the West (12th Floor), Goodwin House West. Contact: Suzanne Langsdorf, smlangsdorf@yahoo.com (703) 379-4443.

October 10, Quilt in a Night featuring flying geese pattern

November 14, Diane Herbort trunk show

December 12, Holiday potluck supper
January 9, Quilto game
February 13, Quilt in a Night Mixer, supporting quilts for various charity projects
March 13, English paper piecing workshops and demonstrations
April 10, Margie Broderick crazy quilting trunk show
May 8: Annual Auction
June 12, June Potluck supper and installation of new officers for 2006-2007.

Burke

Second Wednesday (Business/Show & Tell), Fourth Wednesday (Program), 7:30 Cherry Run Elementary, 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke. Contact: Linda Cooper 703-425-5965.

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| October 26, Donna Clauer and Jane Johnston of Painted Stitches | March 8, Business Meeting |
| November 9, Auction | March 22, Mickey Dupree |
| December 14, Holiday Social | April 19, Business Meeting |
| January 11, Business Meeting | April 26, TBD |
| January 25, Quilto | May 10, Business Meeting |
| February 8, Business Meeting | May 24, Debbie Kratovil |
| February 22, Back to School Night | June 14, June Social |

Centreville

Second Thursday 7:30 PM at Colin Powell Elementary Cafeteria, 13340 Leland Rd., Centreville. Contact: Bonnie Wilbur 703-378-5802.

November 10: Auction
December 8: Quilto
January 12: Too Quirky Quilters
March 9: Eileen Doughty "Evolution of a Landscape Artist or: The Good, The Bad and The Arty"
April 13: Mary Kerr "What is your Grandma's Garden Worth?"
May 11: Barbara Zyguel "Quilting with Novelty Prints"

Fairfax

First Thursday (Business/Show & Tell), Third Thursday (Program), 10 am, St. Peters In the Woods Episcopal Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Dr, Fairfax Station. Contact: Wendy McQuown 703-425-7171.

Falls Church

Third Friday, 7:00 PM, Falls Church Community Senior Center, Falls Church. Contact: Libia Labardini 703-486-4234.

Haymarket

First Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Mountain View Elementary School, 5600 McLeod Highway, Haymarket. Contact: Jo Moury, 703-754-4902

November, Mystery sampler class
December, Holiday Social and Quilto
January, Quilt Show Drapes
February, Too Quirky Quilters
March, Mimi Dietrich (Workshop on March 5th)
April, Fabric Dyeing
May, Business Meeting, Budget and Annual Election
June, Social

McLean

Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact: Diane Kirkhart, 703-749-4645.

Mt Vernon

Second Tuesday (Business/Show & Tell/Mini-Workshop); Fourth Tuesday (Program) Room 112, 12:30 PM; Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd, Alexandria. Bees: Off Tues, Room 216, 12:20 PM. Contact: Gail Franchi

October 25, Silent Auction
November 22, Kay Brill, "White-On-White Marking for Hand Quilting"
December 13, Holiday Luncheon
January 24, Madeline Shepherdson, "Stack - and - Whack Demonstration"
February 28, Barbara Zyguel "Feathers and Cables"
March 28, Ro Coller, "Labels"
April 25, Anita Roby-Lavery, "Using Hand Dyed Fabrics"
May 23, Luncheon

Reston

Second & fourth Tuesday 7:30 PM Armstrong Elementary School, Lake Newport Drive, Reston. Bees are second and fourth Wednesday, 10 am Hunters Woods United Christian Parish; and first and third Tues 7 PM, Herndon Library. Contact: Lynn Brekke 703-476-1316.

Springfield

First (Business) and Third (Program) Tuesday, 9:30 am. Bees: Second and Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield. Contact: Penny Boyanton 703-527-2976.
September 20, "On the Streets Where We Live ... Where the Fun Is" program kickoff; Colonial Quilt Connection vending
October 18, Mary Kerr lecture "Out of the Trunk and Off the Tables" and workshop "Block Party"
November 15, Annual Auction
December 13, Holiday Luncheon
January 17, Eileen Doughty lecture "Evolution of a Landscape Artist" and workshop "Landscape Sampler"
February 21-23, Quilt Camp
March 21, Annette Ornelas lecture "Peeled Back Patchwork" and workshop
April 18, In-house lecture and workshop on Log Cabin quilts and variations
May 16, TBA
June, End of Year Potluck Luncheon

Vienna * NEW Location*

Third Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Vienna Elementary Middle School, 128 Center Street, Vienna. Contact: Theresa Nichols 703-938-3553.
November 15, Auction
December 13, Gayle Ropp, "Treasures in the Trunk" Emphasis on Quilting the Quilt
January 17, Make-a-Quilt Night
February 21, TBD
March 31, Barbara Hollinger Trunk Show
April 18, Karen Kay Buckley Lecture "To Border or Not to Border? That is the Question!"
Machine Appliqué Workshop
May 16, Patsy Hartnett "Politics & the Needle"
June, Dinner

Quilters Unlimited (QU) is a non-profit organization of quilters, with all chapters and activities in Northern Virginia. Founded in 1972, it has grown to approximately 1,500 members in 12 chapters, unified by a central Board of Directors. Members include women and men of all ages; traditionalists and contemporary quilters; beginners to renowned experts. Each chapter has its own scheduled events and functions. All chapters come together for Fall and Winter Quilt-Ins, a Fall Seminar, a Spring Quilt Exhibit showcasing members' work, and a May annual meeting with accompanying workshops. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting of any chapter, as well as other QU activities. Annual membership is \$20. Our web page is at www.quiltersunlimited.org. All QU members are welcome to contribute newsletter submissions. Contact Jeanne Coglianese, 703-449-9541 or qunewsletter@yahoo.com

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