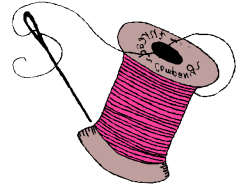


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Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited August 2008

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Hi Everyone,

Summer is in full swing now and it's hard to believe that in a few weeks it will begin to wind down. Many of you are away enjoying travel, family and friends. Enjoy the company and be safe in your travels! You may even find some time to stitch a bit here and there.

Members of the board have been busy with getting the last touches on all the exciting things planned for the upcoming year. Get ready to learn and enjoy this year! Lots of things are planned and we hope everyone will be willing to learn something new along the way and also share your skills with the group! Judy Beigbeder has been busy with testing her ideas for In-house Programs. She has let me peek at some of the items and they are stunning! Jill Redding has been busy with confirming our guest speakers and workshops that will be offered. Plan on coming to hear the lectures and participate in the various workshops throughout the year as there will be something for everyone! There is a list of these programs in this newsletter and the list will also be available at the meeting on September 2.

I just wanted to mention that our Sit and Sew Tuesdays in the church have been well attended this summer. The name should really be Sit and Sewcialize Tuesdays! On Tuesday, July 22, there was a mini class on paper piecing; some of the art quilt group was working on embellishments; several came and basted quilts; hand piecing and hand quilting was evident around the room. On August 5 and 19 we will be at the church hall. **And please note this change to the summer schedule published in the last newsletter: The August 12 and August 26 Tuesday meetings will NOT be at Joan McGowan's. August 12 will be at the church, and the August 26 End-of-Summer Party will be at Kim Fess' home in Annandale. You'll find more info on the party later in this newsletter.**

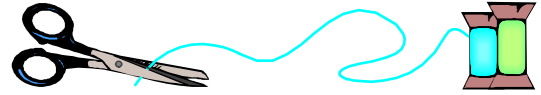
The bus trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XV in Harrisburg, PA, opened up to other chapters on August 3. Nancy Vogel has been busy working on getting this trip organized for Friday, September 5. There will be 600 quilts and garments on display and over 200 vendor booths. If you haven't reserved your seat on the bus do it soon. It is always lots of fun and the quilts at this show are amazing!

Plans are underway for the QU Fall Lecture and Workshops on October 23, 24 and 25. Carol Taylor will be the featured quilter. There is more information about Carol's lecture and workshops later in this newsletter. Her web site is also included in this announcement.

Soon the days of August will be getting shorter and we will all begin to think about the fall and returning to SQU. Please make plans to come to the meeting on Tuesday, September 2, and see what is planned to inspire you with your quilting during 2008-2009!
May your bobbin always be full!

Sue

VP'S Corner



Since last month plans for the March program have firmed up. Here again are the program highlights:

September 18--Kathy Lincoln will be presenting a lecture entitled "Pattern Problem Solving". Kathy is an instructor at Treasures from the Heart in Occoquan. She does beautiful work and is an excellent speaker.

October 21—Heidi Thayer will be giving a lecture on the Cotton Theory Method, a technique developed by Betty Cotton where you piece and quilt at the same time. For those times when you want to whip something up and not have to quilt it after you finish the top, this is for you. I think it is a skill that will really come in handy. On October 22 Heidi will be teaching us the method in a hands-on workshop

November 18--SQU Auction

December 9--Holiday Luncheon

January 20--Bonnie Hunter will be lecturing on scrap quilts and on the 21st we will have a workshop entitled "Crumbs". Bonnie has a wonderful website at Quiltville.com. Please go check it out; you will be so happy that she is coming!

February 17, 18 and 19--Quilt Camp

March 17—Lecture/workshop by Lesley Riley. Her website is LaLas.land.com

April 21--Ann Littleton, new SQU member and a wonderful quilter/teacher, will be presenting a nine-patch trunk show and doing a "Nickelmania" workshop in the afternoon. Get out those charm squares for this one!

May 19--TBD

I just wanted to add that I have seen one of Judy Beigbeder's mystery quilts and I want to tell you that it is slightly challenging but, if you do it, you won't be disappointed. It is spectacular! Judy has worked tirelessly and those of you who participate will really have some beautiful quilts at the end of the year!

Stay cool!

Jill

Springfield QU Auction - November 18th, 2008

I know it seems like it is too early to be thinking about the Auction, but now is the perfect time. As you finish your UFOs and go through your sewing rooms, keep our auction in mind. Just to list a few things from last year's Silent Auction to get you started: a patchwork tote, black and white quilt kit, greeting card box with cards and organizer, flower power purse, lasagna dinner, live boxwood arrangement, Alto cutting board, wool batting and Amish UFO. I hope this will get you thinking. We can always use fat quarters, baskets or containers and generally nice stuff to fill them. Well, have a nice summer. If you have any questions, see me on Tuesdays or call 703-440-1491 or email cpicinva@verizon.net.

Carolyn Pic, Auction Chairman



DRINK GREEN—Bring your own coffee cup to our meetings!

SQU Bus Trip

There are still seats left on the bus trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Harrisburg, PA on Friday, September 5. We will be leaving from Grace Presbyterian Church at 7:00 am sharp and will return around 9 pm. We will stop at a restaurant for dinner on the way home. Cost will be \$45 per person, which includes admission to the show and bus transportation. Meals will be at your own expense. Send your check made out to SQU to: Nancy Vogel, 5804 New England Woods Drive, Burke, VA 22015. If you have been holding off deciding whether or not to go, your time is almost up—empty seats have been offered to Big QU members and the bus will fill quickly. Any questions? Call Nancy at 703-250-2864 or email nanzov@cox.net. For more info about the show, see www.quiltfest.com.



Are You Insane?

Or just Crazy about **Quilting!**

Please bring your Crazy Patch Quilted items to the opening meeting on Sept 2 for display. An opportunity will be offered for you to give a bit of their history, or you may provide a note card with the info for display. A table will be set up in front of the stage for what I hope will be a delightful array of Crazy Patch Quilting.

Judy Beigbeder

Big QU Fall Lecture and Workshops

Yes, it's time to look at that calendar and schedule three wonderful days of learning and inspiration that will be shared with us here in Northern Virginia by internationally-known, award-winning quilt artist, Carol Taylor. Carol approaches her quilt making with intensity and a seemingly boundless energy. Use of vibrant colors, striking contrasts and value, as well as heavy machine quilting and embroidery distinguish Carol's quilts. Carol will be presenting her lecture "**Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time**" on Thursday evening, October 23, 2008. Carol has been quilting since 1993 and has created over 475 quilts! Carol has won numerous awards through the years, her most recent for her quilt, *Dispersion*, which won Best of Show at Quilts Challenge in August 2006. The December 2007 issue of *Quilters Newsletter Magazine* featured Carol's quilt, *Evergreen*, on the cover and also included a three-page article. The September 2008 issue of *American Quilter* has a picture of one of Carol's quilts on the cover and a feature article about her. To learn more about Carol and to see her wonderful contemporary quilts go to her web site <http://www.caroltaylorquilts.com>. The lecture will be followed by two all-day workshops. The first workshop, "**Free Motion Quilting Patterns**," will be held on Friday, October 24, 2008. The second workshop, "**Arc-i-Textures**," will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. Specific details about times, locations, and registration will be available some time in August. Look forward to seeing you all there! Sue Galasso, Springfield QU, suegalasso@hotmail.com (workshops). Nancy Vogel, Burke QU, nanzov@cox.net (lecture).

Share your favorite...

Is a new column this year. Each month you are invited to share your favorite...whatever. It can be your favorite restaurant, favorite book, favorite website, favorite vacation location or...whatever! To get things started this month I will share my two favorite summertime dessert recipes. The first I love because it is easy, cool, and tart. The second is a favorite because it uses one of the most wonderful fruits of the season.

Creamy Lemonade Pie

- 2 (5 oz.) cans evaporated milk
 - 2 (3.4 oz.) pkgs. lemon instant pudding mix
 - 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
 - 2 (3 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (12 oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate, partially thawed
 - 1 (9 oz.) ready-made prepared graham cracker crust
- Garnishes: whipped cream, fresh mint springs, lemon slices



Whisk together evaporated milk and pudding mix in a bowl 2 minutes or until thickened. Beat cream cheeses at medium speed with an electric mixer, using whisk attachment, until fluffy. Add lemonade concentrate, beating until blended; add pudding mixture, and beat until blended. Pour into crust; freeze 4 hours or until firm. Garnish, if desired. Makes 8 servings. NOTE: Since this mixture almost overfills the crust called for in the recipe, I use two smaller ready-made crusts...and get two for the price of one!

Paula Deen's Peach Cream Tart

Crust:

- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons sour cream

Filling:

- 3 large egg yolks
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

About 6 medium peaches, peeled and thickly sliced (sprinkle with lemon juice to keep from darkening)

Glaze:

- 1/2 cup peach preserves or jelly, warmed
- 1 tablespoon frozen lemonade concentrate

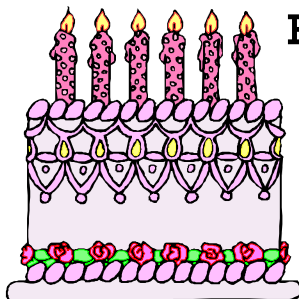


Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Place the flour, butter and sour cream in food processor and pulse to combine. When the dough has formed a ball, pat with lightly-floured hands into the bottom and sides of an ungreased 10-inch tart pan with a removable bottom and 1/2-inch sides. Bake for about 15 minutes, until the crust is set but not browned. Let cool while preparing the filling. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Combine the egg yolks, sour cream, sugar and flour and beat until smooth. Arrange the peach slices in overlapping circles on top of the crust until it's completely covered. Overfill the crust, as the peaches will draw up during cooking. Pour the filling mixture over the peaches. Place the tart pan on a baking sheet and bake for about 1 hour, until the custard sets and is pale golden in color. Cover with an aluminum foil tent if the crust gets too dark. Transfer the tart pan to a wire rack to cool. When cool, remove the side wall of the pan. To make the glaze, combine the preserves or jelly and the lemonade. Spread with a pastry brush over the top of the warm tart. Serve the tart warm, at room temperature or chilled. It's delicious any way!

Enjoy my favorites! Kim Fess

SQU Spring Retreat

Springfield QU's 10th Annual Spring Retreat will be on Monday, March 23, 2009 through Friday, March 27, 2009, at beautiful Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Total cost of the retreat this year will be \$324 (an increase of only \$4 over last year) which includes double lodging and all meals. The retreat has a limit of 14 persons. First come, first served. The first payment of \$108 will be due on October 7, 2008. For more information about the retreat, contact the Retreat Chairman, Kim Fess at kimfess@aol.com or 703-239-0314.



Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who are celebrating their special days in the month of August:

Pham Thuan 7/2

Carolyn Pic 8/8

Virginia Ruffner 8/14

Tamara Webb 8/22

Roz Elliott 8/23

Karen Cross 8/26

Pat Lane 8/30

You're invited to the SQU End-of-the-Summer Party.....

Our annual end-of-the-summer party will be held on Tuesday, August 26, at Kim Fess' place, 8302 Miss Anne Lane, Annandale, starting at 10 am. As always, bring a dish to share and a chair. Paper goods, water and iced tea will be provided. Kim lives off Braddock Road in the Chapel Square Community. If you're coming from the Beltway, take a right off Braddock Road onto Wakefield Chapel Road; if you're coming from Burke or other parts west, take a left off Braddock Road onto Wakefield Chapel Road. Go approximately one mile on Wakefield Chapel and then take a right onto Holborn Road. Continue on Holborn until you get to a stop sign. Take a right at the stop sign onto Toll House Road. At the next stop sign take a right onto Duncan Drive. Then take the first right onto Miss Anne Lane. This is a small cul-de-sac so the parking is somewhat limited. You may have to park on Duncan Drive, but you still won't have far to walk as Kim's house is the first on the right in the cul-de-sac. Come and party with us and say farewell to the summer and welcome the beginning of a new SQU year!

Membership

Please note the following change:

Ann Douglas

New home phone number: 571-730-4536



Upcoming Events

ANNUAL SULLY QUILT SHOW on Sunday, September 7 from 10 am to 4:30 pm at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151--Vendors assemble on the grounds of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee at our 35th annual fall event to show and sell new and antique quilts, quilt-related merchandise, other fiber arts, antique linens, antique sewing tools, books, and fabric. Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited members provide demonstrations and talks on quilting. Once again the Hayfield Country Quilters provide a beautiful door prize quilt. Show includes children's activities, quilt appraisals, quilted door prize, music and food. Held rain or shine. House tour included. \$9/adult, \$8/senior, \$6/child.

ORIGINAL SEWING & QUILT EXPO, October 2, 3 and 4, at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA. For information on classes, vendors, and demonstrations, go to www.sewingexpo.com/chantilly.

OLD IS NEW AGAIN is the theme for the quilt show at St. Francis Episcopal Church on October 4, from 10 am to 4 pm. Items that would fit the theme include old quilts that have been repaired, new quilts made from old blocks, quilt tops that remained unquilted until they were discovered in an old trunk or in the attic, clothing or other items made from old quilts, and a quilt made from an old block pattern with a new twist. Maybe you can think of others. The Quilt Show Committee is hard at work locating quilts for the Show. If you have a quilt you would like to exhibit, old or new, please contact Clara Sue Ashley (R) at 703-759-4321 or clarasuea@juno.com. The church is located at 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, near Great Falls Park.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The deadline for the next newsletter will be August 22. Please e-mail your input, including anything you may have for "Share Your Favorite..." to kimfess@aol.com. I would appreciate it if you would send your copy in the body of your e-mail rather than as an attachment and keep any formatting to a minimum. That will help to save me time. Thanks. Kim

