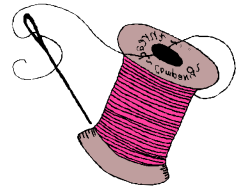


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited August 2009

Our 2009-2010 Volunteers

President—Lynn Munch	VP—Julia Renken
Treasurer—Cathy Powers	Secretary—Roxanne Pressnell
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Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Reps—	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Roz Elliott	Web Page Contact—Lynn Munch
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Rebecca Heinze
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Quilt Camp—Kitty Tyler	Sunshine—Beth Freerksen
Membership/Welcome—Carolina Diez	Bus Trip—
Quilt Collectors—Sue Baker & Beverly Pontius	
Coffee—Carole Bloomquist & Joy Bauer	

Hi everyone,

We've certainly had the best summer weather I can remember and I hope you are taking advantage of it. I've enjoyed being able to garden more than normal, but it is cutting into my sewing time! One project I've worked on has been Sue Galasso's Summer Challenge. It will be fun to see the completed projects at our Program meeting in September.

While the summer is supposed to be our "slow" time, we've been busy! "Christmas in July" was a great success (see related article); on the 28th, the Board will have a budget meeting and Penny B. is planning a caravan to Webfabrics in Purcellville for August 11. On August 18, join us at Joan McGowan's for an "almost end of summer" picnic.

Thinking ahead to the regular meeting year - we still need volunteers to make the coffee. Carole Bloomquist and Joy Bauer are willing to be on the committee, but have other obligations which may prevent them from being there each week. Please let me know if you are willing to help with this job.

Lynn



!!!!!!!IMPORTANT SUMMER REMINDERS!!!!!!!

The last week in July and through the month of August, Grace Presbyterian Church is offering Lunches for Children in the Fellowship Hall where we normally meet. **So, for July 28, Aug 4, Aug 11, and Aug 25, we will meet downstairs in the Family Room.** We will not have enough room to baste quilts, but will be able to sit and sew.

August 11 - Carpool from the church to Webfabrics in Purcellville with lunch at Magnolia's where they give a 10% discount to quilters. Note: Webfabrics puts your name in for a doorprize at the end of the month if you bring your own shopping bag(s). The family room of the church is still available if you cannot go on the field trip.

August 18 - "Almost end of summer" potluck picnic at Joan's. It has become a tradition to end the summer pool side at Joan McGowan's cabana. So on August 18 wear comfortable clothes—a swimsuit if you want to swim--bring a luncheon dish to share, and a folding lawn chair if possible. The drinks, ice and paper products will be provided. We will gather at about 10:30 am and have lunch about 11:30. Joan's address is 7368 Burke Meadow Drive in Fairfax Station. If you are near the Fairfax Parkway, take the Parkway north, take a left on Lee Chapel, right on Ox Road (123), left on Clipper Drive, right on Schooner, left on Burke Meadow Drive. You can only go left on Burke Meadow; it is a dirt road. Go straight until you reach the house at the end of the drive. Park alongside the house and behind it. If you are near Burke Lake Road, take it until you get to 123, go left on 123, and then right on Clipper and then the rest of the way follow the previous directions. Hope you all can come; it's always fun. It is rain or shine as the pool house is covered and there's plenty of room for everyone!

Note: We still need volunteers to bring ice and drinks, and paper products.

Springfield Summer Challenge 2009 Update

“Fettuccine Surprise”

Many of you have commented on the ease and fun that you had in making this simply delectable quilt. Well now for the feasting! On Tuesday, September 15, please bring your “Fettuccine Surprise” for all to feast their eyes on! Show ‘n Tell on this date will feature these fantastic quilts that you all whipped up over the summer. Who thought cooking (sewing) in the summer would be such fun! Please bring whatever you have completed on your quilt to share with the group. Enjoy what remains of the summer!

May your bobbin always be full! Sue Galasso

Springfield Annual Fall Auction

It is never too early to start thinking about the auction. Last year's auction was such a success; so many wonderful items were donated. We are already off to a great start. Members have already donated several items: an extra long twin quilt with matching pillow cases, crocheted scarves, craft notions cases, a holiday wall hanging, a fabric basket, a table runner, two finished quilts--one 45x47, the other 68x85, a vintage quilt top (78x64), a beautiful holiday poinsettia centerpiece, a cute polar fleece scarf and a basket full of fruit-shaped fat quarters and yardage.

The Auction date is the third Tuesday in November--November 17th, 2009. Mark your calendars and bring your friends.

I am looking forward to what surprises are in store. We have such a generous, talented group!! Thank you for all of your support. As always, proceeds from the auction go to support our guild and all of our fun events.

Any questions please email cpicinva@verizon.net or call 703-440-1491
Carolyn Pic, Auction Chairman



Minutes of the Springfield QU Business Meeting June 2, 2009

The membership approved the minutes of the May business meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers – Get your receipts to her as soon as possible.

VP Report: Jill Redding – Sue Galasso thanked Jill for a great job. Julia will have a sign up sheet for the “X-block” workshop by Patricia Pepe. Cost \$20.

Programs: Judy Beigbeder – end of year wrap up. “Show Off” after break. Summer Challenge directions are available. Strip exchange has been moved to June 9.

Committee Chair Reports - Community Service: Diane Henry –Pillowcase and stocking workshop July 14 and 21. Information in May newsletter. Julia Renken graciously donated a quilt to the Ronald McDonald House. Julia has the pattern to make more blocks for a quilt to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Please turn in blocks to Julia by June 16. *Newsletter and Spring Retreat:* Kim Fess- Newsletter deadline is 3rd Friday of month. *Quilt Show:* June 5, 6, 7, 2009 –Penny Boyanton – Classes are still open, see QU website. Discount bracelets will be sold Thursday, June 4, at 12:00 noon. Springfield has signed up for most of the volunteer jobs-Thank you. E-mail Cindy if you would like to volunteer. Penny will be collecting items for the Boutique. *Hospitality:* Coffee group--Peggy Brower. *Refreshments:* Lynn Munch. Thank you to those who brought the treats to the June business meeting. *Quilt Collectors:* Sue Baker/Beverly Pontius- June 2 last day to collect quilts for the Quilt show. *Fall Retreat:* Joan McGowan – Fall retreat October 8-11, 2009, at New Windsor Conference Center, New Windsor, MD. Openings available. Joan thanked all who helped with the VCQ meeting. August VCQ meeting is in Highland County. *Library:* Loretta Shinol-Books may be checked out over the summer. Just call Loretta with title and she will meet you. *Farewell Blocks:* Cynthia Johnson-Daily- Farewell blocks given to Peggy Bowers who is moving to Texas, Lynn who is moving back to England and Cathy who is moving to Pawtuxent Naval Base. *Nominating:* Julia Renken—New board was inducted. **President's Announcements:** Sue thanked her 2008-2009 board and presented lovely gifts. Jill presented Sue with a gift of a quilt for which the members of the quilt made the blocks.

Break

Door prizes...Beth FINALLY won!!!

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned at 11:52.

Respectfully submitted by Carolina Diez



Friendship/Farewell Blocks

When a member leaves our Springfield group, she is presented with a set of blocks made by our members. Please help us maintain a supply of blocks for this purpose:

Start out with 5 blue prints 3-inches square and 4 unbleached muslin blocks 3-inches square. Sew them in a nine-patch pattern. The finished blocks should measure 8-inches square. Sign with a permanent marker, your name, date, chapter and /or any message you wish on one of the muslin squares in the nine-patch block. Heat set the message with a hot iron. You can deliver any completed blocks to Cynthia Johnson-Daily at our meetings throughout the year. If you have any questions please call Cynthia at 703-971-6033.

Also, if you know of anyone who is leaving during the year, please let Cynthia know of their departure date. Thank you for your donations.



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

And be sure to wear your nametag!

HEADS UP!

It will be cutting it close to wait until the September Newsletter or September 1 Opening Meeting so here is a little advance notice on the Annual Program project “Holly Day Grab Bag.” We did this last year and it had a good response, so why not try it once again!

At the September 1 meeting ‘grab bag’ bags/cards will be available for those who want to participate.

Fill the grab bag with 3 pieces of 1/2 yard each of your favorite fabric which will work well together. Complete the card with your name and if you wish add a suggestion of what (block pattern, quilt size--max 50” sq--or item description) might be made with the fabrics. Place the completed card in the bag and seal it for swapping.

Bring to the September 15 meeting the filled bag. They will be set up on a table. Those who turned in a bag will pick one.

The contents of the bag will need to be made into a delightful gift which will be given at the Holly Day Luncheon December 8, 2009.

Most Important - don’t reveal whose grab bag you picked until the luncheon when the gifts will be tagged with TO & FROM.

If you cannot attend the September 1 meeting, feel free to bring your fabric to the September 15 meeting (early) and fill a bag/complete a card then.

If you cannot attend the September 15 meeting, you must have a proxy do the bringing and grabbing for you.

Attendance at the luncheon is not required to participate. However, completed gifts must be delivered to the luncheon -- again use your proxy.

That’s all that will be revealed before the September 1 Opening Meeting. You won’t want to miss it!!

Judy Beigbeder, Annual Programs

Quilting for Others Update



Great workshops these past two weeks! We made about 93 stockings. But with what Mary Reddington has on hand from last year, and stockings that people have been making at home she has a total of 455 stockings. We need approximately 600. So, there is no 'urgent' need for stockings. If you have already cut stockings, great! Finish them up and we can add them to the current count or save them for next year!!



We also made about 167 pillowcases at the workshop and with the extra pillowcases that were turned in we have a grand total of 234. We need about 600 pillowcases. Mary Reddington has plenty of novelty fabric for the band of the pillowcases. If you can either donate or take home the band fabric and add a solid or 'calm' fabric for the body, see Mary. She will be at off -Tuesdays.

You can turn in completed stockings and pillowcases to either Loretta Shinol, Mary Reddington or Carolina Diez.

THANK YOU for all you do to help our community!!!

VERY IMPORTANT NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

All input for the September newsletter should be sent to Lynn at llmunch@cox.net. Lynn will be doing the September newsletter as I will be out of town. The deadline for the September newsletter will be Friday, August 21.

Do not send any email to me at kimfess@cox.net. That account has been closed. Mail sent to that address goes to limbo!

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

Pham Thuan 8/2

Judi Kern 8/8

Carolyn Pic 8/8

Virginia Ruffner 8/14

Caroline Leroy 8/16

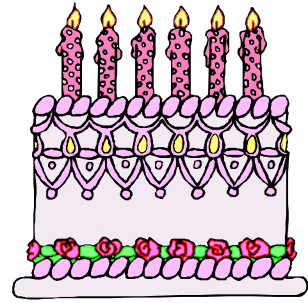
Billy-Jean McPherson 8/20

Tamara Webb 8/22

Roz Elliott 8/23

Karen Cross 8/26

Pat Lane 8/30



Share your favorite... 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!

If you like pictures and videos of puppies, especially Golden Retrievers, you will also enjoy my favorite blog: <http://gaylansgoldens.blogspot.com/> This blog is by a good friend of mine who is the breeder of my youngest dog and who bred our first dog many years ago.--Lynn Munch

Send your input for "Share your favorite..." to: kimfess@aol.com. Please!

Springfield QU - Basic Project Details

Farewell Blocks for members who are moving away from our area. Make a nine-patch block that finishes to 8 inches using 5 blue 3-inch squares and 4 unbleached muslin 3-inch squares. Sign your name, chapter and date plus a message on one of the muslin squares and heat set it with an iron.

Quilting for Others - Soldier Quilts for wounded and ill soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Finished quilts can be of any design. Minimum size: 50 x 50 square inches. Workshop in the Fall.

Quilting for Others - NICU Quilts for babies in the NICU at Fairfax Inova Hospital. Finished quilts can be of any design, but must be made from 100% cotton materials and must be washed after they are finished. Suggested size: 36 inches square. Workshop in the Spring.

Quilting for Others - Christmas Stockings for children of clients of Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO) here in Springfield. About 4 stockings can be made from 1 yard of Christmas fabric and 1/2 yard of coordinating cuff fabric.

Quilting for Others - Pillowcases for ECHO. Two pillowcases can be made from 2 coordinating yards of fabric. Use 27 inches of each for the bodies of the pillowcases and 9 inches for the cuffs.

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

When you finish a quilt, do you heave a sigh of relief and dispatch it to its resting place? Don't. Take the time to double-check your work for thread ends still attached (monofilament is particularly hard to see) and for pins hiding like trolls under the bridge. Check your completed quilt by spreading it as flat as possible, preferably on a bed or table. Roll a lint roller slowly over top and back of the quilt to pick up stray threads and pet hairs. Then shine a flashlight across the quilt as you peer carefully at eye level. See anything glinting? It's probably an end of monofilament. Once that is complete, put the foot of an expired pantyhose over one hand, and slowly move your palm over both sides of the quilt. This should catch any hidden pins.

Springfield QU Basics

If you are new to Springfield QU, here is the lowdown on SQU meetings...it's easy—we meet EVERY Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.!

- The **first** Tuesday of each month is our business meeting. It sounds like something you might want to miss, but believe me, you don't. Besides business, there is always a lot more...block of the month, meet the quilter, or whatever. "Stay tuned" to your monthly newsletter to find out what will be taking place at each business meeting.
- The **third** Tuesday of each month is our program meeting. Earlier in this newsletter there is information about the speakers and activities we will be having at each of these meetings this year.
- The **second** and **fourth** Tuesdays of each month are known as "off-Tuesdays" and are Sit 'n Sew. Come to the church; bring a quilt to baste; bring sewing; bring knitting, or just bring yourself. Sometimes our "special interest groups" also meet on these days. Whatever is going on, since Springfield QU is "where the fun is," you can be sure that there will be lots of laughter on these days.
- **Fifth** Tuesdays are the days that we devote to Quilting for Others—our on-going charitable efforts. Usually working in assembly-line fashion, we make quilts for wounded and ill soldiers or pillowcases for needy children or Christmas stockings for ECHO. Again, the newsletter will always give information about upcoming fifth Tuesday projects.

Our schedule is designed to make your calendar planning easy! Just don't ever plan anything else for any Tuesday morning; you already have plans! Yes, if you want the full "Springfield Experience," come to a meeting every Tuesday!

NEWSLETTER NEWS

All of the Springfield QU newsletters are available on the Big QU website, www.quiltersunlimited.org. Click on chapter, then on Springfield. You'll find all of the past newsletters archived at the bottom of the chapter page.

And don't forget to send your input for the September newsletter to Lynn Munch at llmunch@cox.net no later than Friday, August 21!

