



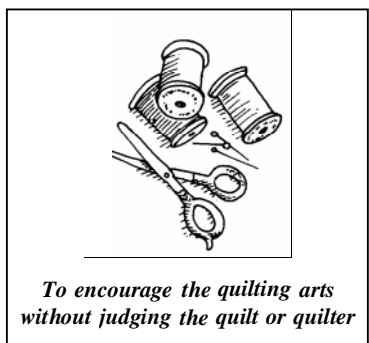
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April 2007

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Spring Retreat - Rebecca Heinze  
Quilt Camp – Jill Redding  
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### From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

Welcome to spring!! How nice it is to have warmer days and hopefully no more snow. We began our month with a wonderful showing of quilts by Lynn Munch at our business meeting. Lynn has a special knack with color and it was delightful to see the evolution of her work.

Our program in mid March was presented by Candy Edgerly. Candy introduced us to a whole range of new ideas. Her French seams are the tiniest I have seen. We had a great time looking and learning about dying fabrics and the process of growing with our art. Thanks to Lynn and Candy for keeping the creative ideas coming.

I took a carload of quilts to Walter Reed Army Medical Center this morning. I rode up in the elevator with a young soldier walking with a cane. He showed interest in what I had and we began to talk. I asked if he had gotten a quilt when he arrived and he said he had not; he was probably given a polar fleece since he lost part of his leg.....in any event I asked him if he would like to have one now. He was delighted. I opened the two bags I was carrying at the time and let him pick out the one he wanted. He was looking for one with an American flag on it. The quilt he selected had a big star in the middle. He also selected one for his buddy who had also been wounded. He was so touched that we would spend all the time necessary to make the beautiful quilts for people we don't even know. He asked that I thank each and every one of you for him. He took my email address so we may be hearing from him again. Each time I deliver our quilts I receive more in return. The quilts that were delivered mark the 94<sup>th</sup> quilt since September. We will make

100 and then some; thanks to each of you!

There is so much going on, we have a QU Quilt-In in April and our big show coming too. Please do use the QU web site for all the classes and information available. If you are making the exchange blocks for the Quilt-In be sure and check the amended directions on the web. The site is at [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org). Sign up for the QU Digest if you haven't already; it sends out great information about all the QU chapters.

Enjoy the newsletter. I hope you were ready for the last Mystery Quilt clue Aby gave us last week. I am off to Spring Retreat on Monday. Please think of joining us there next year; it is great fun. You have a bit more time to sign up for the summer block exchange. Talk to Elli if you are interested. As always, I can go on and on, for now, enjoy!  
Thanks, Penny

## **Summary of Business Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2007**

Penny called the meeting to order at 9:50am and greeted members and guests. A verbal vote was taken to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Our treasurer reported a balance of \$10,457.32 and a membership count to date of 115. She reviewed the special offer for a Fons & Porter subscription. She also strongly encouraged members with outstanding receipts to get those in to her. Julia reviewed the status of UFO Challenge, with Lynn Munch the winner, completing 3 UFO's. Julia has two BOM's this month and, as always, SQU pins for sale. Our Mystery Woman appeared looking for her mystery clue, however, she was disappointed as there was none but was promised the last and final clue at the March program meeting on the 20th. Other committee reports and individual info included: Spring Yard Sale, Big QU Quilt Show, Quilting for Others; Fall Retreat; Quilts for Elderly; Spring Retreat; Summer Swap and Quilt Museum (Please see details in Newsletter for all events and activities). After the break we were treated to a Meet the Quilter with Lynn Munch, Show and Tell and door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Grimord, Secretary



## **Treasury Notes**

Springfield QU will close the 2006-2007 membership year with 116 members. We will be taking memberships for the 2007-2008 membership year starting in May. Watch future newsletters for more details. Please submit your requests for reimbursement in a timely fashion. Please deposit all outstanding checks by 15 June 2007.

## **VP 's Corner**

### SQU Bylaws

Your SQU Board has reviewed the SQU Bylaws (last revised in 1996) and made revisions to them for them to be consistent with the Big QU Bylaws revised in May 2003. You will be receiving a separate email from Julia during the last week of March with the proposed Bylaws attached. Please read these Bylaws and bring any questions you might have to the April business or program meeting. We, as a

chapter, will vote on acceptance of these Bylaw revisions at our May business meeting (our "annual" meeting).

## **Aby's Program News**

### Are You Missing Some Mystery Quilt Clues?

SQU Super Sleuths picked up the 7th and final clue at the March 20th meeting. They are busy putting the final touches on their quilts. Be prepared to show your quilt (at least the top) at our June 5th meeting. If you are missing some clues, please email Aby Dolinger with the clue numbers you need. [aby.dolinger@us.army.mil](mailto:aby.dolinger@us.army.mil)

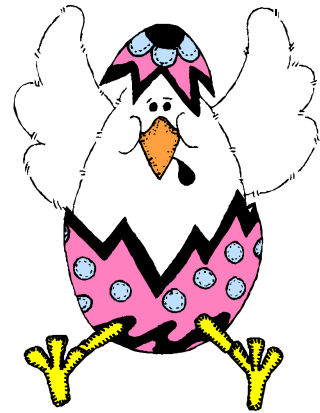
### Program Notes

On April 17 Debby Kratovil from Atlanta will present our program, "Shortcuts from a Short Woman." Be prepared to see beautiful quilts, to be entertained, and to pick up some great patchwork tips. Sign up with Aby Dolinger for an afternoon workshop. For only \$20 you can learn from Debby about "Building Blocks and Borders." BRING A SACK LUNCH!

Looking ahead . . . our May 15th speaker is Fran Kordek. She will present a 6- hour workshop on Wednesday, May 16th entitled "String Pieced Star." The fee is \$40; sign up with Aby Dolinger at an upcoming SQU meeting.

## **Culinary Expressions**

Thank you for snacks for our March meetings: Cindy Niles, Peggy Evans, Alice Richbourg, Loretta Spittle, Cathy Flanigan, Carolyn Pic, Mary Ellen Thomas, Lynne Baker, Bonnie Campbell and anyone who may have contributed but was not on my list! On deck for the April business meeting are: **Sue Galasso, Nancy Vogel, Kim Fess, Pam Morthimer, Gloria Boone**. Our volunteer spaces are filled up for the remainder of our year, thanks to your generosity!  
Cindy



# SQU ' S ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

Yes, on April 3, we will be having our Annual Spring Yard Sale. You are running out of time to go through your stuff. This yard sale is different from the Fall Auction in that it is a simple yard sale with proceeds going to SQU. To participate we ask you to bring your stuff that morning, priced and ready to sell (in increments of 25 cents). Sales/purchasing will take place throughout the meeting. At the end of the meeting you must take back any of your items that did not sell. The types of items that are popular at the yard sale include sewing and quilting stuff (UFOs, fabric, gadgets, patterns), cooking stuff, books, plants--anything cluttering your house that you just don't want anymore. This is another fun event and we always have interesting finds. Remember one person's trash may be another person's treasure.

See you at our Spring Yard Sale during the April business meeting, Tuesday, April 3 at 9:30 am. And bring your stuff!!!! If you have questions call Carolyn Pic at 703-440-1491 or email her at [cpicinva@cox.net](mailto:cpicinva@cox.net).

## QUILT SHOW NEWS

Springfield is the primary chapter & Vienna is the mentor chapter responsible for coordinating SETUP & TAKEDOWN for the QU 2007 show. We need the combined efforts of many, many volunteers to set up the show and take it down afterwards. This is a very big job; no bones about it! As always, the more volunteers we have, the easier the job. Many hands truly make work lighter – and safer -- for all.

Ask your husband/friends/sons/daughters to come work too! Children of quilters, and friends of quilters' children ages 18-28, will be paid \$12/hr for working setup and takedown. If they work Wednesday, May 30, or Thursday, May 31, AND Sunday, June 3, they will earn an additional \$25 bonus.

As the lead organization, Springfield also needs to provide people ahead of time, and during set up and take down, to do administrative and managerial type tasks.

**TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK SETUP and/or TAKEDOWN:**

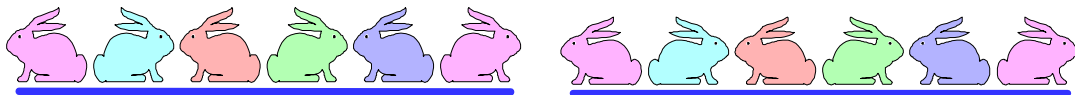
**PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL**

**Lynn Munch 703 768 6537, [llmunch@cox.net](mailto:llmunch@cox.net)**

### **FROM THE QUILT COLLECTORS:**

We will be collecting quilts for the Big QU show on 3 Tuesdays during May from 9:30 to 11:00 in the morning on May 15, May 22, & May 29.

1. Please have each quilt in an **individual** pillowcase or pillowcase-type bag.
  2. Each quilt **AND** bag must have a label with the name of the quilt, chapter name, and your name. Large basting stitches to attach the temporary labels are fine.
  3. Each quilt must have a hanging sleeve to dimensions starting with a 7", or larger, strip of fabric.
  4. Quilts will be returned to you on Tuesday, June 5th, at the regular monthly business meeting.
- Questions? Call Beverly Pontius, 703-323-8709 and/or Sue Baker, 703-323-6832.



## Nominations

The Springfield QU Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year:

President

Julia Renken

Vice President	Cindy Grimord
Secretary	Beth Freerksen
Treasurer	Kitty Tyler
Nominating	Penny Boyanton

Elections will take place at the May business meeting at which time nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

## SUMMER GARDEN SWAP

This summer's "project" will be a floral quilt. We will be swapping the components (4 patches and cut squares) to make twenty 12-inch "4-patch Square-in-a-Square blocks," which will make a quilt at least 48" x 60", exclusive of sashings, borders and bindings. To participate sign up with Elli Molstad and receive the rules. You must make a firm commitment by the first business meeting in May (May 1<sup>st</sup>) so that she can tell you how to package the components. We will swap the block components on May 8<sup>th</sup>. So far we have 28 members signed up for this swap!!

## Annual Fall Auction Update

Changes are in the air for our next Annual Auction. The SQU Board has decided to revamp and improve the auction. We are still in the planning stages but it sounds exciting and a lot of fun. The most noticeable change will be the elimination of the "Under \$20" table, in part because we have the Spring yard sale. We are considering a silent auction, in addition to the regular auction; and a "bag" raffle. More information will follow as we become more organized. This doesn't mean you should wait with your ideas and projects for the auction, just the opposite; we need you to get sewing and/or planning your donation. This is very exciting for me. You will be hearing more about the changes in the upcoming months. Thanks for all your help and see you at the next meeting. Carolyn Pic

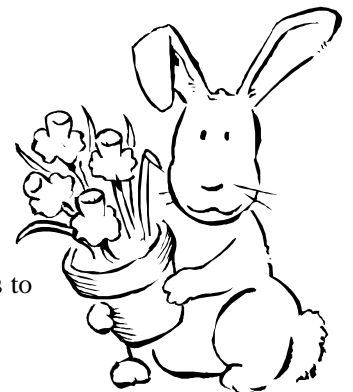


**Happy birthday** and congratulations to all of our SQU members who will be celebrating their special days in the month of April:

Lucy Kinsel 4/2	Sue Baker 4/4
Monique Schutsky 4/7	Wendy McQuown 4/10
Peggy Evans 4/18	Ellen Jaeger 4/20
Anita Cahoon 4/28	

## Big QU's Spring Quilt-In

Our next Quilt-In will be on Sunday, April 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Robinson High School. The theme is "The Stitches that Bind." There will be show and tell, door prizes, block exchange, great food, and lots of fun and sharing. Be sure to make plans to go. For more information, see the last Big QU newsletter or check it out at [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org). You don't want to miss this fun event!



## Other Stuff!

\*Fellow member Dot Belcher had a knee replacement Feb 17th. She is doing very well. She had her other knee done last year so she is very happy to be all finished. Her address is 3816 Stonebridge Landing, Chesapeake, VA 23321. Carolyn Pic

\*Hey gals, someone just tipped me off to this--HGTV is posting all the Simply Quilts episodes on-line. You can watch your favorite anytime. Here's the link: [http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/shows\\_qlt](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/shows_qlt)  
Enjoy! Diane Henry

\*Whoever my secret pal is, thank you so much for the wonderful gifts and treats you have been sending my way!! The material this week was a very nice addition to my stash! Sue Galasso

\*I have noticed that many of our members have been knitting at recent meetings. If you are interested in yarn (or spinning wheels, fiber producing animals, demonstrations, fleece....), check out the 2007 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on May 5 & 6 in nearby Howard County MD. It's one of the largest fiber festivals in the country, and just a short drive away. More details at [www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org). Kitty Tyler

## **Quilters' Heritage Celebration**

The big Quilters' Heritage Celebration Quilt Show in Lancaster, PA, is coming up soon. Several QU chapters are planning bus trips to the show and are opening up their trips to members of other chapters. The information that we have received about these trips follows. (Oh, and by the way, the Too Quirky Quilters will be performing at QHC's Friday night banquet.)

McLean QU has some empty seats for the April 12, 2007, trip to the Quilters' Heritage Celebration. We leave from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 888 Dolley Madison Blvd, McLean, just past the CIA on the left. The bus leaves at 6:45 AM and returns around 9:30 PM. The cost is \$40 which includes bus, entrance fee and dinner. Please call Ginny McConnell at 703-764-2775 or [vmcconnell1@cox.net](mailto:vmcconnell1@cox.net).

Centreville QU is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster on Saturday, 14 April 2007. The bus will leave the Artful Quilter in Centreville at 6 a.m. They will leave Lancaster at 4 p.m. The price is \$40. If you are interested, contact Delia Cogar at 703-542-8356, or e-mail her at [cogard@comcast.net](mailto:cogard@comcast.net). You must respond by April 12 if you would like to attend.

## **Places to Go and Quilts to See**

Through May 28 – “Jamestown Challenge Quilts,” “Come Home to Virginia Quilts” from the VQM Collection, Virginia Quilt Museum, Harrisonburg, VA ([www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)).

Through September 16 – “Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection,” Winterthur Museum, Wilmington, DE ([www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org)).

April 12-15 – Quilters' Heritage Celebration, Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, PA ([www.qhconline.com/artman/publish/](http://www.qhconline.com/artman/publish/)).

April 22 – QU “Winter” Quilt-In, 1-5pm, Robinson High School, Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA (see your big QU newsletter for more details).

April 25-28 – American Quilting Society Annual Show, Paducah, KY ([www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)).

April 27-29 – “Crazy for Quilts,” Friendship Star Quilters annual quilt show, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD ([www.friendshipstar.org](http://www.friendshipstar.org)).

May 3 – Spring QU Annual Meeting followed by lecture by Sally Schneider (Confessions of a ScrapManiac), 7:00pm, Robinson High School, Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA.

May 4-5 – Sally Schneider workshops, “Kansas Troubles – Not” and “Laurel Wreath”, time and location to be announced.

May 5-6 – “Quilted Jewels.” Quilters Guild of Southern Maryland biannual show, Village Green Pavilion, Indian Head, MD.

May 5-6 – Maryland Sheep and Wool festival, Howard County Fairgrounds (off I-70 between Baltimore and Frederick) ([www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org)).

May 18-20 – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Maryland Quilt & Needlework Show, Sotterly Plantation, Hollywood, Maryland ([www.sotterly.com](http://www.sotterly.com)).

May 18-20 – VA Star Quilters Spring Quilt Show, Salem Church Library, Fredericksburg, VA, [www.vastarquilters.com](http://www.vastarquilters.com).

June 1-2-3 – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilters Unlimited Show and classes at Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA ([www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org)).

## NEWSLETTER NEWS

Next month the deadline for the newsletter will be slightly extended. **The deadline for the next newsletter will be Monday, April 23**, instead of the Friday after our program meeting. Please e-mail your input to [kimfess@aol.com](mailto: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. Thank you!

