

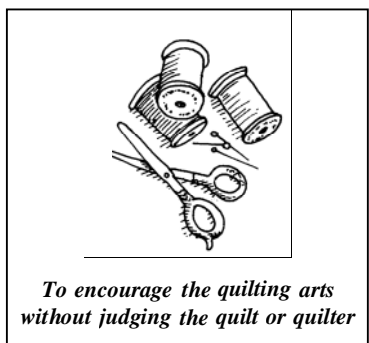
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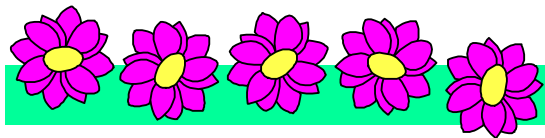
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President – Julia Renken  
Vice Pres. – Beth Freerksen  
Treasurer – Kitty Tyler  
Secretary – Beth Freerksen  
Nominating – Penny Boyanton  
Programs – Abigail Dolinger  
Newsletter -- Kim Fess  
Auction -- Carolyn Pic  
Quilting for Others -- Diane Henry



Quilt Show Reps – Lynn Munch &  
Loretta Spittle  
Web Page Contact – Julia Renken  
Holiday Party – Bonnie Campbell  
Door Prizes – Jill Redding  
Farewell Blocks -- Cynthia Johnson-  
Dailey  
Coffee/Refreshments – Francine  
York & Ellen Jaeger  
Library --Loretta Shinol  
Fall Retreat -- Joan McGowan  
Spring Retreat – Kim Fess  
Quilt Camp – Jill Redding  
Sunshine—Beth Freerksen  
Membership/Welcome—Joan  
Oelschlager



**S P R I N G**

### From the President

Ladies,

March was a great month for Springfield QU ... once again we demonstrated how SQU is "where the fun is."

We started out with three days of Quilt Camp. Thank you to Jill who organized all the teachers and demonstrations – we missed you Jill, and are glad to hear Gracie is recovering nicely. Over 60 members attended the first day of Camp, setting a new record. I hope all of you were able to meet at least one new friend during camp.

And thank you to Cyndi Souder who entertained us with humor while imparting lots of information about buying and storing our fabric. Those fabric companies certainly know how to market the lovely fabrics and notions, and make it nearly impossible for us to pass up opportunities to increase our stashes.

April will be another fun month. We start with our Spring Yard Sale on April 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by Linda Cantrell's lecture on April 15<sup>th</sup> and her full-day workshop on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Her lecture is one you won't want to miss!

Please remember to wear your nametag to meetings. We all want to know who you are, whether you are a long-time member or a newbie.

Congratulations to Carolyn Pic on winning the forty handpieced blocks from our Blizzard of Blocks workshop in February.

Check out your Big QU newsletter for information on the QU Annual Meeting on May 1 and Carol Doak lectures and workshops May 1-3.

Keep on quilting,  
Julie

## 03/18/08 Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by our President, Julia Renken. Joan Oelschlager introduced our guests and new members. Our Program was presented by Cindi Souder, a gifted quilter with a wonderful sense of humor. She taught us how to "build our stash" and how quilt-related items are marketed to quilters, a 4 BILLION dollar industry.

After a short break, Julia reconvened for the Business Meeting. The minutes of the February business meeting were approved with no corrections. Kim Fess made the motion to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Francine York.

Kitty Tyler reported that the treasurer's balance was \$11,227.92. She commended members for cashing checks promptly. There is a special offer for subscriptions to the Fons and Porter magazine; specifics will be in the newsletter.

Cindy Grimord took sign-ups for the Linda Cantrell workshop in April (a design and technique class, no sewing machine required). This all-day workshop will be limited to the first 20 paid registrations, so sign up soon.

Carolyn Pic reminded everyone of the Spring Yard Sale at our April 1st meeting. All items must be priced in 25 cent increments and what does not sell must be taken back home.

Diane Henry will have a "Quilting for Others" workshop on April 29th. This is your opportunity to finish a soldier quilt or start a new one. Diane will have a sign-up sheet soon. We will also be making small quilts in 18" or 36" squares for the NICU of Fairfax Hospital. Diane will have more information in the newsletter.

The nominees for offices in SQU for the coming 2008-2009 year are Sue Galasso for President; Jill Redding for Vice President; Carolina Diez for Secretary; Kathy Powers for Treasurer; and Julia Renken for Nominating. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Elections will be held at our May business meeting.

Our Quilt Show is just around the corner. Loretta Spittle and Lynn Munch urged all our members to volunteer to work at the show. We are mentors for set-up. Additional information about the Quilt Show and class selections are available in the big QU Digest newsletter. Springfield QU has 94 quilts entered in the show according to Sue Baker, one of our Quilt Collectors.

On off-Tuesdays there will be two groups gathering. One will be an Art Group lead by Sallyann Morrison and the other is a Redwork Group lead by Ann Douglas. Everyone is welcome to join these groups.

The QU Annual Meeting will be Thursday, May 1. Carol Doak, a master of paper piecing, will be the guest speaker. Information about classes is in the big QU newsletter. We will also elect new QU officers for the 2008-2009 year. See you there!

Cynthia Johnson-Dailey will have the farewell block directions in the newsletter so we can be sure and have enough blocks available and signed when members move from the area.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Vice President/Secretary Beth Freerksen whose close relative passed away recently. Beth, we miss you.

Submitted by: Penny Boyanton (volunteer)



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

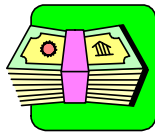
## Linda Cantrell Lecture and Workshop, April 15-16

Our April lecturer will be Linda Cantrell from Fletcher, NC.

The lecture she will present on Tuesday is titled “**Applique ... I Did It My Way**” – a lighthearted look at her twenty years of quilting. Linda will show us “how to make mistakes you never even thought you could make and how to hide them too.” And her hope is to show us that appliqué is for those of us who cannot follow the rules.

Linda’s description of the “**Still Life With Bottles**” workshop she’ll present on Wednesday is “No more needle turn! No more basting! In this class you are the designer ... no drawing abilities needed. Learn to make your own designs by folding paper and cutting. Make your still life any size you like ... any color you like ... you will learn to make perfect points, corners, and deep inside V’s using the freezer paper inside method. Plus you will learn how to frame your quilted art, for a more professional look.” The Wednesday workshop is sewing machine free – no need to carry in your heavy machine and all its paraphernalia.

The cost of the workshop is \$40.00 and you will need to bring a brown bag lunch. See Cindy Grimord to sign up and get the supply list.



## A Note from the Treasurer

The SQU fiscal year is soon coming to an end, so I would like to remind you to submit your vouchers as soon as possible. I will be out of town from mid-April until mid-May, so please submit your vouchers by April 15<sup>th</sup>, or hold them until I am back. Planning ahead, I would like to have all vouchers for this fiscal year submitted before 15 June.

## SQU Spring Yard Sale

Don't forget April 1st is SQU's Annual Spring Yard Sale. The yard sale will coincide with our meeting so come and see what great treasures you may find. Remember to pre-price your items (in increments of 25 cents) and please take your unsold items home. Thanks for all of your support, that is another reason why "SQU is where the fun is". Carolyn Pic

## Border of the Month – a Medallion Quilt Project with Six Borders

You have 2 more months to work on your Border of the Month project; we'll have a show and tell of these quilts on Tuesday, June 3rd. If you are missing any instructions from Sept. to Feb., please email Aby Dolinger: [aby.dolinger@us.army.mil](mailto:aby.dolinger@us.army.mil)

## UFO and QuIPS Challenge

Thanks to all our participants in the UFO and QuIPS Challenge this year! We have on record 10 completed projects; way to go ladies! Our grand prize drawing winners were Barb Sherwood and Julia Renken. Congratulations!

## **BE A 2008 QU SHOW DAY VOLUNTEER -- OWN THE SHOW!**

You can “own the show” – feel proud of making it happen. **Sign up and take on at least one show-day task at the Quilters Unlimited 2008 Quilt Show on June 6, 7, 8 at the Dulles Expo Center North Hall, 4368 Chantilly Center, Chantilly, VA.** Lend a hand for at least 2 hours and your entry fee will be reduced to half price for the day pass (to \$5) or for the three day pass (to \$10), whichever you prefer. Sign up early!

**Show Day Tasks:** Wear those white gloves to assist viewers to examine the quilts more closely (**Hosting**); Cruise the vendor area and “booth-sit” for vendors if they need a short break (**Vendor Tender**); Welcome visitors, sell them a ticket (paper bracelet) to attend the show, and place the bracelet on their wrist (**Ticket Sales & Bracelets**); Sell QU souvenirs and CDs (**Product Sales**), or Help Out where needed (**Floater**). Being a “newbie” is just fine; orientation is provided when you sign in. Hundreds of task slots – take more than one!

**We’ve Gone “Green”:** **Sign up by Email or Telephone!** Contact Mount Vernon QU at (email) [qushowvol@cox.net](mailto:qushowvol@cox.net), or Kathy Edwards, MVQU, (telephone) 703-780-8323, or Tammy Fletcher, MVQU, at (telephone) 703-780-1951. Please provide your NAME; CHAPTER; EMAIL ADDRESS (or TELEPHONE if you don’t have email); the TASK you want to fill, and the SHIFT(s) you want to work. Please put the words “QU Volunteer” in the email subject line.

**2008 QU Show Hours** (Time slots include reporting early for sign in, orientation & posting)

**Friday, June 6** (show) 10-6 **Volunteer Time Slots:** 9:30-12; 11:45-2; 1:45-4; 3:45-6

**Saturday, June 7** (show) 10-5 **Volunteer Time Slots:** 9:30-12:30; 12:15-3:00; 2:45-5

**Sunday, June 8** (show) 11-4 **Volunteer Time Slots:** 10:30-1:30; 1:15-4



## 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.

## *Git 'er Done!* At the April 29<sup>th</sup> Quilting for Others Workshop

Join us for a quilting for others workshop on the fifth Tuesday in April. We'll be working on finishing the quilts for the wounded and ill soldiers at Walter Reed that we've started this year or last year (you know who you are!). We'll have instructions on machine quilting and machine binding for those of you who'd like to practice those skills! Don't have a project to practice on? Volunteer to practice quilting for someone who has tops to spare (you know who you are!).

For those of you who want to start something new (you know who you are!), I suggest working on the disappearing 9 patch technique Aby Dolinger taught us at Quilt Camp. This is an easy way to create some terrific looking quilts!

So far, we've had 50 quilts turned in for the soldiers. We'd like to get as many turned in before the summer break as we can! Don't miss the workshop!

Also, don't forget about our new Quilting for Others opportunity. Carolina Diez, works part-time for the NICU at Fairfax Hospital. The NICU is in need of small quilts for the babies and families being served there. Specifically, the quilts should be at least 18-inches square to 36-inches square and made of all-cotton materials. We're recommending that you use cotton flannel as the backing and no batting so the quilts are soft with plenty of drape. They will also accept soft flannel blankets and soft baby afghans, the same sizes as above. This is a great way to use scraps, practice new block designs or use orphan blocks. And projects this size, can be machine quilted by even the most inexperienced quilter!

Email Diane Henry at [mdghenry@aol.com](mailto:mdghenry@aol.com) with questions and comments or to sign-up for the workshop (especially if you'll be bringing your machine for quilting).

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following nominees have agreed to hold elected offices in SQU for 2008-2009. The election will be held at the business meeting in May, installation at the June Business Meeting and their official year will begin July 1, 2008. Nominations will also we accepted from the floor.

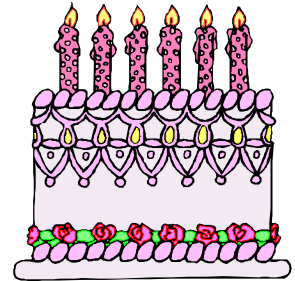
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Nominating	Julia Renken

Our thanks to each of them. We look forward to another great year, in Springfield, where the FUN is!! Penny Boyanton, Nominating Chairman



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

Sue Baker 4/2	Lucy Kinsel 4/2
Monique Schutsky 4/7	Peggy Evans 4/18
Barb Sherwood 4/18	Ellen Jaeger 4/20
Corrie Grummon 4/26	Anita Cahoon 4/28
Pat Turley 4/30	



## NEWSLETTER NEWS

**The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, April 18.** 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. Thanks. Kim

