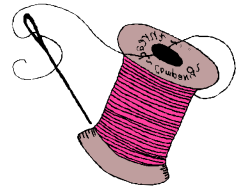


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited April 2009

Our 2008-2009 Volunteers

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Treasurer—Cathy Powers	Secretary—Carolina Diez
Nominating—Julia Renken	Programs—Judy Beigbeder
Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Reps—Cindy Grimord & Penny Boyanton	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Roz Elliott	Web Page Contact—Sue Galasso
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Lynn Munch
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Quilt Camp—Judy Beigbeder	Sunshine—Beth Freerksen
Membership/Welcome—Joan Oelschlager	Bus Trip—Nancy Vogel
Quilt Collectors—Sue Baker & Beverly Pontius	
Coffee—Peggy Brower, Lynn Matthews, Carole Bloomquist & Cathy Murray	

Happy spring, everyone! Sure we will have to make our way through some rain drops this month but you know that lots will be happening at SQU to help the sun shine on your rainy days.

Our annual Yard Sale is on Tuesday, April 7, along with our monthly business meeting. Hope some of you have begun your spring cleaning early and will have some nice items for this sale. Carolyn will have more on the guidelines for these items later in the newsletter. Please remember that this fundraiser and the annual Auction help fund our programs throughout the year.

On Tuesday, April 21, Ann Littleton will be presenting her Nine-Patch Trunk Show at our program meeting. In the afternoon Ann will be doing her “Nickelmania” workshop. See Jill to sign up for the workshop. Last month we had Lesley Riley present on art quilts. We had a great turn-out for her lecture and her workshop was enjoyed as well. Many new ideas to take home and play with!

Mary Kerr will be coming to our April 28 “off” Tuesday to do quilt appraisals. There is more information about this later in the newsletter.

Judy has us all busy finishing up on our Annual Program projects. If any of you are doing the mystery “Strip Search” quilt, you received your final clue a few weeks ago.

Julia has been busy filling the SQU officer nomination slots for 09-10. If you have the time and would like to add to the fun here at Springfield. please let Julia know!

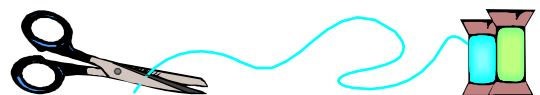
Lastly, the QU Quilt Show is just around the corner. Check your calendars to see when you can volunteer a few hours at the show. Together we can accomplish this huge task and have a great show for all to enjoy! More about volunteers will be in this newsletter, on the QU Digest and in the next issue of the QU Quarterly. Also, don’t forget to make sure your quilts are ready for the collectors with a hanging sleeve, label on the back, and pillowcase with a label for each quilt you are submitting. Collecting will happen sometime in May.

With April will come the rain that will bring all the wonderful flowers and color of the spring to brighten the days ahead. Enjoy the season!



May your bobbin always be full!

Sue



VP'S Corner

Thank you all for helping me out on St. Patrick's Day. There are two things you can count on when Sue is gone: one, the meeting will be short, and two, I will forget something! So thanks to all of you who so patiently helped keep me on track. It turned out to be a good thing that I was brief since Lesley Riley wasn't! I hope you all enjoyed her as much as I did. I thought the workshop was fantastic; we learned a lot and it was very playful, creative and different from most workshops we have.

We are winding down but we still have some great things to look forward to. And since our big quilt show is at the end of the year, we always end on a high note to help keep us inspired through the summer.

April 21 is our next program meeting. Ann Littleton will be speaking to us and then we will have a workshop in the afternoon on how to sew and design with 5" charm squares. It is popular but I do have a few spaces left, so if you would like to attend, e-mail me and I will send you the supply list. I will be out of town for our next meeting but I will give Sue the supply lists so you can also pick one up from her if you would like instead of having me send it to you.

In May Carly Mul from WebFabrics will be coming and bringing "New Stuff from Market"--no workshop just some fun shopping. And speaking of fun shopping, The Artful Quilter is moving to Burke. How exciting is that?! It will be so close to Beverly that she could probably walk there. Oh my!

One last note on the shopping front--sadly, Treasures from the Heart in Occoquan will be closing its doors. But in the meantime Linda still has some great stuff and it is all 50% off so if you get a chance, go help her out and get a great bargain at the same time.



Thanks again for all of your support!
Keep on stitching,

copingwithgrace@hotmail.com

Off-Tuesday Special!

April 28....off-Tuesday...Mary Kerr, an AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, will be our guest to do quilt appraisals. Do you have a special quilt you would like to know the value of? New or old, an appraisal is a good idea. Please visit Mary's website www.MarywKerr.com to read all about her work and let me know if you want to have a quilt appraised. Depending on the amount of interest, we may have designated time slots. A written appraisal is \$45; checks are fine. You will get a written appraisal by mail in about two weeks. Verbal appraisals for vintage textiles, etc. are \$20. There are seven appraisal requests on my list already so let me know soon; emails are great. Penny Boyanton boyanton@cox.net.

One quilter's junk is another quilter's treasure

Mark your calendars for April 7, 2009, for our annual Spring Yard Sale. All proceeds go to SQU. This is your chance to get rid of all kinds of things from your home. Items don't have to be sewing-related; if you can carry it in, you can sell it! Be sure to pre-price your items in 25-cent increments and remember that you must take your unsold items home. And bring your check book!

Thanks for all your support.

Carolyn Pic, Fundraising Chairman



DRINK GREEN —

Bring your own

coffee cup to our meetings!

And be sure to wear your
nametag!

Minutes – Springfield QU Business Meeting March 3, 2009

Sue Galasso called the meeting to order. The membership agreed to postpone the approval of the February minutes as they have yet to be published in the newsletter.

Correspondence: A thank-you letter from Bonnie Campbell was read.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers - As of today we have \$14,566.64.

VP Report: Jill Redding - Lesley Riley lecture/trunk show will be held on March 17. April 21 will be Ann Littleton workshop. May lecture will be Carly Mul from WebFabrics and in September Patricia Pepe from California will be here.

Programs: Judy Beigbeder –Insanity Plea, New York Beauty, Strip Search (last clue to be issued March 17.) Quilt Campers please return completed survey.

Committee Chair Reports -Fundraising: Carolyn Pic – Yard Sale is April 7. *Community Service:* Diane Henry – Quilting for Others workshop – March 31. Accucut template discussed and approved for purchase. *Newsletter and Spring Retreat:* Kim Fess- Newsletter deadline is 3rd Friday of month. Spring Retreat March 23-27. Final payment due. *Quilt Show:* June 5, 6, 7 2009 –Cindy Grimord –Springfield QU responsible for signing up volunteers to work the show. Please sign-up. *Library:* Loretta Shinol – Please check at home for any SQU library books. Some books are missing from the library. *Hospitality:* Coffee group--Peggy Brower. Refreshments – Lynn Munch. Thank you to those who brought the treats to the March business meeting.

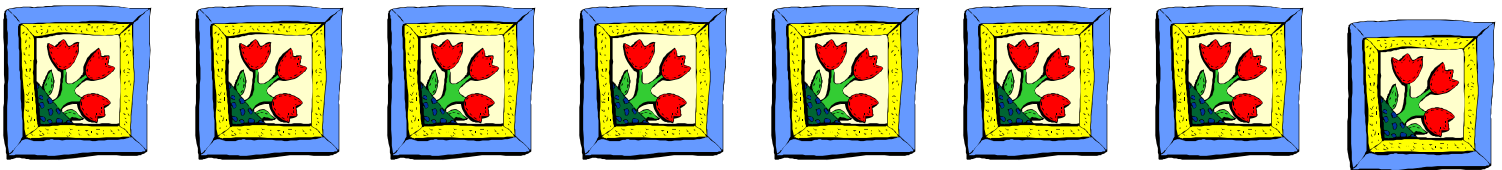
President's Announcements: QU Quilt-In is March 15. QU January Board meeting discussed making 20 quilts from each chapter for the Ronald McDonald House. Julia Renken is taking the lead on this project. Loretta Spittle to take lead on a proposed trip to the Lancaster if there is enough interest.

Break

Door prizes (sadly Beth didn't win any) and Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Freerksen (for Carolina Diez)



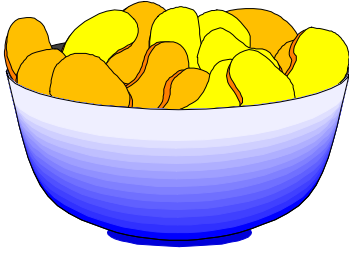
It's SHOW time--QUILT SHOW time!

The Quilt Show will be here before you know it. Springfield's assignment this year is to staff the volunteers and we have made a very good start. Our show is all volunteer and it can only be a success if we all contribute. Please check your calendar and let us know when you want to work, there are standing and seated jobs available. Please go to qushow09volunteer@yahoo.com to sign up.

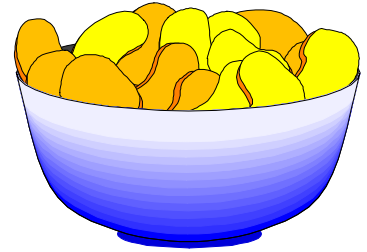
Lots of information about the show...classes, lunchtime programs, and so much more.....is available at the QU website so check it out.

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE : We have a good list going of potential donations for the Boutique at the show, a new idea that is being very well received. Our commitment is to also provide 5 volunteers to work at the boutique. If this fun job interests you, please let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Grimord or Penny Boyanton. We will be contacting YOU!



The Munchie Report



A very belated thank you to everyone who provided the great snacks for February:

Business meeting - Loretta Spittle, Lynne Baker, Kathryn Jones, Cindy Niles, BJ McPherson.

Quilt Camp - Roxanna Pressnell, Francine York, Patrice Mull, Dotty White, Cathy Flanigan, Roz Elliott, Beverly Pontius, Carolyn Pic, Diane Lamb, Pam Leonard, Kitty Tyler, Ellen Corrie, Judy Bryson, Nancy Vogel and Ulla Jackson.

March:

Business meeting - Cindy Grimord, Nancy Karpowicz, Deborah Hoyt, Marcia Wahl, Genene Chubb.

Program meeting - Jackie Zebley, Leona Childress, Janice Addams, Anne Bradford, Marion Parham.

I will bring the sign up sheet to the business meeting on April 7. We have a number of openings for the remainder of the year.

Thanks, Munch

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

Sometimes you can't see the edge of dark fabric under your ruler, because it blends with your cutting mat. The fabric will show up great if you slip a piece of white paper under the edge.

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

Ann Littleton 4/4

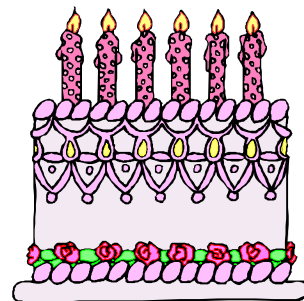
Yvonne Bagnell 4/13

Peggy Evans 4/18

Barb Sherwood 4/18

Ellen Jaeger 4/20

Corrie Grummon 4/26



Fall Retreat

The first payment of \$100 beyond the initial \$40 deposit was due March 1. For newcomers, the Fall Retreat is October 8-11, 2009 at the New Windsor Conference Center, New Windsor, MD. It's a fun weekend to sew and socialize with friends. There are still openings available; join us for the fun! Any questions email me at joquilter@aol.com or call 703-323-6048.

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! This month we have two contributors:

Kitty Tyler writes: My current favorite thing is the external hard disk my husband connected to our desktop computer some time ago. The desktop computer's internal hard drive recently crashed, but since the external drive was set up to automatically back up the desktop computer's files every week, the files could be restored after the new internal hard drive was installed. In other words, my Word files, my Christmas card address lists, my Excel spreadsheets, my digital photos all were still available to me!

And from **Penny Boyanton**: Last month we had an energy audit of our home. This audit was done by an independent company that did not offer any follow-on work. The entire focus of the work was the audit, not what other work they could do. Pascale Maslin came to our home and was there at least six hours. We got a complete report in the mail about a week after her visit. She gave us many helpful pointers of things we could do and made recommendations for professional improvements we should consider. She even cleaned under my refrigerator! If you want to consider a home energy audit, I highly recommend Energy Efficiency Experts and Pascale Maslin, in particular. The website is efficiency@epower3.com and their phone is 202-557-9200. If you have questions, please let me know.

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

News from The Artful Quilter

The Centreville store closed on March 23. On April 3, 2009 the shop will be happily settled at its new location at 9570-L Burke Road, Burke, VA 22015, just 3.5 miles from I-495 & Braddock Road, only 2 miles from Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Road. Besides expanded space and a larger classroom, The Artful Quilter will now be open on Thursday evenings.

There will be a Grand Opening Event the weekend of April 4-5. Lots of fun, food, door prizes, and an "Eggs-citing" Spring Basket of colorful eggs with hidden discounts up to 40% off selected purchases. Come and join Sheri and her staff for this exciting event!

We are SQU!



Peggy Brower--Coffee Queen

Where you grew up/are originally from? I was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to parents who had been born and raised in a small northern New Jersey town. Most of my growing up was in the southeast.

Family--husband, kids, pets? I am married to a great Air Force guy. We have four children, three boys and a girl, all young adults and living far away. Living with us are two high energy dogs.

Your occupation--currently or in the past? I began a degree in early childhood education and before finishing had intense hands-on training for a number of years. Volunteering has been a source of adult contact over the years mostly at church and in the kid's schools, especially the libraries. My husband is a degree junkie and I went back to school a few years ago to face my math and science phobias. I understand my husband more now when he talks shop!

How long have you been quilting? What got you started? I have been quilting about a year. Carolyn Pic invited me when I met her at the dog park (trying to wear out the crazy dogs!) and I am very grateful to her and the SQU membership!!!

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty? Project you are currently working on? I am still learning what I like. I understand much more than I did about working with fabric but have a long way to go. Thank you for all the patience and encouragement! I have multiple projects in various stages and **many** swimming around in my head! A soldier quilt is what I currently have on the table by the machine.

Hobbies/interests besides quilting? I like to cook and garden. Organic gardening is of great interest to me.

What you like about Springfield QU? Springfield QU has helped me maintain my sanity during some upheaval. What a fun group!!



Lynn Matthews--Coffee Queen

Where you grew up/are originally from? I was born in Aberdeen, Scotland but have lived in lots of places in the UK and Aden and Bahrain as my father was in the Royal Air Force.

Family--husband, kids, pets? I have been married to Roger for 26 years. We met at Guys Hospital London where he became a doctor and I a physiotherapist. He then joined the RAF and we have 2 daughters Emma (who also has a lovely boyfriend she met at university) who is studying Law and Accounting and Claire who is now studying medicine at Guys Hospital (now Kings College) London. Sometimes it does seem life is a big circle. We have a dog called Tasha who is living with Emma and I do miss walking her across the common to the pub.

How long have you been quilting? What got you started? I did do some old fashioned paper piecing in my teens; my grandma was very good at sewing. But I really got into quilting 10 years ago when we had an exchange tour to San Antonio, Texas. I took a few classes and completed a few projects. When we went back to the UK, I started work again so quilting stopped. When I arrived in DC (my husband is on another exchange tour) I knew I would start up my quilting again.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty? Project you are currently working on? When I make a quilt I have to know where it's going and what it's for. It is like buying material; I must know the project it's for; I can't buy it just because I like it. I have just finished piecing a foldy quilt and a friend let me borrow her long-arm machine to quilt it. That was really difficult and although it was quick I felt I haven't done it that well and think I will stick to hand quilting in the future.

What you like about Springfield QU? Springfield QU is very special. You are all very friendly; when you are in a place for such a short time it is lovely to be made to feel welcome. There are many talented quilters who are willing to share their knowledge. Thank you to all those who have helped me. I shall be returning to the UK in July.



Cathy Murray--Coffee Queen

Where you grew up/are originally from? I was born and raised in Victoria, Australia, but now consider New South Wales home. We live on a two-acre property about two hours drive north of Sydney.

Family--husband, kids, pets? Husband: Bruce is an engineer in the Australian Air Force, working here for three years with the FA18 program. We have a working holiday arrangement, "He works, I holiday." Love it! Daughter: Kellie, 21, is studying Business and Human Resource Management at University in Australia. She is also playing "lady of the manor" in our home and working part-time in an office. Pets: A beautiful Samoyed dog who thinks she is human, craves lots of attention, and loves to escape and visit all the neighbours. Then there is Lucy, a grey and white extremely aloof cat. "Feed me and don't bother me."

Your occupation--currently or in the past? Office management, bookkeeping and administration. Now retired. I will be taking back too much fabric (much cheaper here than in Australia) to do much apart from lots of quilting and catching up with family and friends.

How long have you been quilting? What got you started? I have been quilting around nine years. I have always done some sort of craft. I learned to knit as a four or five year old and later learned dressmaking, smocking, cross stitch and embroidery. I have been interested in quilting for a long time, but never had the time. I took quilting classes in San Diego (another working holiday when my husband spent two years at Miramar Marine Base). These were a series of classes, starting with log cabin, pine tree, cactus flower, one thousand pyramids and grandmother's fan.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty? Project you are currently working on? My favourite type of quilting is traditional, with a love of country colours and appliqué. I do lots of wall hangings and bed quilts. I am currently working on a king-size quilt which was a class through Maitland Quilters Inc. (Australia) in October 2005. The pattern is Star in a Box, and of course it is in country colours. I have hand quilted it and now I am up to the final border. Hope to show it early next year?? I also have several table runners and wall hangings in various stages; I hope to finish some of them in 2009?? One of them, of course, is the UGLIE fabric challenge. (Thanks for the yellow/pink pigs!!!) Most shameful UFO is a friendship exchange block--ten flower basket blocks exchanged prior to leaving San Diego in December 2000. Now that it is out there, I *will* put them into a quilt and finish it?? Hidden in the deepest bottom drawer?? A log cabin quilt top, meant to be a surprise for my husband when he returned from a three month O/S deployment. It's in several shades of pinks and greys. Individually they are all very nice fabrics, together they are a disaster. I intend to cut and re-use the fabrics in other projects one day?

Hobbies/interests besides quilting? Lots of travelling in your very beautiful country, some with my husband on business and some our own holidays. The occasional game of very bad golf. Some cooking and entertaining. Lots of seeking out quilt shops, both locally and when we travel. Knitting, embroidery and reading.

What you like about Springfield QU? I joined Springfield QU to meet local ladies. I particularly wanted a day meeting. It is a very friendly and easy-going group. Hope you all enjoy your coffee.



Carole Bloomquist--Coffee Queen

Where you grew up/are originally from? I am one of those rare people who was raised in northern Virginia.

Family--husband, kids, pets? Bob and I have been married 41 years and live in Springfield with our chocolate cocker spaniel and unruly 80-pound Labradoodle. We have one daughter and two grandchildren who recently moved back to northern Virginia from California.

Your occupation--currently or in the past? I have been retired for 6 years. Before that Bob and I owned an envelope printing company for 22 years.

How long have you been quilting? What got you started? I love all things old--Hoosiers, trunks and 20's oak furniture. For many years Bob and I went to all antique shows within a 200-mile radius. Then my sister got the bug and we went to shows within a 500-mile radius. In 1999 my mother showed me two quilts my great-grandmother had made; I thought, "I can do this," so I started collecting feedsacks in addition to Hoosiers, trunks and 20's oak furniture. When I had enough feedsacks to get started, I xeroxed my great-grandmother's Dresden Plate quilt and made a pattern. I didn't know the pattern and instructions were in books. When I had my top pieced and appliqued, I turned to books for sandwiching and quilting instructions.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty? Project you are currently working on? I was strictly a hand quilter until my hands gave out. I still prefer hand quilting, but joined SQU to find some kind of machine quilting that was pleasing to me. My favorite style of quilting is applique, but lately I have been too distracted by aging parents to plan any new projects. I recently found out Diane Henry can baste not-so-flat quilts with water-soluble thread to make them flat, so I am finishing up UFOs for her to baste so I can quilt them.

Hobbies/interests besides quilting? I enjoy antique shopping, reading and water aerobics, but most of all I like quilting.

What you like about Springfield QU? I joined SQU to meet other quilters and to learn the correct way to do things. I'm so glad I did because I have met a lot of nice quilters and have learned a lot.

An SQU Story by Jackie Zebley

The first time I visited SQU (as a guest of Joyce Canary in 2007) one of the goodies on the snack table was a chocolate, caramel combination on a saltine. They were yummy. The recipe was in the first SQU newsletter I received after joining. It has been a big hit in my family.

One of the magazines I get, "Good Old Days," has a section where folks write in with requests for various things. One was a note asking for recipes using saltines. I thought, "That is one I could answer," then I saw it was signed by H. E. Achtenberg of New Leipzig, ND. That is a different name and, strangely enough, it is the name I was born with in northern Wisconsin. My name was Jacquelyn Achtenberg and I have never known any other Achtenbergs except my own family and since I am from a family of girls with girl cousins there are none left with that name.

I sent H. E. Achtenberg the recipe along with a letter. She wrote back a lovely letter thanking me. She is a widow and knew nothing about her husband's origins or family. She sent me many of her recipes including a couple for soda crackers. I will try them and if I like them I will bring crackers and cheese to SQU!

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.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be April 24, the Friday after the third Tuesday program meeting. 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

