
Springfield QU News

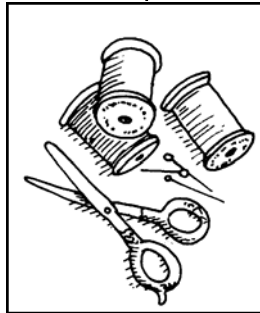
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From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

We have been busy this summer planning an interesting, fun year for SQU. Our theme this year is "On the streets where we live....where the fun is!" Julia Renken, our Program Chair, will tell you more about it. If you haven't signed up for the bus trip to Ft. Washington or paid your dues for this year you will be able to do that at our business meeting. If you want your name and address in the Big QU Directory, your membership must be current by October 1st.



*To encourage the quilting arts
without judging the quilt or quilter*

There are always so many dates to put on our calendars....just mark every Tuesday for SQU and we will be happy. The summer quilters that have been meeting at the church have basted tops, shared ideas, and generally had a great time together; new members have joined us too. Our end-of-summer picnic will be at Joan McGowan's on August 30. This is a relaxing fun time to sit under the cabana and jump in the pool if the spirit moves you. Bring a luncheon dish to share and a lawn chair, about 10-10:30 am.

Enjoy the last weeks of summer....I have had a great time with all eight of our grandchildren....the three four-year-olds are learning to swim and the two two-year-olds are right behind them! The seven-year-old is a great swimmer and the two-month-old will wait at least until next year. Our oldest granddaughter (12) will travel to Maine with us for the last week of August. You will hear more about all of them as the year moves ahead, they are my delight.

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Sunshine - Cindy Grimord
Quilt Camp - Jill Redding & Julia Renken
Winter Quilt-In - Kim Fess
Fall Bus Trip - Rebecca Heinze
Summer's End Picnic - Joan McGowan

Our thoughts are with Jo Anne Tikkala, a long time SQU member and one of our best. We hope you will join us whenever you can, JoAnne. Also special wishes are extended to Ann Dau and her son Brian and family. First time grandmother Vickie Basham will no doubt have pictures to share, congratulations! As our quilting year progresses, please let Cindy Grimord know of members to whom we would like to send a "thinking-of-you" card.

On a different note, I want to share with you my trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I delivered to the chaplain 25 quilts from projects done at The Artful Quilter and 19 quilts that Pat Bowsby brought up from her friends in NC. As I was walking through the hospital lobby with the quilts in clear plastic bags, I had to find a wheelchair to put them in because they were so heavy. The red, white and blue must have been quite obvious because from across the lobby a young soldier on crutches called out "Hey, I got one of those, thanks!!"

I am sure I could go on and on, but for now, enjoy the newsletter. It is full of valuable information. I look forward to seeing you at Joan's for the end of summer picnic and then on Sept 6 for our first meeting of the year. Please review the budget Francine York and your board developed -- we will discuss it and vote on it at the meeting. Also, bring all your show-and-tell from the summer, that is one of the highlights of our first fall meeting.

My thanks to all of you who have volunteered to do various jobs for SQU or just help out when needed. We are a wonderful circle of friends, and I look forward to our year together.

Enjoy! Penny

Vice President's Report

Here it is approaching the end of summer. When I was young I would never allow myself to worry about summer being over until my birthday which is at the end of August. I loved the summertime, the freedom to do whatever I wanted, and slow lazy days to fill with nothing and everything. I haven't changed much since then. I don't have school or work, but I still get that same feeling of something really wonderful is about to end again.

But, there are really wonderful plans afoot for a great year at Springfield QU. I hope we can live up to your last board and make things fun and exciting. We hope to have you meet some of the quilters that are members of our guild at our business meetings. It will be great to see what everyone has been working on over the summer. I've had a great time with my grandson (some of you met him when he brought his quilt project for show and tell) working on some art quilts made from his school drawings. I'll have them to show in September.

You see, I have gotten excited about the new year beginning and will soon be ready to jump in with both feet. I hope everyone had a fun summer and will be ready to come back with a bang. See you in a couple of weeks.

Springfield QU...On the Road Again

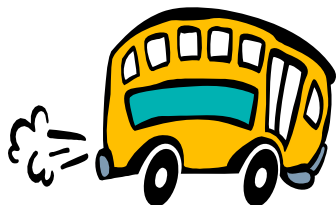
This year we are once again taking a bus trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Fort Washington, PA, on Friday, September 16. And Rebecca Heinze is in charge this year.

Just as in the past we will fill the bus with SQU members first. After our first business meeting on September 6th we will offer any remaining space to non-SQU members. The cost for members will be \$20.00 and for non-members \$30.

The bus will leave from the church at 6:00 a.m. and return about 9:00 p.m. (This will depend on traffic and weather.)

Our treasurer, Francine York, will be dealing with all the money so send her your check. She and Rebecca will coordinate the list. Seats will be filled on a "first come first served" basis. We have 40 seats available on the bus and we have 20 paid members already. So don't wait!

This is a great show with wonderful vendors. And as those of you who have been before know we really have fun on the bus. Of course we have fun everywhere we go because...



We're SQU...Where The Fun Is!



Library News

When looking for ideas for your next project, or suggestions on how to solve a quilting problem, remember the SQU Library, currently located in my home. We have books by Barbara Brackman, Jinny Beyer, Karen Combs, Fons & Porter, Kaffe Fassett, Mimi Dietrich, etc.; in other words, a very comprehensive collection. There are also a couple novels - a recent addition is Emilie Richards "Wedding Ring," donated by Loretta Spittle.

You can reach me by phone or via email. A list of books can be emailed to anyone who wishes

A Note from the Treasurer

The attached Springfield QU 2005-2006 budget is proposed by the SQU Board and recommended for approval by the membership at the business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 6 September 2005.

The budget columns for 2004-2005 are provided for background. As in the past, we were conservative in our income estimates and generous in our expense estimates. The budget as proposed will support all anticipated activities of Springfield QU during 2005-2006.

A Note from the Editor

I know we had a lot of catching up to do from the summer, but I hope that the SQU newsletter will NEVER be this long again!!! Wow!

But don't get me wrong...I welcome all of your input for this newsletter. I want it to be fun and informative. If you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, send it to me...via email preferably.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be our off-Tuesday meeting, September 13. I must have everything no later than that date because I will be leaving on vacation on September 21. I know that things will be hectic getting ready to go and my time will be short. So I thank you in advance for your timeliness!

I will be sending this newsletter to everyone on the email list twice. I will send it as an attachment and, because I know that some people have a difficult time with attachments, I will also send it in the text of an email. Additionally, I will be sending it to the Big QU Webmistress so that she may put it on the Big QU website (www.quiltersunlimited.org) in the Springfield Chapter section. If you read the newsletter in the text of an email, you will miss the graphics, etc., but you will be able to see that on the website.

Hope you enjoy this month's newsletter! I'll try to make it better each month.

Pieces be with you! Kim

Upcoming Events

One of the benefits of belonging to a chapter of QU is being able to attend workshops and lectures given by well-known quilt artists that are brought in by Big QU. In September Laura Cater-Woods, who was nominated in 2004 for Professional Quilter's Teacher of the Year, will be here. All of the details and the registration information for the workshops was in the August Big QU newsletter. Even if you decide not to take a workshop, remember that the lectures (one in the morning and one in the evening) on Thursday, September 29, are FREE! Be sure to take this wonderful opportunity to learn from an internationally-recognized quilt artist.

On September 11 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the annual Sully Plantation Quilt Show and Sale will take place. If you have never been to this show, be sure to go. It is so much fun—an open air show with demonstrations, vendors, and lots of quilts to see. If you want to see the show for free, volunteer to take a shift working at the show. The jobs are easy; you'll be asked to work in the "sit and sew" tent selling raffle tickets or talking to prospective QU members. To volunteer email Diane Kirkhart at dkirkhart@verizon.net. See you at the Show!

Quilter's License Plates

There is an effort underway to get a license plate devoted to Virginia's quilters. Before a Special Interest License can be approved the DMV requires that there be a minimum of 350 paid applicants. If you are interested in having a Quilter's Special Interest License Plate for your vehicle you are urged to fill out a Form VSA10 available at www.dmvnow.com and mail it along with a check in the amount of \$10 made payable to Maria Parker before October 31. (If you have and/or want a personalized license plate, there is an additional \$10 fee for a total of \$20.) All collected fees will be held in a non-interest bearing account until 350 paid applications are received for submission to DMV. Mail your check and application to: Maria Parker, Coordinator for Virginia Quilter's License Plate, 4905 Macilroy Court, Richmond, VA 23228. For more information, feel free to call Maria at 804-527-1559.

Program Notes

Our theme this year will be ... **“On the Streets Where We Live ... Where The Fun Is.”** Having the Blocks of the Month last year was such a good idea (thank you Kitty!) that we will continue the idea this year – with house and tree blocks. Each month we'll present a different house block for you to complete, if you wish. And we're going to institute a “Block Lotto” Block of the Month as well with accessory blocks – trees, fences, etc.

Here is our Program Schedule so far for 2005-2006:

- September – Program Kickoff - House Quilts Trunk Show and Block of the Month
Colonial Quilt Connection (Candy Bell) will be vending.
- October – Mary Kerr lecture and workshop – antique quilts and orphan blocks
- November – SQU Auction
- December – Holiday Luncheon
- January – To be announced
- February – Quilt Camp
- March – Annette Ornelas lecture and workshop – “Peeled Back Patchwork”
- April – In-house Log Cabin trunk show and afternoon workshop
- May – To be announced

We would like to present a Show of House Quilts at our first program meeting on Sept 20th. If you have a house quilt of any kind, I would love for you to share it with the group that date. Please give me a call or email me to let me know you have one or more to share. I would appreciate it if you could write up a few notes about the quilt and give that to me with the quilt on either the 6th or 13th. If those dates are not convenient, I'll be happy to come get them, or you can give it to me on the 20th. I will return them to you after the program.

Questions? Ask Julia Renken at Julia.renken@att.net or 703-352-2016.



October 2005 Workshop

On October 18th we will welcome Mary Kerr of Woodbridge for a lecture and workshop. Mary is a lifelong quilter who has been teaching for almost 20 years. Mary has focused on quilt restoration and repair; she is a quilt appraiser; and her workshops and lectures focus on quilting history and the preservation of quilting artifacts. Her lecture on October 18th will be “Out of the Trunk and Off the Tables” – a show and discussion about quilting with “found” fabrics. And the afternoon workshop will be “Block Party” – a workshop to discover innovative ways to set antique and new blocks. Participants will bring “orphan” blocks to share and Mary will help us discover the best ways to showcase these blocks. Julia Renken will begin taking signups for the October 18th workshop at our first meeting on September 6th. The cost will be the usual \$20.00 for SQU members.

It's a Challenge!

This year we are going to revive the UFO Challenge started by Betty Carnes in 2004. Rules and guidelines will be announced at the September business meeting. See Julia Renken for details.



End-of-the-Summer Picnic

Our end-of-summer picnic is set for August 30th at Joan McGowan's home. Please put this date on your calendar! Joan's address is 7368 Burke Meadow Drive in Fairfax Station (across from Burke Lake Park). Please bring a luncheon dish to share and a lawn chair. Drinks and paper products will be provided. There is ample parking in Joan's yard. Bring show and tell if you like, bring something to work on if you like....but please come. Joan's yard and gazebo are especially lovely this summer and since this is our only Tuesday by her pool, we shouldn't miss this opportunity. Long-standing and new members we hope to see all of you at Joan's on the 30th, we can gather around 10 or 10:30 and will plan on eating lunch at 11:30.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, July 19

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am. A program report was given by Julia. Our calendar of events will be introduced at the first business meeting and will be highlighted in the newsletter. The board is excited about our new theme this year! Kim will be adding some "fun stuff" to our newsletter also. Francine reported on the proposed budget which will be reviewed by the membership at the first business meeting Sept. 6th. Other items discussed include: new nametags; SQU pins; Blotto (block lottery each month); Meet the Quilter; I Want That (gadgets people gotta have!); UFO Challenges; Welcome folders; outreach cards; bus trips and volunteer slots to chair committees/events this year. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm. Cindy Grimord, SQU Secretary.

Subscribe to the QU Digest!

Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official QU newsletters. It's sent electronically to over 1,000 QU members via e-mail. There is no cost to subscribe. The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events, QU members and the quilt community at large, quilting tips, and interesting websites. There is also ongoing news about workshops and shows by QU and other guilds, bus trips, pleas for missing books or fabric, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't have to be quilt related! Subscribers are able to log onto a website to see QU Digest archives for the last few years, download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access a wide-range of quilting tips submitted by readers, and see photos of workshops and events. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, e-mail Barbara Tricarico (V, McL) at QUDigest@cox.net. Include your name, QU chapter, and e-mail address.

Refreshments

Welcome everyone to another year of great refreshments!!! We will have a sign up at each meeting for all members to bring their great cookies, cakes, or healthy foods. At the September 6th meeting Board and Committee members please bring a dish to share. Thanks! AND bring recipes too!!! Thanks, Pam Leonard

Good Advice

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt ICE.

ICE stands for In Case of Emergency. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone no. of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly. It only takes a few moments of your time to do.

Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!

For Charitable People Only

Last year's charity project, Soldier Quilts, spearheaded by our own Julia Renkin, was a resounding success. Julia reports we did about 55 quilts in total for the 15 months we worked on this project. Thank you all who made these quilts.

Last spring, Julia also told us that the Maryland guild which was coordinating the collection and delivery of these quilts has stopped their program. Just want you to know that I wasn't the least bit worried about losing my position as charity quilt coordinator, not with such a great group of charity minded folks like yourselves around! So far I have received 2 great suggestions from group members about possible charity projects for next year. I have summarized these below. Please read these items thoughtfully and come prepared to vote on which project we will adopt for next year.

We will be planning two workshops to support whichever choice the guild makes and don't forget Christmas Stockings for ECHO could be starting up again next July!

If you have any questions please email me at MDGHenry@aol.com.

Youngster quilts for military families staying at the Fisher Houses – Fisher House is actually a group of 3 homes used by the military families of service men and women in for longterm care at Walter Reed Medical Center. When the wounded service person is well enough to be discharged from W.R. but still needs out-patient therapy, they go to a Fisher house as room is available. Here, their families can join them. Approximately 10 families live in each house at any given time. Each family has a bedroom and bathroom. All the families jointly use a kitchen and other common rooms. The number of children and babies change as the families move in and out.

We have been asked by a volunteer at the Fisher Houses to consider making quilts for the babies and small children of these families. There is storage room available to the house manager to keep the quilts until they are given out to the families. The goal would be 50-60 quilts through next Spring. They would like to get 30 this Fall. Quilts should be: 36" to 44" square, quilter's choice on the design; and baby/juvenile prints for fabrics. As far as we can tell, no one else is making quilts for the Fisher House families.

Quilts and coverlets for wounded and seriously ill service men and women – The Chaplin at Walter Reed also reports a real need for more soldier quilts for wounded soldiers (contrary to us thinking they didn't need anymore—THEY DO). He also reports that they have many patients in for cancer treatment (some of these service people left Iraq because of their cancer diagnosis). Walter Reed gives each of these patients one of the yellow "strong" wrist bands from Lance Armstrong. He would love to have quilts with yellow in them for these patients. Lastly, for amputee patients, coverlets made from polartec have been requested because they are so lightweight on the amputation spot and can also serve as a soft cushion.

The goal for these quilts and coverlets would be: 36" to 44" square, quilter's choice on the design; patriotic colors with some yellow; polartec, too. We will make as many of these as we can. Other guilds/shops are also continuing to donate these quilts to Walter Reed.

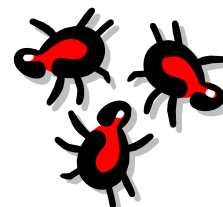
Sunshinꞑ!

This year the board would like to extend our thoughts, prayers, good wishes, congratulations, etc. to our members. I will be sending cards to that effect throughout the year. Please help me by notifying me or any of the board members of situations or events that would apply. You can usually find me back by the coffee during our meetings! I'm happy to take calls at 703-913-0126 or emails at david.grimord@verizon.net. Thanks, Cindy Grimord

The Quilting Bug



I've been bitten by wasps and mosquitoes and bees,
And by spiders and ants and by flies and by fleas,
I have also been bitten by a bug that's quite nice,
I refer to the love bug which bit once or twice.
Then the quilting bug hit me, what a bite that bug had!
I will never recover. I am certainly glad.
There's just one good prescription for relief when it itches
That's relax and enjoy it, and, as needed, take stitches.



Welcome to Springfield QU!

Hi everyone! I'll be serving our Chapter this year as the Welcome Chairman and am in the process of preparing updated Welcome Packets for our new members. We hope these packets will provide new members with lots of helpful and interesting information on our Chapter and Big QU and all the wonderful things they have to offer, as well as other info on quilting in our area.

If you know of anyone who is new to SQU, please contact me with their name and phone number so that I can get this new info to them and introduce them to our group at the next meeting. Thank you!

Marcia Walz

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Spring Retreat

It's that time of year again when we return to the regularly scheduled meetings of SQU and plan for a year full of fun quilting activities and socializing with our quilting friends. How about putting the SQU Spring Retreat on your schedule for this year? It is a great way to relax at beautiful Massanetta Springs just outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do wild and crazy things with your friends from SQU, and get some of those projects done you have been trying to get to for some time.

We have reserved space for 14 people at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center during 27-31 March 2006 for our Spring Retreat and you are invited to join us. The total cost of the retreat is \$310 double occupancy and is payable in three installments. By paying a deposit of \$90 (first installment) by the first business meeting in October (4 October 2005) you will reserve your space at the Spring Retreat. A second installment of \$110 will be due by Tuesday, 15 November 2005, and the third or final installment of \$110 will be due by Tuesday, 31 January 2006.

All payments for Spring Retreat 2006 should be made to Springfield QU. You may pay in person at any SQU business or program meeting or mail your payments to the SQU treasurer at the following address: Francine F. York, 7463 Brighthouse Court, Alexandria, VA 22315-3835.

Old Dominion Applique Society

If you are an applique enthusiast or an applique wannabe, you might be interested in the Old Dominion Applique Society. It meets the third Monday of every month at G Street, Seven Corners, Falls Church. Dues are \$20 per year. In October they will be having Jane Townswick do a program and workshop. For more information, talk to one of our members who also belongs to ODAS, Loretta Spittle or Penny Boyanton.

Happy Birthday to You!



Happy birthday to the following SQU members who will be celebrating birthdays in the month of September:

Lynne Baker 9/5
Joyce Canary 9/10
Janet Tanner 9/17

Carolyn Goodling 9/20
Babs Demand 9/24

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

The Original Sewing & Quilt Expo is returning to Dulles Expo & Conference Center, Chantilly, VA, on September 29, 30 & October 1, 2005. Exhibit Hall Hours: Thursday & Friday 10 AM - 6 PM Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM. Class times vary during the day and on Thursday & Friday evenings. For information, go to: www.sewingexpo.com.

VCQ Celebration

The classes and schedule for the Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ) Celebration 2006 are now available at www.vcq.org. Plans have been underway since the summer of 2004 and the excitement is mounting! Celebration is returning to Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center near Roanoke, VA, where the accommodations are great and the facility and scenery are beautiful. There will be exciting workshops, interesting lectures, great vendors, the silent auction, door prizes, and lots of FUN!! Gather to learn new skills or brush up on old ones, greet old friends and new, enjoy lots of good times and laughter, and share a Star-Studded Celebration! For more information about VCQ and Celebration 2006 (which runs April 27 - 30, 2006), contact Joan McGowan at joquilter@aol.com.

The Quilter on the Road

Abigail Dolinger, a new SQU member who just moved here from Germany, retained her membership in the Devine Quilters in Columbia, SC, while she lived in Germany and just about every month submitted an article for their newsletter. She is continuing to do that now and is kind enough to share this article she wrote for them with us. We welcome THE QUILTER ON THE ROAD and look forward to hearing more from her!

The Quilter on the Road Attends the Quilt Odyssey in Hershey, PA

by Abigail Dolinger

In the famous city where street lights take the form of "kisses" and chocolate is in the air, my heart melted as I viewed an exhibition of mouth-watering quilts! Although quilting groups and guilds abound in Pennsylvania, this was not a guild show. Rather, it was a medium-sized display of juried quilts.

You may see pictures of two quilts displayed at Odyssey 2005 in the September issue of Quilters Newsletter Magazine. On pg. 34 you'll find Susan Suhre's "Whig Rose Amended." (What the photo doesn't show is the tiny stippling throughout the chartreuse/puce background.) And you'll see "Toucan at Twilight" by B.J. Titus on pg.16. (The bright colors positively glow on the black background!)

In addition to the juried quilts, Odyssey presented Hazel Carter's collection of 19th century quilts; my favorite was a faded sunflower quilt in blues, browns and yellow. I also enjoyed the delightful display of Fairie Tale Quilts created by quilters attending Linda Poole's class in Nashville 2003. My favorite was "Pearly White: the Tooth Fairie" who poses by a tree glittering with golden coins. A border of white molars and snaggle-tooth grins in the corner squares rings the magical picture quilt. You would all have smiled in amazement at the Artbra quilt exhibit! They were created to raise awareness of women's health issues. I had two favorites: a mermaid with long crinkly hair on the shoulder strap, and a simulated box of chocolates on one cup with the lid of the box on the other cup. You may view the artbras at www.wtww.org.

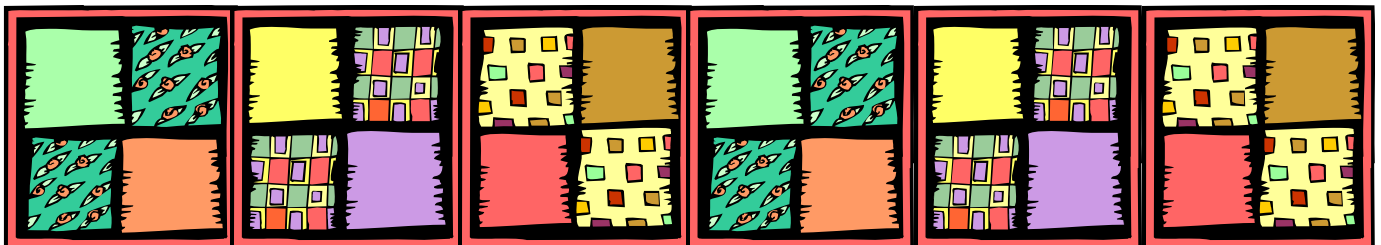
Perhaps you'll plan a summer vacation to Pennsylvania conveniently during the time of Quilt Odyssey 2006. The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center comfortably holds the show, the vender's mall, classrooms, and rooms for guests. Golfing is nearby for hubby, and Hershey Park is just down the road for the kids. What could be more enticing than chocolate and quilts?

Question of the Month

Each month a question will be given in this newsletter. Everyone is invited to email their response for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. The question for this month is:

What is your favorite quilting website?

Please email your input to kimfess@aol.com.



QU & Chapter Calendar

- August 30 End-of-the-Summer Picnic
- September 6 Business Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - Wear your nametag!
First day of registration for Big QU Laura Cater-Woods workshops
- September 11 Sully Quilt Show, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- September 13 Off Tuesday at the Church, 9:30 a.m.
Deadline for next SQU newsletter
- September 20 Program Meeting, 9:30 a.m. – Wear your nametag!
- September 27 Off Tuesday at the Church, 9:30 a.m.
- September 29 Big QU Fall Lectures, Laura Cater-Woods, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Goodwin House, Falls Church
- September 30 Big QU Laura Cater-Woods workshop
- October 1 Big QU Laura Cater-Woods workshop



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DON'T FORGET

First business meeting of the year is September 6; bring a "show and tell"!