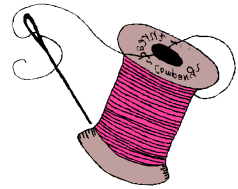


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited December 2009

Our 2009-2010 Volunteers

President—Lynn Munch	VP—Julia Renken
Treasurer—Cathy Powers	Secretary—Roxana Pressnell
Nominating—Sue Galasso	Programs—Judy Beigbeder
Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Rep—Kim Fess	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—Loretta Spittle
Quilt Collectors—Sue Baker, Beverly Pontius, Julia Renken	
Coffee—Pam Leonard, Carole Bloomquist & Joy Bauer	

Hi Ladies,

I think most of us have our minds focused forward, with (as I write this) Thanksgiving and then Hanukkah and Christmas coming up. But think back to last week - wasn't the Auction super fantastic? There are so many people to thank, but I want to begin with Carolyn Pic and her fabulous team who put together such a wonderful event. Auctioneer Kim Fess, money ladies, donators, snack providers and of course, the spenders! The auction went very, very well. Cathy Powers, our super-treasurer said we earned over \$7100 (I believe the most ever).

As we prepare for the holidays, if you start getting overwhelmed, I suggest you head for your sewing area to de-stress. A little time spent fondling fabric and immersed with your favorite things will cheer you up! Plus, it is never too early to begin prepping your quilts for the show!

In January, we will have a meeting about quilting for others. Diane Henry is planning on doing a survey of the chapter members to get a sense of what kinds of activities we want to do for workshops and what kind of groups we want to support. If you are interested in attending, please let Diane know.

Great thanks go to Penny Boyanton for her efforts to get wounded soldier quilts you made to Ft Hood. Look further into the newsletter for Penny's letter to the Ft Hood point of contact for our soldier quilts she sent in response to the tragedy there earlier this month.

Also look for details about our Holiday Luncheon which is being organized by Roz Elliot.

If I don't have a chance to speak to you individually in the next couple of weeks, I wish you a Happy Hanukkah or Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

See you sew soon.

Lynn



Minutes of the Springfield QU Business Meeting November 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julia Renken.

Pam Leonard announced that we had one guest today: Alden McNulty (6 year old granddaughter of Penny Boyanton). The membership approved the minutes of the October business meeting as printed in the November newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers - Reported a balance of \$17,195.87 and will be emailing the quarterly report to all Board members.

Correspondence: Julia Renken - Read thank you notes received from several nurses at Fairfax NICU for the baby quilts and from Linda Cooper for the show, workshop and pin.

VP Report: Julia Renken - January program will be Too Quirky Quilters.

Committee Chair Reports: Nominating: Sue Galasso - Be willing to take positions being vacated next year. Newsletter: Kim Fess - Deadline is November 20. Quilt Show Rep: Kim Fess - None. Auction: Carolyn Pic - Auction date is Nov. 17, and today is the last day collecting items at the church. Quilting for Others: Diane Henry and Carolina Diez - Pillowcases and stocking for ECHO are due no later than two weeks from now. Mary Reddington said we have over 500 of each and need at least 550 total. Library: Loretta Shinol - None. Holiday Party: Roz Elliott - It will be Dec. 8 at the Fairfax Country Club. Taking money today through Dec. 1. Specify on your check which entree you want. Farewell Blocks: Cynthia Johnson-Daily - For now we are keeping the size blocks we have been making (8" finished).

Refreshments: Rebecca Heinze - Thank you to the ones who brought goodies today. Fall Retreat: Joan McGowan and Penny Boyanton - It is October 6-10, 2010, and signup starts today. Spring Retreat: Kim Fess - All spaces are filled and she is taking a waiting list. Quilt Camp: Kitty Tyler - The date is February 16, 17, 18, 2010. More details will be in the December newsletter and signup will be in January. There will be a committee meeting today after the meeting.

Sunshine: Beth Freerksen - Any card makers who wish to make and donate cards, they will be gratefully accepted.

Quilt Collectors: Sue Baker and Julia Renken - None. Hospitality: Beverages: Pam Leonard, Carole Bloomquist and Joy Bauer - Bring your coffee mug and win a fat eighth. Bus Trip: Loretta Spittle - None. Programs: Judy Beigbeder - Absent. Door Prizes: Roz Elliott - Nametag drawing was won by Joy Bauer. Door Prizes were won by Loretta Shinol, Doris Richbourg, Cathy Flanigan, Carolyn Pic, Loretta Spittle and Janice Addams.

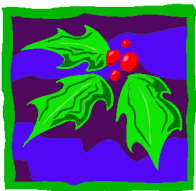
Break

Show and Tell

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

The UFO Challenge and Clinic met in groups with Ann Littleton for layout and Julia Renken for quilting.

Respectfully submitted by Roxana Pressnell



Springfield Annual Fall Auction

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making this the most successful auction ever. We had so many beautiful items and truly something for everyone. Thank you to all my helpers: Kim Fess, Jill Redding, Beth Freerksen, Judy Bregman, Cathy Flanigan, Penny Boyanton, Roz Elliott, Rebecca Heinze, Francine York, Kitty Tyler, Sue Galasso, Cindy Grimord, and Cathy Powers. We couldn't have done it without you.

Some fun Auction facts:

- 90 bid numbers were given out
- Highest bid for a live auction item was \$1350 for the beach getaway
- Second highest bid was \$675 for the Spring Retreat quilt top
- Highest bid for the silent auction was \$100 for the the green/purple floral quilt top
- Second highest was \$95 for the thread set
- Bag raffle favorites were the mesh bags and anything with fabric

Thank you again for such a successful auction .

Carolyn Pic



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! This month we have no favorites! Send your input for next month's "Share your favorite..." to: kimfess@aol.com. Please!



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

And be sure to wear your nametag!

You Won't Want to Miss . . .

Miss Kim's Demo and Book Review at the December 1 Meeting. We all know how entertaining she can be! You can get more details at the SQU Annual Programs web site - or email sewsewbizzy@yahoo.com.

Judy Beigbeder
Annual Programs

Quilt Camp 2010

Mark your 2010 calendars for Quilt Camp – February 16, 17 and 18. Participate in some/all of the workshops and demos your fellow SQU members will be teaching or work on a project of your own. Cindy Grimord and Sue Galasso have planned wonderful catered lunches. The coffee committee is preparing for the three-day marathon of hot drinks. Workshop descriptions, camp schedule, supply lists and the registration form will be in the January newsletter. Sign ups will begin at the January business meeting. See you at camp!

Kitty Tyler

SQU Annual Holiday Luncheon

The SQU Annual Holiday Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, at the Fairfax Country Club in Fairfax, has a new fat quarter wrinkle opportunity!

Luncheon attendees are asked to bring a batik fat quarter in exchange for one ticket (more fat quarters more tickets) and winners will be drawn to win the fat quarters.

To ensure your attendance at the luncheon please give Roz Elliott your check ASAP as there is a 70-person maximum for the room. Please give Roz your check with your luncheon choice noted on it.

The luncheon will start at 11:00 am with an open bar. The menu choices are:

Pistachio Crusted Chicken served with a Thai Ginger Sauce

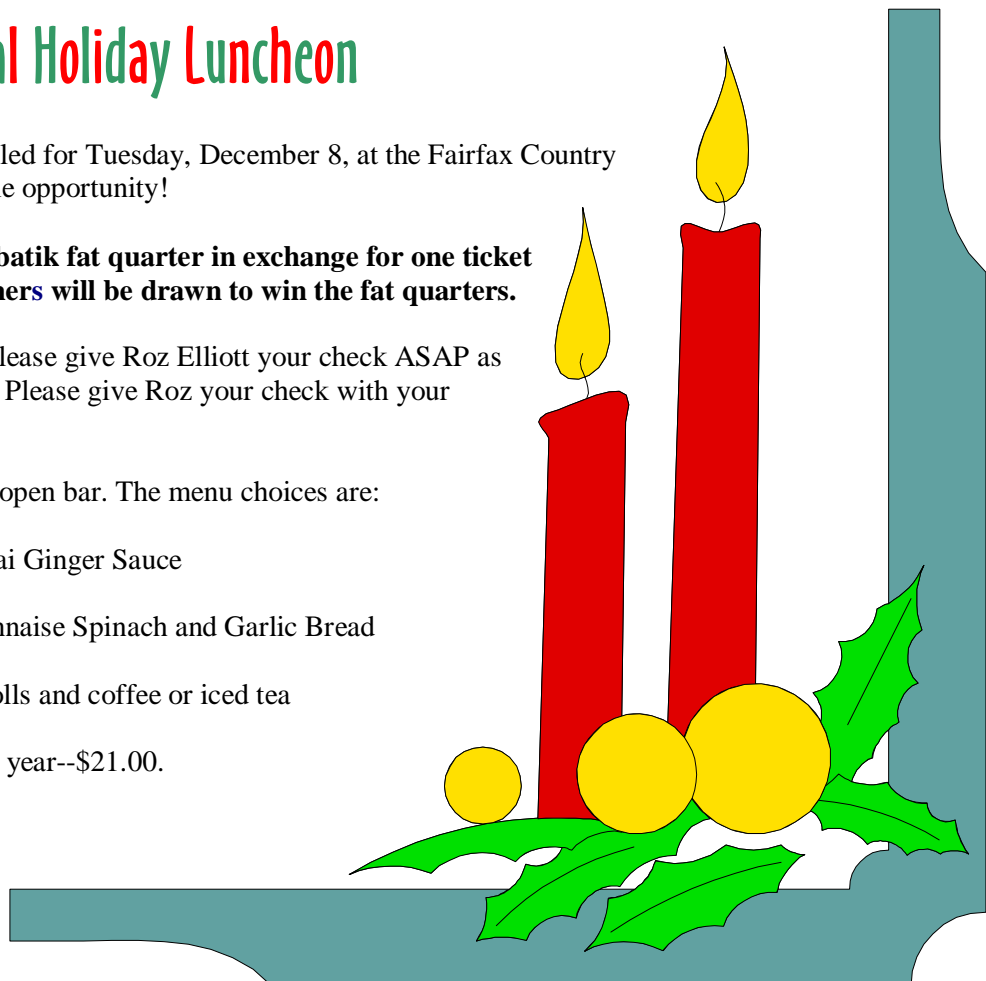
Or

Shrimp Scampi with Angel Hair Pasta, Lyonnaise Spinach and Garlic Bread

Dessert: Lemon Tart w/Seasonal Berries

All lunches are served with a house salad, rolls and coffee or iced tea

The price of the luncheon is the same as last year--\$21.00.



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

Lee Zadareky 12/7

Bonnie Campbell 12/11

Cynthia Johnson-Dailey 12/11

Roxana Pressnell 12/15

Penny Boyanton 12/21

Nancy Karpowicz 12/29

Beverly Pontius 12/10

Gina Helmick 12/11

Shelly Kreykes 12/12

Mary Reddington 12/16

Carole Bloomquist 12/24



Letter from Penny to F0rtt Hood Point-of-Contact

Dear Sharon,

Thank you so much for being our point of contact to send quilts to the wounded in your 20th Engineer BN and other units on Fort Hood. I enjoyed talking to you last Friday and greatly appreciate your willingness to help us reach each of the wounded. I am happy to tell you that the quilts are all packed and will be picked up by R+L Carriers Tuesday morning, maybe even as you are reading this. They should be delivered to you in a day or two. Then you will be very busy.

A little bit about our group of quilters. We have been making quilts for our wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for over 6 years. Our quilts were distributed by the Chaplain's Office and now by the Red Cross. We have made hundreds of quilts. We are the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited in northern Virginia, a suburb of Washington, DC. As you can tell when you see our quilts we have a wide variety of skills, some are new quilters and some have been quilting for years. Some of our members are veterans, spouses of veterans, civil service members and their spouses and many others. All of us hope that you will express to the men and women wounded on November 5 our prayers and concerns for their full recovery and our deep appreciation for their willingness to serve our country.

There are 5 boxes in the shipment. We are sending 30 quilts, one is specifically marked for Sgt. Kimberly Munley, the police officer who shot MAJ Hasan. We understand she is still hospitalized. The other 29 quilts are for you to give to the men and women in your 20th Engineer BN and other units that were wounded. I will send two more quilts as soon as they are completed. If the number of wounded has changed from 31, please let me know, we want to be sure each person injured receives one of our quilts.

The quilts are being shipped by R+L Carriers, the shipping number is WV2960622. We do want to acknowledge that the transportation for the quilts was provided free of charge by AFC Worldwide Express and R+L Carriers. The carrier has your contact information and telephone number. If you have not received the shipment by Thursday, please let me know. We would appreciate confirmation that you have distributed the quilts.

All of us send our love and sympathy to everyone who was affected by the horrible actions of MAJ Hasan. Thanks so much for your help, we could not have done it without you.

Best Wishes,

Penny Boyanton

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!



We now show and tell "Show 'n Tell"!

Get another look at all of the wonderful quilts that have been on display at our Show 'n Tells at <http://picasaweb.google.com/SpringfieldQU>

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: 54 x 67 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.

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 January newsletter to Kim Fess at kimfess@aol.com no later than Friday, December 18!



A Quilter's Christmas Eve

It's the night before Christmas, I'm glued to the tree.
I'm wondering what Santa brought just for me.

Could it be fabric, batting or kits or lace?
Or a machine, I said, with a smile on my face.

And that's when I heard him, "Hi, Santa," I said.
"You know....good little girls should be in their beds."

"I know I should, Santa, and now I've got caught.
But I was just so excited to see what you brought."

"Well, let's take a look in this room where you work."
He shook his head quickly and left with a jerk.

I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear.
"You've got enough crap, I'll see you next year!"