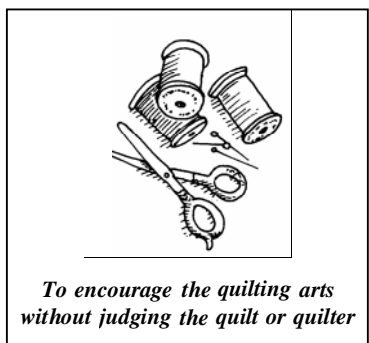


July 2007

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Loretta Spittle
Web Page Contact – Julia Renken
Holiday Party – *Vacant*
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Cavey
Coffee/Refreshments – Francine
York & Ellen Jaeger
Library --Loretta Shinol
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Spring Retreat – Kim Fess
Quilt Camp – Jill Redding
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Oelschlager

From the President

Greetings!

Springfield Quilters Unlimited – “Where The Fun Is” - has had two wonderful years under the leadership of our past president, Penny Boyanton, and I would like to thank her for everything she has done for us. She is a hard act to follow!

I am looking forward to being the president of our chapter of QU. We have so many wonderful members and such a broad array of talent. My wish for 2007-2008 is that our members will reach out to each other in the fellowship of quilters and share their talents. Our “off-Tuesdays” are wonderful times to share patchwork patterns, quilting ideas, help each other baste our tops, and get to know each other. I invite all of our members, beginners to experts, to participate as much as you can.

This summer is the time to be planning ways you can help with the SQU Fall Auction on November 6th, our primary fund-raising event of the year. Please consider making an item or donating an item or two, preferably quilting related (baked goods, chocolate, tea and coffee are definitely quilting related!). As Carolyn Pic has told you we are changing the format of our auction to include a “silent auction” section and a “raffle ticket” section as well as the traditional “live” auction, while eliminating the “under \$20” tables. It is through your membership fees and fundraising at our Fall Auction and Spring Yard Sale that we obtain the money to pay for the lectures and workshop instructors.

And along that note - this summer we are working on our schedule of outside instructors for the coming year and hope we can entice each of you to participate in at least one workshop during the year. We are reviewing the surveys completed in May 2006 to select instructors we hope you will enjoy. We will have a full calendar ready for you in September.

This past year we produced an unprecedented number of quilts for the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed. I hope you will all continue to make these beautiful quilts for our chosen “Quilting for Others” project. Diane will have new patterns and ideas for us in the Fall.

Semper quiltet (always quilting),
Julia

Summary of Business Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2007

Penny called the meeting to order at 9:50am. She greeted members and guests. Julia, in her VP report, gave out the last two stars for BOM. The minutes were read from the May Business Meeting and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Kim Fess and seconded by Cindy Niles. Verbal vote of "yes" noted; none opposed. Kitty, our treasurer reported a balance of \$8,696.81. She requested that all vouchers be turned in by the last week in June. Penny presented our donation check to the pastor to thank Grace Presbyterian for the use of their facilities. He requested that our members consider helping the church out with the creation of some new banners next year. Committee reports were given by Lynn Munch re: QU Show; Diane Henry re: Quilting for Others; Carolyn Pic re: Fall Auction; Joan McGowan re: Fall Retreat; Beverly Pontius re: QU Show quilts return dates, including today. Penny presented Elli Molstad with her Farewell Blocks and welcomed Betty Carnes back; Loetta Spittle reviewed upcoming Folk Life Festival occurring at the end of this month. Julia, VP, presented Penny's "president's blocks" and Penny gave some closing comments, thank you's and gifts to the outgoing board officers. Kim Fess, Nominating Chair, then conducted the new officer installation. After the break, members were treated to Julia's quilt journey, as she was the "Meet the Quilter" today. Penny adjourned the meeting at 11:45am, reminding members of the summer picnic at Joan McGowan's home on June 19th. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Grimord, Secretary

Springfield QU Summer Schedule

June 27: Grace Presbyterian Church
July 3: Grace Presbyterian Church
July 10: Poolside at Joan McGowan's cabana (This is a change from the email sent earlier in June.)
July 17: Grace Presbyterian Church
July 24: Grace Presbyterian Church
July 31: Grace Presbyterian Church
August 7: Grace Presbyterian Church
August 14: Poolside at Joan's cabana
August 21: Grace Presbyterian Church
August 28: End of summer picnic at Joan's, 10 am

Unless otherwise indicated all meetings will be at our normal time, 9:30am.

Directions to Joan's: If you are near the Fairfax Parkway, take the Parkway north from Springfield, turn left on Lee Chapel, right on Ox Road (123), left on Clipper Drive, right on Schooner, left on Burke Meadow Drive. You can only go left on Burke Meadow; it is a dirt road. Go straight until you reach the house at the end of the drive. Park alongside the house and behind it. If you are near Burke Lake Road, take it south-west until you get to 123, go left on 123, and then right on Clipper and then the rest of the way follow the previous directions. It sounds complicated, but it's really not far and not difficult to find. Hope to see you there!



Culinary Expressions

Thank you to the following people who provided our refreshments for our last meeting: Cindy Niles, Pham Thuan, Barb Sherwood, Beth Freerksen, and Judy Beigbeder. On deck for the next meeting, September 4, 2007 -- our new incoming Board Members! Many thanks again to all members who contributed this year to our refreshment bar; you have been so generous in your hospitality!

Cindy Grimord



Membership

We are now taking memberships for the 2007-2008 membership year. Even if you are a returning member, you must submit a form with your dues. Memberships should be sent to our new membership chair, Joan Oelschlager. Memberships for 2006-2007 expire on June 30. After that date, if you have not renewed your membership, you will not get the next newsletter and you will not be able to use your membership card to get discounts at local fabric/quilt shops. For more information, contact Joan at boelschl@cox.net.

Churn Dash Block Exchange

Do you love the time-worn look of Civil War reproduction fabrics? Would you like to join a block swap using Civil War blues and shirtings to make 7" Churn Dash blocks? In this open-ended exchange, you will make 7 (or 14) blocks each month until you have accumulated the number you need for your project, be it wall hanging or bed quilt. Contact Aby Dolinger for more information and instructions. The next swap date is August 7 at SQU.

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

Lisa Langlais 7/3

Loretta Spittle 7/6

Susan White 7/10

Judy Beigbeder 7/18

Sue Galasso 7/21

Linda Marcinowski 7/29

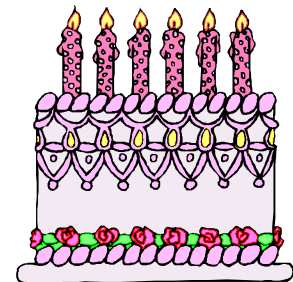
Mary Ellen Thomas 7/3

Jodi Ziemer 7/9

Kitty Tyler 7/15

Bev Fisher 7/21

Joan Oelschlager 7/24



FALL RETREAT

For those who were not at the meeting last Tuesday I would like to pass along some information about the Fall Retreat, October 5 through 7. We had talked about learning the "Sourdough" method of making scrap quilts. Alice Richbourg took this course at the VCQ Celebration last year and thinks it's a really neat way to make scrap quilts. These are the instructions that Alice passed out:

For those who wanted to get a head start on a project-sized quilt, start cutting your scraps as follows:

Rectangles 1-1/2" x 2-1/2"

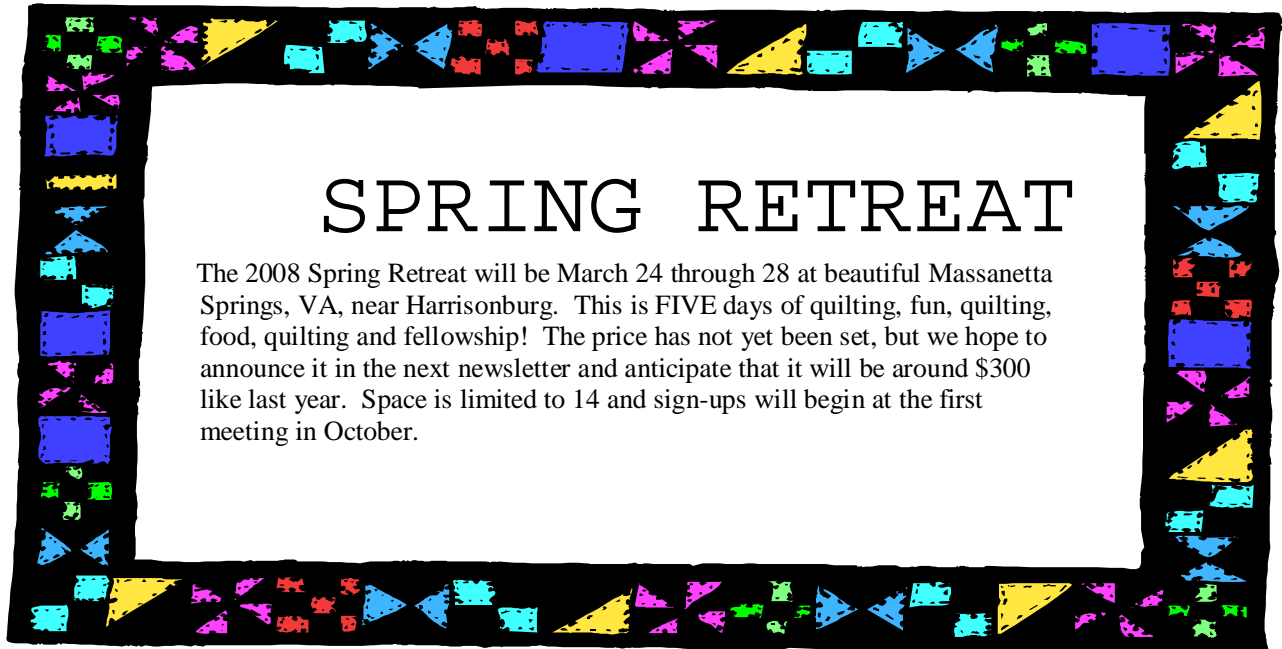
Squares 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" and 4-1/2" x 4-1/2":

ALL SCRAPS - all colors, all types. You want a good variety!

Accent fabric will be cut 1-1/2" x 1-1/2" but don't worry about that now; you just need to start on scraps IF you WANT to. There will be a supply list later, closer to retreat, for those who just want to try out the block and technique at retreat rather than get this involved.

If anyone else has a new technique or anything they would like to share at Retreat, please let me know. We really didn't come up with a firm theme this year so it could be any kind of block or technique that you might think everyone would like to do.

Happy quilting!
Joan McGowan



A Personal Note

Dear Quilting friends,

I am delighted with the wonderful red and yellow stars you all made for me. I have had the best time laying them out and thinking of ways to put them together. You are all the best, thanks!! I think I would like to make a scrappy star for the center of the new quilt. I would like to ask you to please give me a 2-inch wide and maybe 8- or 10-inch long piece of the red fabric you used in your star. That way the fabrics will blend nicely.....any time over the summer would be great, thanks so much.

See you Tuesdays, Penny

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Places to Go and Quilts to See

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

July 26-29 – Quilt Odyssey 2007, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA (www.quiltodyssey.com).

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, July 20. Please e-mail your input 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. Thank you!



Enjoy the summer!