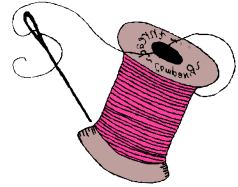


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited July 2010

Our 2010-2011 Volunteers

President—Joan McGowan	VP—Patrice Mull
Treasurer—Gay Baker	Secretary—Roxana Pressnell
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Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Rep—Cindy Grimord	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Vacant	Web Page Contact—Joan McGowan
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Alice Richbourn
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Quilt Camp—Kitty Tyler	Sunshine—Judy Bregman
Membership/Welcome—Carolina Diez	Bus Trip—Loretta Spittle
Quilt Collectors—Sue Baker, Beverly Pontius, Julia Renken	
Coffee—Carole Bloomquist & Joy Bauer	



To all my fellow Springfield quilters:

The year has started off on a very positive note. For every position that has come open there has been at least one member to volunteer to take the job over and sometimes more than one. We have a full slate of officers and every committee has a Chair and/or enough members working on the committee to make it work. You could not ask for a better group to work with. Thank you everyone for making my job so much easier.

I attended my first big QU meeting on Wednesday, June 16. It was Susan Fernandez's last meeting as President. Kath Heslep is now President of Big QU. I have worked with Kath a number of times over the last 20 years or so and know how competent and energetic she is. She should do a great job. The official report for the Quilt Show is still not available but

Springfield made the second highest amount in the boutique which was \$862 which will be deposited in our checking account. One of the reports that was handed out was the Quilt Show jobs through 2019. In 2013/14 Springfield will be in charge of the raffle quilt. Reston has it for next year and they already have a gorgeous completed quilt ready to show for folks to buy raffle tickets. It is not too early to get started as the quilt will have to be finished the year before the show when it will be raffled off. I don't believe we have started on the quilt yet. If there is anyone in our group or a group of members who would be interested in designing a quilt for the raffle, please let me know so that we can get started. Let's make it really special.

The year ended with our regular Pot Luck Luncheon at my house. We will do it again at the end of the summer on Tuesday, August 24th. Circle the date now. It's always a relaxing and fun time.

Keep on quilting
Joan
joquilter@aol.com

P. S. As you can see from the above list, we need someone to be in charge of planning our Holiday Party in December. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

"Name That Tune" – our SQU Summer 2010 Challenge

Take your favorite song...and quilt it!

You are My Sunshine.....I Want to Hold Your Hand.....The Old Rugged Cross..... Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star..... Wild Thing.....Alouette.....Frosty the Snowman..... The Skater's Waltz.....Naughty Lady of Shady Lane..... You Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog.....Moon River.....North to Alaska.....I've Been Working on the Railroad.....Beyond the Sea....Love is Blue....American Pie....Stardust....Harbor Lights....

Any instrumental, vocal, hymn or carol, classical, jazz, rock, folk ... anything that has a tune!

Quilts should be at least 60 inches around the perimeter (for example this would be 15" square), but there is no requirement that the quilt be square. No maximum size other than the QU show restriction which is less than 110" on each side.

Quilts will be revealed at our October 5, 2010 meeting.

Any questions? Contact Julia Renken

Wounded Soldier Quilts

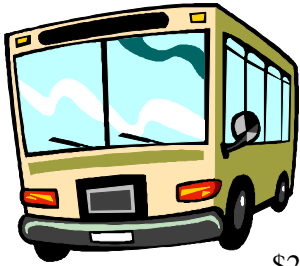
In response to a request in the QU Digest, we sent 25 wounded soldier quilts to Bethesda Naval Hospital. We now have a contact there who personally delivers each quilt and her goal is to be sure each wounded soldier receives a quilt. We will continue to provide these cherished quilts to Walter Reed and Bethesda Hospitals. Walter Reed seems to have an adequate supply at this time and Bethesda had a great need. I am so pleased to share the lovely quilts we make with the men and women recovering at Bethesda. As our new relationship flourishes at Bethesda, I will be sure and keep you all updated. Now to make more quilts.....I have "0" stashed in my bathtub! Diane Henry, our leader in Quilting for Others, totally approved of this donation. Thanks to all, Penny

P.S. A very nice note was in my inbox from Bethesda Naval Hospital and I want to share it with you: "It is especially heart warming to see the Wounded Warriors in ICU with the quilts draped over their otherwise drab hospital linen. It is a little piece of home and comfort to an otherwise difficult situation. On behalf of the Wounded Warriors and their families, thank you!!" Of the 25 quilts we gave them, 23 were given to the Wounded Warriors today, so if you have any spare time this summer, please consider making quilts for our wounded soldiers. Thanks again, Penny

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 lots of favorites:

There is a unique museum in Baltimore called the American Visionary Art Museum. We went up to see the current exhibit called Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness which runs until September 5, 2010. The museum comprises three buildings located near the Inner Harbor and Federal Hill. One of the buildings is the old Four Roses Whiskey Warehouse. There are all mediums of art. The displayed pieces are by artists who are self-taught visionaries. Some might call it non-traditional or outsider art. The museum is fun and offbeat. Nothing ordinary here. Very creative. The web site is avam.org or you can Google American Visionary Art Museum for overview and reviews. **Debbie Dishmon**

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



SQU Bus Trip to Lancaster County, PA

When are we going? Tuesday, October 12, 2010, leaving the parking lot of Grace Presbyterian Church promptly at 7:00 am and returning at approximately 7:00 pm
How much is it going to cost? The cost will be \$20 for SQU members; non-members will pay \$25.

When can I sign up? Registration will begin Tuesday, June 1, at our meeting. You **must** pay when you register so remember to bring your checkbook or cash that day. If you cannot be at the meeting, please arrange for a friend to register for you with money. Registration will be **open** only to SQU members throughout the summer if necessary. If members have not filled the bus by September 7, 2010, (our first meeting of the new quilting year), we will open the trip to non-members.

Where are we going? After leaving the church our first stop will be Ladyfingers Sewing Studio in Oley, PA. We will then go to Intercourse, PA, to the Kitchen Kettle Shopping Center where we will park and remain for 2 hours. During this time you may eat and/or shop at any or all of the stores in the area, including Zooks, BittyKinna and the Old Country Store. We will also go to Burkholder's or Weaver's, possibly both if we can squeeze it in. We will have a **full** day of shopping. **CAVEAT EMPTOR!** I plan to do a "scouting run" in the next few weeks as I have not been to any of these shops in the last several years. If inventories do not look as though they will be satisfactory, I may make some changes to our itinerary. But don't worry... there are many fabric shops to choose from. Here are websites for some of the shops we will visit: LadyfingersSewing.com, ZandSfabrics.com, bittykinna.com, theoldcountrystore.com.

What about food? We will not be stopping for supper on the way home so you will want your meal at Kitchen Kettle to be your main meal. We will have snacks and treats on the bus but if you need a big evening meal before we return home, you may want to pack something.

How can I help? I am seeking some **Quilt Fairies** to help with the activities of the day. Kim has agreed to be in charge of entertainment. I need some helpers for beverages, snacks, ice, water, and some shoppers for door prizes. Please sign on and help me make this a fun trip. Thanks everyone.

Loretta Spittle
quilt nurse@verizon.net

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Schedule

The church will be available to us each Tuesday morning for our usual summertime off-Tuesday Sit 'n Sew sessions. The one exception is August 24 when we will be having our end-of-summer potluck at Joan McGowan's.



**DRINK GREEN—Bring your own coffee cup to our meetings!
And be sure to wear your nametag!**

QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who donated to the Boutique this year. Springfield had \$947.00 in sales.

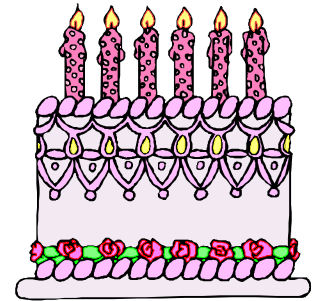
There were some items that did not sell and I will be happy to turn them over to Carolyn Pic for the Fall Auction. If you would prefer to have your item returned to you, please send me an email describing your donation and I can let you know if we have it. Special thanks to Roz Elliott and Judy Beigbeder for working in the Boutique Booth.

This was an easy, fun job and we enjoyed it. Until next year, thanks again, Jill Warren and Penny Boyanton (boyanton@cox.net)

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

Carolina Diez 7/1
Lisa Langlais 7/3
Deborah Hoyt 7/6
Kitty Tyler 7/15
Bev Fisher 7/21
Joan Oelschlager 7/24

Linda Murphy 7/1
Mary Ellen Thomas 7/3
Loretta Spittle 7/6
Judy Beigbeder 7/18
Sue Galasso 7/21
Linda Marcinowski 7/29



Monthly Hint from the Tipster

At the Quilt Show the OLFA rep gave Penny Boyanton some information about maintaining our cutting mats. I did not know they needed any care other than to wipe them down from time to time. Here are their suggestions:

"To clean your OLFA mat, use a generous amount of room temperature water and a few drops of mild detergent. Use a soft bristle brush to create a lather and gently clean your mat. Rinse with room temperature water and wipe dry with a cotton towel. Please note that warm or hot water and direct sunlight may damage the mat." I was also told that putting your mat in the bathtub was an easy way to clean it and doing so will add years to the life of your mat.

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!

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: 50 x 50 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 - 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 the past newsletters archived at the bottom of the chapter page.

And don't forget to send your input for the July newsletter to Kim Fess at kimfess@aol.com no later than Friday, July 23! Your input is GREATLY appreciated!