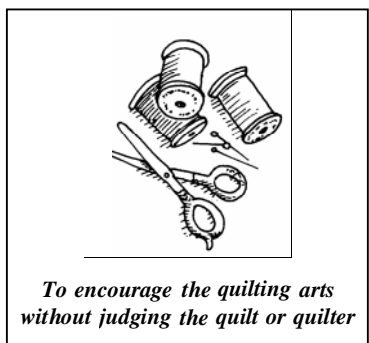


June 2007

President - Penny Boyanton
Vice Pres. – Julia Renken
Treasurer – Kitty Tyler
Secretary - Cindy Grimord
Nominating - Kim Fess
Programs – Aby Dolinger
Newsletter - Kim Fess
Auction -- Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others --Diane Henry



Quilt Show Rep – Lynn Munch
Web Page Contact – Kitty Tyler
Holiday Party – Loretta Spittle
Door Prizes – Beth Freerksen
Farewell Blocks - Cynthia Johnson-
Cavey
Coffee Queen/Refreshments – Cindy
Grimord
Library - Loretta Shinol
Secret Pals – Elli Molstad
Little Groups – Tamara Webb
Fall Retreat - Joan McGowan
Spring Retreat - Rebecca Heinze
Quilt Camp – Jill Redding
Welcome—Marcia Walz

From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

As I thought about the content for this last letter to you as President of SQU, so many things came to mind. Each of you has become a personal friend to me; we are our own network of friends. The past two years have been so much fun -- and you made it so.

The volunteers listed here on the front page made our year's activities happen. We are a prolific chapter in part because of all the sharing of ideas and programs that SQU offers.

That is only possible through the volunteers.

Julia Renken will be a wonderful new President. We enjoy working together; her organizational skills cannot be matched, and as Vice President this year and Program Chair the year prior, we have her to thank for our programs, block-of-the-month, and so much more.

Our Secretary, Cindy Grimord (aka Coffee Queen extraordinaire) not only kept minutes, but also wrote cards and notes to members; we could call her Cindy Sunshine too. She always volunteers to do so much more than the job calls for. As our new Vice President I know she is developing new ideas for us to enjoy.

Kitty Tyler, our Treasurer, is a whiz with numbers. Her careful attention to detail and lighthearted friendly ways have made her tops in my book.

Kim Fess continues to contribute to SQU as Nominating Chair. As such, she has put together a wonderful new board to step in on July 1. Her contribution continues as Newsletter Editor -- we all look forward to the arrival of the latest newsletter, full of important information, the latest list of quilt shows, birthdays, some recipes -- Kim's personal touch on each page.

Although not elected, these next members have helped to define who we are, what we are about, and how we see ourselves. Aby Dolinger as Program Chair has been our

hostess to visiting speakers and our coordinator for much of the year. Aby's love of quilting and quilters shows through in all she does

Diane Henry's leadership of our "Quilting for Others" workshops has become a very big part of who we are. To date we have made 108 quilts for our wounded men and women at Walter Reed. The last workshop of this club year is May 29, when we hope to finish several more quilts. Chaplain Kallerson at Walter Reed will be reassigned this summer but he has assured us that this ministry to our wounded heroes will continue. Did I tell you that Chaplain Kallerson's wife is a quilter? He knows the comfort of a quilt!

My buddy of many years, Beverly Pontius, was our "Meet the Quilter" in May -- we all go to Beverly for color advice and the display of her quilting journey showed us why that is so.

Fran Kordek presented our May program. During her Tuesday lecture, Fran's touching remarks of how quilting and quilts have made her the multi-talented person she is today spoke to each of our hearts. Fran's program continued on Wednesday with a six-hour workshop. Looking around the room and seeing everyone having a good time, laughing and learning -- you can't beat that.

Our big QU Quilt Show is just around the corner. Lynn Munch and Loretta Spittle are leading the way to a successful set-up and take-down. A very BIG job for the show! Please let them know if you can volunteer if you haven't already. Also, big QU still needs show volunteers for Friday and Saturday afternoons. If you can help please contact Leslie Jo Waters at watershj@verizon.net; she will be happy to talk to you.

I have not been brief today, my apology. There's just too much to say. As we say goodbye to Elli Molstad in June, be sure and give her a hug and our thanks for coordinating our Secret Pal program, Civil War block exchange and current floral block exchange. Maybe we can take a road trip to Canada!

There are so many wonderful members I haven't mentioned here. You all share so much of your time and talent and I am ever so grateful. Thank you for being quilters and sharing this journey with me. I want to send special hugs to our Mystery Guest -- Betty Carnes. Betty, we loved you even before you dressed up and entertained us with zany questions and comments about Aby's Mystery Quilt clues.

Recover well and come back to us soon.

June will be another fun-filled month. Julia will be our "Meet the Quilter". We know how prolific she is so we are in for a treat. The Business Meeting is right after the Quilt Show so it will be a good time to pick up your quilts that were in the show from our quilt collectors.

On June 19 we will have our "Beginning of Summer" Picnic at Joan McGowan's pool side cabana. I will look for you there.

I'm certainly not going anywhere -- I will continue to tell you stories of my wonderful eight grandchildren -- and hopefully get more quilts made. Thank you from the depth of my heart for being the wonderful women you all are.

Enjoy the newsletter, Penny

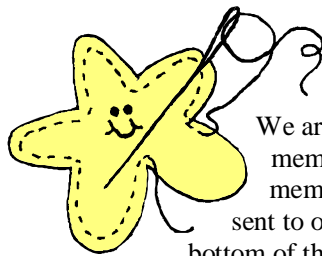
PICNIC!

It has become a tradition for our program meeting in June to be pool side at Joan McGowan's cabana. So on June 19 wear comfortable clothes—a swimsuit if you want to swim with Kim and Beth, bring a luncheon dish to share, and a folding lawn chair if possible. The drinks, ice and paper products will be provided. We will gather at about 10:30 am and have lunch about 11:30. Joan's address is 7368 Burke Meadow Drive in Fairfax Station. If you are near the Fairfax Parkway, take the Parkway north, take a 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 along side the house and behind it. If you are near

Burke Lake Road, take it 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. Hope you all can come; it's always fun. It is rain or shine as the pool house is covered and there's plenty of room for everyone.

Summary of Business Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2007

Penny called the meeting to order at 9:45am. She greeted members and guests. Julia, our VP, had the last two star BOM blocks and reviewed the upcoming Big QU and SQU workshops, including a request for a big showing at the Annual Big QU meeting on May 3rd. The minutes were read from the April business meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$9,587.48. Kitty also requested all vouchers be turned in to her by June 15th. Reports were given in the following areas: quilt collecting for QU show; QU show; quilting for others; SQU summer picnic; Big QU raffle tickets; Fall retreat; garden swap; newsletter. (Note that further information on any of these topics can be found in other sections of the newsletter). Two important votes were taken today. The first: Penny requested discussion and/or questions on the newly revised SQU By-Laws. A motion was made by Kim Fess to accept the By-Laws as presented; it was seconded by Francine York, Loretta Spittle, Peggy Evans. A verbal vote of "yes" was given by members (approximately 55 in attendance); none opposed. The second vote for the morning was regarding next year's SQU officers. Kim Fess, nominating chair, presented the slate as follows: Julia Renken, President; Cindy Grimord, VP; Beth Freerksen, Secretary; Kitty Tyler, Treasurer; Penny Boyanton, Nominating Chair; Kim Fess, Newsletter. A motion was made by Bonnie Campbell to accept the slate as presented; seconded by Francine York. Members gave verbal vote of "yes" with none opposed. Members were treated to a great Meet the Quilter with Beverly Pontius. Door prizes and show and tell and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50am. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Grimord, Secretary



Membership

We are now taking memberships for the 2007-2008 membership year. A membership form is included with this newsletter. 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, at the address given at the bottom of the form.

QUILT SHOW NEWS

Info for 2007 Quilt Show Setup and Takedown Volunteers/Paid Workers

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WORK GLOVES IF YOU HAVE SOME!!

Wed. May 30, 4:30 - until ~ 6:30 Load show equipment onto truck
Guardian Self Storage, 4526 Daly Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151.

Directions: Rt. 28 North (Sully Rd), R onto Willard, take first R onto Daly Drive. Travel short distance to first R into Brookfield Corporate Center. Drive straight ahead to storage facility gate. Park and come to the gate. The QU locker is on the left. Someone will let you in.

From Rt. 50 Westbound, turn L onto Walney, R onto Willard. Follow Willard about 2 lights, then take L onto Daly Dr. Then follow directions above to storage facility

Thurs. May 31, starting at 8:00 SET UP & QUILT HANGING!
Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA.

We need lots of volunteers to construct the show - at least 45 to 50 people working - the more hands the lighter the load for all! Sections constructed by teams of 5 people. Experienced workers will show how it's done.

@ 12:30 the quilts arrive and quilts are hung. Section labels and signs are attached. Caution tape is taped to bottom of each upright base.

PORTERS needed to assist vendors - ages 16 & up must be strong & sturdy

Sun. June 3, starting at 3:45 pm TAKE DOWN THE SHOW.
VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE INSIDE EXPO CENTER AT 3:45.

Doors locked at 4:00 and will not open until every quilt is accounted for. Poles and drapes come down, everything goes back in the truck, workers return to the storage facility and the truck is unloaded in a "bucket brigade" putting everything to storage.

NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS - wear sturdy shoes.

NO PURSES: ladies, lock your purses in your cars - there is no place to safeguard purses in the Expo Center.

BRING: Work gloves!!

***THANKS FOR HELPING
WITH SETUP and
TAKEDOWN!!***

WE WILL PROVIDE:

Water
Breakfast on Thursday morning
Pizza for lunch on Thursday
Hardhats
Earplugs

Questions? E-mail Lynn Munch at lmunch@cox.net beforehand or call 703 593-4369 (CELL) on setup days

FROM THE QUILT COLLECTORS:

The last date to bring in your quilts for the Big QU show is Tuesday, May 29 from 9:30 to 11.

1. Please have each quilt in an **individual** pillowcase or pillowcase-type bag.
2. Each quilt **AND** bag must have a label with the name of the quilt, chapter name, and your name. Large basting stitches to attach the temporary labels are fine.
3. Each quilt must have a hanging sleeve to dimensions starting with a 7", or larger, strip of fabric.

Quilts will be returned to you on Tuesday, June 5th, at the regular monthly business meeting. Either plan to be there or arrange with the quilt collectors AHEAD OF TIME to have someone else pick up your quilts.

Questions? Call Beverly Pontius, 703-323-8709 and/or Sue Baker, 703-323-6832.

VP 's Corner

MEET THE QUILTER

Julia Renken will share her quilts at our June 5 business meeting. Be sure to come and see Julia's collection.

STAR BLOCKS OF THE MONTH

The last star block pattern—number 13-- will be available at the June 5 meeting.

Aby's Program News

Did you enjoy Fran Kordek's lecture and trunk show? And how about the String Pieced Star workshop? If you attended the workshop, please bring a star (or two) to show the group at our June 5th meeting.

Thank you for your attendance, encouragement and compliments this past year on the programs the board selected for your enjoyment and education. If you have any suggestions for topics, speakers, challenges, or activities for next year, please contact Cindy Grimord, Julia Renken, or Aby Dolinger. We want to know what you are interested in hearing and learning about!

MYSTERY QUILT REVELATION

Super Sleuths, we can't wait to see your "Twinkle, Twinkle" Mystery Quilts! Bring your quilt tops to our June 5th meeting for Show and Tell. It will be interesting to see the various

color combinations and your solution to the 7 clues. If you are missing any clues, please contact Aby Dolinger (aby.dolinger@us.army.mil).



Culinary Expressions

Thank you to Lisa Langlais, Francine York, Debbie Dishmon, Pat Lane, Doris Richbourg, Judy Beigbeder, Ellen Jaeger, Juanita Golden Aby Dolinger, Roz Elliot for your great snacks and tasty treats for the month of May! On deck for our last meeting on June 5th are **Judy Beigbeder, Cindy Niles, Pham Thuan, Barb Sherwood, and Beth Freerksen**. Thank you's to the "snack fairies" who bring something just because they want to! Remember: if you are interested in helping with coffee and snacks next year, please come early (about 8:45am) on Tuesday, June 5th so you can be trained for your "royal duties." Thanks, your Coffee Queen, Cindy

This is the recipe for the delicious treat Roz Elliot recently brought to our meeting. Roz used 1 cup of chocolate chips and 1/2 to 1 cup of toffee chips instead of the baking chocolate.

Sweet Treats

35 saltine crackers

1/3 cup butter or margarine

1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

6 squares semi-sweet baking chocolate, chopped

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a 15x10x1-inch baking pan with foil; grease foil. Spread crackers evenly into prepared pan. Place butter or margarine and brown sugar in saucepan. Bring to boil on medium-high heat, stirring frequently. Reduce to low; boil for 3 minutes. (Do not stir.) Immediately spread over crackers. Bake for 7 minutes. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate; let stand for 5 minutes. Spread melted chocolate over tops of crackers. Sprinkle with walnuts. Cool. Break into pieces.

Secret Pals

We will be discovering the identities of our secret pals on June 5. If you participated in the secret pals this year, please bring a fat quarter with your secret pal's name pinned to the outside and your name hidden on the inside of the folded fabric. There will be a basket available in which to place your fat quarters and we will distribute them during the meeting's break. If you would also like to get a last minute gift or card in to your secret pal in the "traditional" manner (sitting on the table as people walk in to the meeting) that will also be OK. My thanks go out to everyone who made doing the secret pals "job" easy and painless!!! I hope that everyone has had as wonderful a secret pal as I have had!!!! Thank you!

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

Helen Richards 6/6

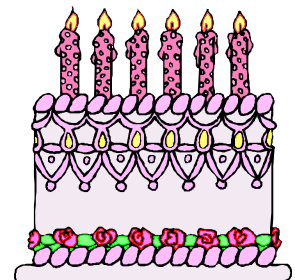
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Mary Kelleher 6/9

Linda Oldenburg 6/18

Kathy Farenish 6/25





Quilting for Others -



Get It Finished! Workshop on



May 29th



Many of you have asked that we have a workshop designed not to start new soldier quilts, but to finish the ones we've already started. Mary Redding, one of our newest members, will be sharing her tips for machine quilting. Mary told me she has a passion to encourage others with their machine quilting--I can't wait to see her in action. I will also be demonstrating a machine binding technique that allows you to put on a binding completely by machine (for those of you who heard Debbie Kratovil, I think I do it the same way she does). The workshop will start at 9:30 AM and run until after lunch so every come with whatever you need to baste, quilt or bind your quilts and a bag lunch. I look forward to seeing you all there! Diane Henry



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).

June 1-2-3 – 34th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show and classes at Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA (www.quiltersunlimited.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, June 22. 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!

