
June 2008

OUR 2007-2008 VOLUNTEERS

President – Julia Renken	Vice Pres. & Sec. – Beth Freerksen
Treasurer – Kitty Tyler	Nominating – Penny Boyanton
Programs – Abigail Dolinger	Newsletter – Kim Fess
Auction -- Carolyn Pic	Quilting for Others -- Diane Henry
Quilt Show Reps – Lynn Munch & Loretta Spittle	Web Page Contact – Julia Renken
Holiday Party – Bonnie Campbell	Door Prizes – Jill Redding
Farewell Blocks -- Cynthia Johnson-Dailey	Library -- Loretta Shinol
Coffee/Refreshments – Francine York & Ellen Jaeger	Fall Retreat -- Joan McGowan
Sunshine—Beth Freerksen	Spring Retreat —Kim Fess
	Quilt Camp – Jill Redding
	Membership—Joan Oelschlager



From the President

To all my Springfield QU friends,

This past year was a wonderful year to be President of Springfield QU. I want to thank each and every one of you for making my job as President as enjoyable as it has been, and a very special thank you to our board members. You are an awesome group of quilters and friends.

Looking back at the year ... we grew to a membership of 120 fantastic ladies (a record for this chapter I think!); we made close to 80 quilts for wounded soldiers, and started a new community service project making small quilts for the precious little ones at the Fairfax Hospital Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit; we had a record-breaking fall auction; we enjoyed presentations by Sheri Alcorn, Pepper Cory, Gyleen Fitzgerald, Cyndi Souder, Linda Cantrell, and our own Corrie Grummon; we enjoyed each other's company at Fall and Spring Retreats and Quilt Camp; and we have laughed and cried together.

Springfield QU truly is "where the fun is" ... we have made new friends, learned new quilting techniques from each other, and progressed in our quilting skills, and I hope each of you has found your bit of fun with this group and continue your membership and participation.

Keep on quilting, Julia

05/06/08 Business Meeting Minutes

Julia Renken called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Joan Oelschlager introduced and greeted our newest members and visitors. The 2008/2009 year membership forms are now available. The April business meeting minutes were approved as printed without corrections.

Vice President Report - Beth Freerksen - Corrie Grummon (one of our own) will be the speaker on May 20. She will be speaking on "The Evolution of C'orriginals – The Accidental Business." She will also be bringing her handcrafted items and fabric for sale.

Summer Challenge – Lisa Langlais - This year's summer challenge will be based on politics and the election year. The block "Road to the White House" is to be included somewhere (anywhere) on the quilt.

Committee Chair Reports – Aby Dolinger (Internal Program Report); Diane Henry (Quilting for Others) – July's QFO will be making juvenile pillowcases for ECHO. Kim Fess (Newsletter) thanked all those who supported her 39.3 mile walk for the fight against breast cancer. The newsletter deadline is May 23. Loretta Spittle (Quilt Show 2008) please sign up to volunteer for the quilt show. Only a handful of our 120 members have done so at this time. It is a wonderful experience and your help is needed. Quilt Collecting (Beverly Pontius) Quilt Collecting to take place the following 3 Tuesdays; Fall Retreat (Joan McGowan) Fall Retreat will be held Oct. 9-12 and a few places have opened up as some members who previously signed up have cancelled. Loretta Shinol (Library) It is time to bring back books. If you want specific books over the summer please let her know. Francine York (Coffee Queen) will not be Coffee Queen next year. Ellen Jaeger (Refreshments); Cynthia Daily-Johnson (Farewell Blocks) Wanda Brown is leaving for Colorado Springs so please sign blocks if you have not already done so.

Nominating Chair - Penny Boyanton announced next year's Executive Board Slate for Nomination. President – Sue Galasso, Vice President – Jill Redding, Treasurer – Cathy Powers, Secretary – Carolina Diaz, Nominating Chair – Julia Renken. There were no nominations from the floor. The Executive Board slate was seconded and approved by the members.

Springfield 2008/2009 SQU President, Sue Galasso took us along her quilting path with her beautiful quilts.

Door Prizes were awarded and Show 'n Tell included those quilts made from Linda Cantrell's April workshop.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Freerksen, Secretary.



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

PICNIC!

It has become a tradition for our program meeting in June to be pool side at Joan McGowan's cabana. So on June 17 wear comfortable clothes—a swimsuit if you want to swim, 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Hey ladies, it's time to renew your membership. If you can't come to a meeting in June, just download the membership form from the Big QU web site and mail it to me with a SASE so I can send you your membership card. Even if all of the information on the form is the same as last year, I still need to double check it against what we have on file. Thanks - Joan Oelschlager, 5902 Mt Eagle Dr, Apt 1208, Alexandria, VA 22303-2520.

Bus trip to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza

On Friday, September 5, SQU will charter a bus to visit the show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We will leave from Grace Presbyterian Church at 7:00 am sharp and return around 9 pm. We will stop at a restaurant for dinner on the way home. Cost will be \$45 per person, which includes admission to the show and bus transportation. Meals will be at your own expense. Seats will be offered to SQU members first, and will open to Big QU later on if we don't fill the bus. To reserve your seat, send a check for \$45 made out to SQU to : Nancy Vogel, 5804 New England Woods Drive, Burke, VA 22015 or see me at a meeting. Questions? email me at nanzov@cox.net or call me at 703-250-2864. For more info about the show, see www.quiltfest.com



Don't forget our Quilt Show June 6, 7, and 8
at the Dulles Expo Center! Go, enjoy, and
VOLUNTEER!



A Note from the

Treasurer

In April, I planned to be out of town for a few weeks - the AQS Paducah Quilt Show, and then a couple of weeks in St. Louis. Life happened, and my plans changed. My mother had some health issues when I first got to St. Louis, and then the issues became a health crisis. She had emergency surgery Sunday, spent a couple of days in the ICU and was moved to a regular after surgery floor today. All things considered, she is doing well, but at her age (98) a lot of things can go wrong. As a result, I probably will have to stay in St. Louis until she is settled.

I haven't forgotten my SQU duties, and wanted to remind everyone again that they need to submit any reimbursement vouchers for this fiscal year by the middle of June, and to cash any outstanding checks as soon as possible.

I would like to thank Julia (and anyone else who has assisted her) for filling in for me for far longer than anyone had anticipated. Kitty Tyler

Border of the Month ~ a Medallion Quilt Project with Six Borders

It's time to reveal the medallion quilts you've made during the past year! Bring them on June 3 for a special show and tell. Sue Galasso and Aby Dolinger hope you used the Border of the Month instructions as a springboard for creativity in your design. Aby will photograph you with your quilt, so be sure to smile for the camera!

Meet the Quilter

Thank you, Sue Galasso, for sharing your quilts and the story of your journey in sewing and quilting with us on May 6!

On June 3rd we will hear from Nancy Karpowicz. Nancy began her quilting journey in 1981 when she made her first quilt. Now, five sewing machines and a lot of fabric later, she is still quilting. Nancy retired from the federal government last year and is now working part-time at the Quilt Patch. This is helping to feed her quilting habit!

Friendship/Farewell Blocks

When a member leaves our Springfield group, she is presented with a set of blocks made by our members. Please help us maintain a supply of blocks for this purpose.

Start out with 5 blue prints 3-inches square and 4 unbleached muslin blocks 3-inches square. Sew them in a nine patch pattern. The finished blocks should measure 8-inches square. Sign with a

permanent marker, your name, date, chapter and /or any message you wish on one of the muslin squares in the nine patch block. Heat set the message with a hot iron. You can deliver any completed blocks to Cynthia Johnson-Daily at our meetings throughout the year. If you have any questions please call Cynthia at 703-971-6033.

Also, if you know of anyone who is leaving during the year, please let Cynthia know of their departure date. Thank you for your donations.

Fabric Shopping Opportunity

Bring spare change and/or your checkbook to our June 3 meeting. Three of our business-oriented members have yardage they would like to pass on to you at a discount. Lynn Munch, Corrie Grummon, and Candy Bell will display their wares on tables in our meeting room. You are welcome to shop prior to the meeting, during break, and shortly after we conclude. If you would like to be included in the vendor line-up, contact Aby Dolinger at 703-999-2549.

SQU Library

A stack of books has just been donated to our library from several different sources. Check out the full selection by going to www.quiltersunlimited.org/sfield.htm then scroll down the page for instructions on how to access the list.

Books may be checked out all summer long. Just get in touch with Loretta Shinol by phone (703-866-3984) or email at lbshe@msn.com.

And for those of you who have had books checked out this year, it is time to bring them in so others may borrow them. Any questions please contact Loretta.

HUGS FOR YOU!

Several parents came up to me last weekend when I was working in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) and personally asked to me to thank the quilt guild for the beautiful quilts that were donated. So, on behalf of the parents a great big THANK YOU to you all for your hard work and generosity! Thanks, Carolina Diez

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

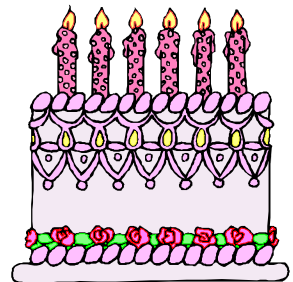
Mary Kelleher 6/9

Jackie Zebley 6/11

Wanda Brown 6/13

Linda Oldenburg 6/18

Loretta Shinol 6/20



MINDLESS PLEASURE

Here's a really fun, total time-wasting game to play free on the internet. It's called "Patchworkz" and the object is to complete a patchworkblock with the pieces given. You'll find it at <http://www.shockwave.com/gamelanding/patchworkz.jsp>.

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER SILENT AUCTION "COTTAGE" QUILT FOR QU SHOW

The pattern name for this quilt is "Sand Castles" and it is from the book titled, THE BEST OF BLACK MOUNTAIN QUILTS by Teri Christopherson (one of my favorites). It's a great pattern for using "stash" and for "fabric swapping" with your friends. Thanks again to all who contributed floral squares and the oriental ones, as well. I'll be working on that quilt this summer for our auction in November. Hmmmm....wouldn't this quilt look great with an applique border?....Or a scalloped edge?....Oh yeah! Cindy Grimord

Here's a poem shared by Bonnie Campbell. It might be fun to include it on a label for a baby quilt!

IT'S YOUR QUILT

*It's OK if you sit on your quilt,
It's OK if your bottle gets spilt,
If you swallow some air and you burp, don't despair;
It's OK if you spit on your quilt.*

*There are scraps old and new on your quilt,
Put together for you on your quilt,
If your gums feel numb cause your teeth haven't come,
It's OK if you chew on your quilt.*

*We expect you to lie on your quilt.
If you're hurt, you may cry on your quilt.
On a cold rainy night, don't you fret, you're all right.
You'll be snug, warm, and dry on your quilt.*

Written by Nancy Riddell

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, June 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.
Thanks. Kim