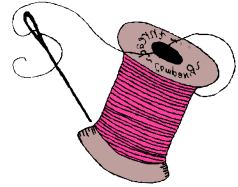


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited June 2009

Our 2008-2009 Volunteers

President—Sue Galasso	VP—Jill Redding
Treasurer—Cathy Powers	Secretary—Carolina Diez
Nominating—Julia Renken	Programs—Judy Beigbeder
Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Reps—Cindy Grimord & Penny Boyanton	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Roz Elliott	Web Page Contact—Sue Galasso
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Lynn Munch
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Quilt Camp—Judy Beigbeder	Sunshine—Beth Freerksen
Membership/Welcome—Joan Oelschlager	Bus Trip—Nancy Vogel
Quilt Collectors—Sue Baker & Beverly Pontius	
Coffee—Peggy Brower, Lynn Matthews, Carole Bloomquist & Cathy Murray	

Wow! We had many great activities this year at Springfield! The board did a great job this year and I need to thank all of you for all of the time, effort and talent that you each bring to the positions you had for this 2008-2009 year. We are a very talented group and even more importantly we are very happy to share this talent with those around us. By the way, if you have a job this year that you enjoy and would like to continue with, be sure to let Lynn Munch, our incoming President, know.

A few weeks ago, we had a great morning with Carly from Web Fabrics. Her knowledge of the fabric lines and trends was great to hear and I am sure has gotten us all excited about our quilting. Ideas were surely bubbling away during her presentation!

On June 2 we will have our business meeting. Please remember to get any receipts to Cathy Powers as soon as possible; we need this to be completed by the end of June to close out the books for the year and have an audit completed for the new board. Also remember, those of you who have signed up for Fall Retreat, you need to get your payments in before the end of June. At the business meeting we will be inducting the new officers for the 2009-2010 year. We will also have our "Show Off" for Show and Tell. Bring any and all items that you participated in or completed as part of the Annual Programs, Quilt Camp and our workshops. I am sure Judy and Jill will have more about this in the newsletter.

The June 2 meeting will be your last chance to turn in your quilts for the Quilt Show that will be on June 5, 6, and 7. All the details for the show are on the QU web site. Don't forget the QU Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Chantilly High School. After the meeting Mark Lipinski will have a presentation for all of us. These details are also at the QU web site. If you haven't volunteered for a job at the show and would like to, please let Cindy Grimord or Penny Boyanton know.

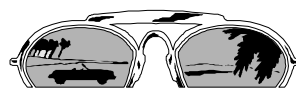
The Summer Challenge will be introduced at the business meeting. Do you all like pasta? Well, get ready to be part of "Fettuccine Surprise." Since in the summer we like to keep things simple and relaxed, this challenge will meet those expectations. This is an easy, relaxing pattern that many are sure to enjoy. Beginning steps are here in the newsletter. Directions and a sample picture will be available at the meeting on June 2.

As we all prepare for the summer months, be safe in your travels and enjoy the company of family and friends. Here at Springfield there will be Quilting for Others workshops in July. As announced, we will be making pillowcases and stockings for ECHO. Diane and Carolina will be providing all the details for these workshops.

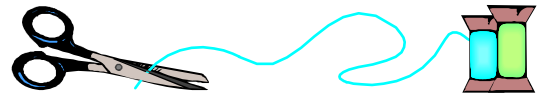
Enjoy the summer and thank you all for making this year a great one! Springfield certainly is "where the fun is"!
May your bobbin always be full!

Sue

P. S. See you at the Quilt Show!!!!



S U M M E R



VP'S Corner

We had another wonderful meeting on May 19. I thought Carly Mul was great and she told me several times what a fun group we are. Even people who don't know our slogan know that we are a fun group!

I only have one more program note and then I will be turning everything over to the very awesome Julia Renken. The September program and workshop with Patricia Pepe will be on Tuesday, September 15. She will do a lecture in the morning and will give an afternoon workshop on "X Block Basics." Julia will be coming up with the cost and will start registration this summer.

It has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you this year. Thanks again for all of your help and support.

Keep on stitching,



PICNIC!

It has become a tradition for our program meeting in June to be pool side at Joan McGowan's cabana. So on June 16 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!

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.

Minutes – Springfield QU Business Meeting

May 5, 2009

The membership approved the minutes of the April business meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers - As of today we have \$12,949.00.

Correspondence: Thank you letter, pattern and book from Iowa quilters guild.

VP Report: Jill Redding – May19 lecture will be Carly Mul from WebFabrics and in September Patricia Pepe from California will be here for lecture/workshop-sign up over the summer...

Programs: Judy Beigbeder – Black and White and Reddy to wear fashion show.

Committee Chair Reports -Fundraising: Carolyn Pic – Start thinking about the auction! *Community Service:* Diane Henry –Try to have baby quilts turned in by September. *Newsletter and SpringRetreat:* Kim Fess- Newsletter deadline is the Friday after the third Tuesday of the month. *Quilt Show:* June 5, 6, 7, 2009 –Penny Boyanton – Classes are still open, see QU website. Discount bracelets will be sold Thursday, June 4, at 12:00 p.m. Springfield has signed up for most of the volunteer jobs-Thank you. E-mail Cindy Grimord if you would like to volunteer. Penny will be collecting items for the Boutique. *Hospitality:* Coffee group--Peggy Brower. Refreshments – Lynn Munch. Thank you to those who brought the treats to the May business meeting. *Quilt Collectors:* Sue Baker/Beverly Pontius- Quilt collection for Quilt show: May 19, May 26, June 2. Quilts need a label in back lower right corner inside pillowcase with label on the outside of pillowcase. *Fall Retreat:* Joan McGowan – Fall retreat October 8-11, 2009 at New Windsor Conference Center, New Windsor, MD. Openings available. *Library:* Loretta Shinol-Books still missing from the library. Check newsletter for missing titles. *Nominating:* Julia Renken—Membership voted new 2009-2010 board: President-Lynn Munch, Vice-President- Julia Renken, Secretary-Roxanne Pressnell, Treasurer- Kathy Powers, Nominating-Sue Galasso, Program Chair-Judy Beigbeder.

President's Announcements: QU looking for Nominations Chair. Read QU newsletter for information on QU meeting and Mark Lapinski show at Chantilly High School, June 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Pam Leonard is selling quilts patterns from Aby Dollinger.

Break

Door prizes

Black and White and Reddy to wear fashion show...

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m

Respectfully submitted by Carolina Diez, Secretary

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In case you missed the May reminder . . . let me repeat myself:

The Annual Programs challenges, BOM, and Mysteries are scheduled for “show off” at the June 2 meeting. Even if you haven't finished (it is likely I won't have finished issuing all the BOM blocks), bring what you have done.

B&W&Reddy to Wear (if you missed the May 5 meeting)

HollyDay Grab Bag (if you missed the December party and still haven't presented your gift ... better late than never)

Uglie Fabric Dare

Sampler Times (BOM – NY Beauties) [table display for multiple viewing – please put your name on item or slip into vinyl sleeves in a 3-ring binder]

Strip Search (mystery)

Insanity Plea (mystery)

Camp Projects [table display for multiple viewing – please put your name on item]



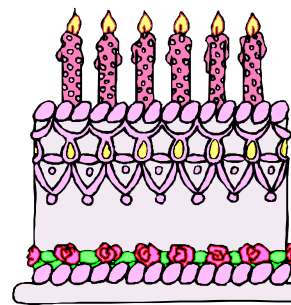
Projects will be paraded in GROUPS across the stage. So if you have done more than one – prepare to strut your stuff more than once.

Thank you!

Judy Beigbeder sewsewbizzy@yahoo.com

Annual Programs

Happy birthday and congratulations



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

Jackie Zebley 6/11

Wanda Brown 6/13

Leisa Whelan 6/13

Linda Oldenburg 6/18

Loretta Shinol 6/20

Charlotte Pierce 6/22

Peggy Brower 6/23

It's **SHOW** time--**QUILT SHOW** time!

Our big Quilt Show is just around the corner--June 5, 6, and 7--at the Dulles Expo Center. Make plans to go. You don't want to miss all the great quilts and wonderful vendors. And be sure to encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to go. This is a marvelous opportunity for the public to see the "wonderful world of quilting." The hours, admission prices, etc. are available at www.quiltersunlimited.org. **GO TO THE QUILT SHOW!!!!**

Set-up will be on Thursday, June 4. If you have a strong college student at home who would like to earn some extra money and bond with his/her quilter mom, there are opportunities. We are all encouraged to volunteer for our Show, and the set-up committee (McLean) would be happy to hear from you.

Don't forget that the QU Annual Meeting is the Saturday night of the Quilt Show. If you make a reservation to spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express right by the Convention Center you can ride a shuttle to the meeting and the fun-filled program by Mark Lipinski, editor of "Quilter's Home Magazine."

And a note from the Quilt Collectors:

If you have signed up to have quilts in the show and you have not yet brought them in to the Quilt Collectors, next **Tuesday, June 2**, is the **LAST DAY!** You must have all of your entries in on that date!

After the show your quilts will be available to pick up at Grace Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 9th, between 9:30 and 11:30. If you cannot be there that day to pick up your quilt and are having someone pick it up for you, please send a brief note with the person picking the quilt up, that you are giving them permission to take your quilt. We are required to have the notes according to Big QU rules. If you cannot get there nor have anyone to pick up your quilt, just let Beverly or Sue know. We can work with you!

Fall Retreat

If you have already signed up for the next Fall Retreat, our SQU treasurer would appreciate it if you would make sure to get your final payment to me before the end of June-- preferably at the June business meeting. If not then, please give it to me at the End-of-Year Picnic.

New to Springfield QU? Consider joining us at Fall Retreat. It's fun and it's a great way to meet and get to know other Springfield QU members. It is held at the New Windsor Conference Center in New Windsor, MD, October 8 through 11. We are in one huge room and we sew away the whole time! The cost is \$240 which includes meals from dinner, Thursday through breakfast, Sunday. If there are spaces available, you can sign up anytime before we go. After June the whole amount would be due in one payment.

Joan McGowan

joquilter@aol.com

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

To machine-applique on circular shapes, first lightly mark each circle, close to the edge, with the quarter hours of the clock. As you stitch, stop at the first mark with the needle in the fabric on the outside swing of the needle. Raise the presser foot; pivot the fabric slightly. Stitch to the next pivot point

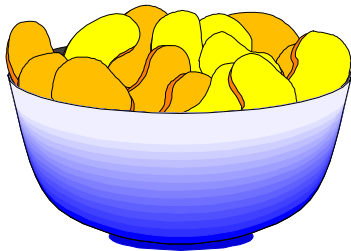
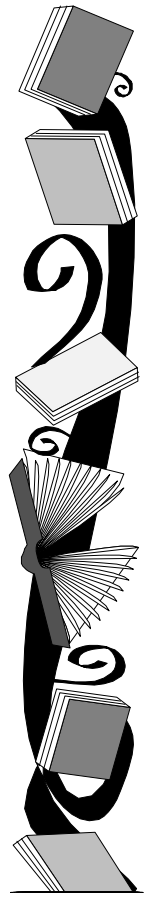
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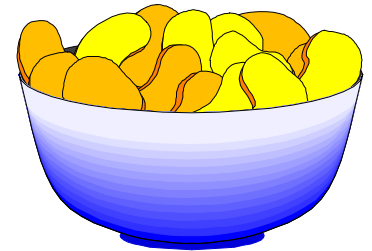
Bright Quilts from Down Under by Australian Patchwork
Combing Through Your Scraps by Karen Combs
Crazy Quilt Handbook by Judith Montano
Dresden Plates of Distinction by Sharon Stroud
Endless Chain by Emilie Richards
Fat Quarter Quilts by M'Liss Rae Hawley
Glorious Patchwork by Kaffe Fassett
Log Cabin Quilts by Flavin Glover
Machine Quilting with Decorative Threads by Maurine Noble and Elizabeth Hendricks
Machine Stack and Whack Quilts by Bethany Reynolds
Mastering Macine Applique by Harriet Hargrave
Paper Piecing by Alex Anderson
Rotary Cutting Magic by Nancy Johnson-Srebro
Shoreline Quilts by Cyndy Rymer
Smashing Sets by Margaret Miller
Special Occasion Table Runners by Janet Brandt
The Casual Quilter by Robin Strobel
The Quilter's Companion by Katharine Guerrier
Wedding Ring by Emilie Richards

Many thanks to those members of our Chapter who have taken pity on us and have donated books from their own collections!

Loretta Shinol



The Munchie Report



A great big thank you to everyone who brought goodies to share the last two months!

April business: Joyce Keating, Ellen Jaeger, Tamara Webb, Nancy Vogel and Pat Lane

April program: Sue Baker, Joan Oelschlager, Sue Lopez, Pam Osborn, Karen Cross

May business: Roxana Pressnell, Leona Childress, Loretta Shinol, Roz Elliott, Cathy Flanigan

May program: Kathryn Jones, Jackie Zebley, Beth Freerksen, Lynn Matthews, Margie Shalders

And in advance for our upcoming business meeting in June: Francine York, Marcia Walz, Peggy Evans, Julia Renken, and Betty Prosser.

Thanks again to everyone who brought munchies this year!

Munch

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

And be sure to wear



your nametag!

Springfield Summer Challenge 2009

“Fettuccine Surprise”

Even if you can't cook (or don't want to) you CAN make this simple, relaxing quilt top. It will go together very easily; you might even get it done in a day! All you need to mix up and make this great quilt are 2½-inch strips, thus the reference to fettuccine (fat, wide strips = fat, wide pasta)! Summer has us think of the beach, ocean, sand, sun, etc. and batiks fit this just right! You will need a **variety of light batiks and dark batiks**. Strips are to be 2½" wide x width of fabric (40 to 42 inches). Fat quarters may be used; just remember that you will need to double the number of light and dark strips as the length of a fat quarter is only 22 inches.

Light Batik Colors 2½" x width of fabric

7 strips in light shades of batiks. **NO hot colors.**

If you use fat quarters you will need 14 strips of a variety of these colors.

Dark Batik Colors 2½" x width of fabric

7 strips in dark shades of batiks. **NO hot colors.**

If you use fat quarters you will need 14 strips in a variety of these colors

Bring your 7 light strips and 7 dark strips on June 2. For those who would like to swap strips, the swap will be at the end of the meeting after Show and Tell. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FABRIC IS WASHED BEFORE SWAPPING!** When you arrive for the swap your 7 light and 7 dark strips can be from the same fabric. If you choose not to participate in the swap but would still like to do this challenge **variety and contrast of lights and darks is the key**. Directions will be distributed at the swap and a sample picture will be available.

If you have any questions email Sue Galasso, suegalasso@hotmail.com.

Springfield QU - Basic Project Details

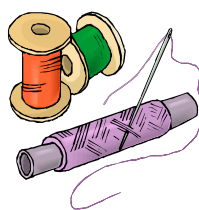
Farewell Blocks for members who are moving away from our area. Make a nine-patch block that finishes to 8 inches using 5 blue 3-inch squares and 4 unbleached muslin 3-inch squares. Sign your name, chapter and date plus a message on one of the muslin squares and heat set it with an iron.

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 square 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. Workshop on July 14.

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. Workshop on July 21.



Orphan Blocks for Mongolia Update

Thank you to everyone who donated the orphan blocks, quilt tops and fabric pieces. I finally heard from my daughter, Jessica, and I wanted to enclose her reply and a link to her pictures of the teacher and some of the things they have made. Enjoy! I hope to get more pictures in the future. Thanks again, Carolyn Pic

Dear Mom,

I just wanted to let you know that after much delay, I was able to give the packages to my school's home ec teacher. She, other teachers and my counterpart all went wild for what you sent them. They loved the colors, the stitching, the patterns and were generally overwhelmed by the beauty of the pieces you sent.

She also immediately pinned your QM pin to her coat. Later, she called me into her classroom to take pictures while she showed her students the pictures you included of your quilt club and showed students the incredible things you sent.

She was so very grateful for the items you sent her. She showed me a lot of the things students have to work with right now (low-quality muslin mostly) and how it really impedes their ability to be more creative. Everyone at the school was thrilled to have these things.

Gereltroft said that she and her students will make something to send to all of you as an expression of her gratitude. She is really an amazing, kind, hardworking teacher who very much loves her students and whose students love her in return.

I have put some of the pictures on a website for you and your friends to view. There's pictures of her, the students, some other teachers, and a lot of pictures of things that her students have made in the past that she wanted you to see.

It takes a long time to upload pictures, and I've got about 50 more to put up this week or sometime, so check back later and there should be more.

Here's the link:

http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sreidir?uname=JessicaLPic&target=ALBUM&id=5331815197150154737&authkey=Gv1sRgCKTPhZPq4Im57AE&invite=CJvYy_wC&feat=email

Thanks so much!

Love you and miss you --Jess

Share your favorite... is a new column this year. 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!

I wanted to share one of my favorite things. It is thread designed by Alex Anderson and sold by Superior Thread. I have been piecing with this thread and there is very little lint in my machine. I use it in the bobbin and as the top thread too. The thread is sold in large cones; the one I have has been used for many hours and still looks full. You may want to try it too. Superior Threads is one of the vendors at our Quilt Show. I plan to stock up!--Penny Boyanton

The bag that I brought to Show-and-Tell that has the pocket perfect for a gift card and that is my new-favorite little girl gift is the Tag Along Tote by Atkinson Designs.--Jill Redding

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

Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ)

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way at the VCQ meeting in Annandale on May 9. Thank you for being our host group. It was a very successful meeting--excellent turnout, great facility. And lots of fun was had by all! Our next meeting on August 8 is in a part of the state that VCQ has never been to before--the town of Monterey in Highland County within sight of West Virginia. This will be the meeting at which the information for Celebration 2010 will be released and those in attendance will have a chance to register right away. The registration information for

Celebration 2010 will be online on Sunday, August 9. Celebration, a four-day quilting event, will be April 22-25 at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake. The lower the registration number you have, the better chance you will have to get the classes you want at Celebration. (You don't have to choose the classes right away; just send in your registration as early as you can.) For more information about VCQ, go to www.vcq.org.

Joan McGowan
joquilter@aol.com

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!

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.

The deadline for the next newsletter will be June 19, the Friday after the third Tuesday program meeting. Please e-mail your input, including anything you may have for "Share Your Favorite..." 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

