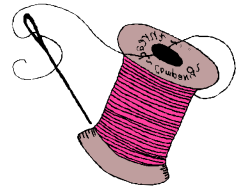


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited June 2010

Our 2009-2010 Volunteers

President—Lynn Munch	VP—Julia Renken
Treasurer—Cathy Powers	Secretary—Roxana Pressnell
Nominating—Sue Galasso	Programs—Judy Beigbeder
Newsletter—Kim Fess	Auction—Carolyn Pic
Quilting for Others—Diane Henry & Carolina Diez	Door Prizes—Roz Elliott
Quilt Show Rep—Kim Fess	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Roz Elliott	Web Page Contact—Lynn Munch
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Rebecca Heinze
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—Pam Leonard, Carole Bloomquist & Joy Bauer	



Hi Ladies,

This year sure went by quickly. As they say, time flies when you are having fun, and I sure did. I enjoyed being president because of all of you and the effort you put into making Springfield where the fun is. Each month, at the top of the newsletter, we list the members who fill our elected offices and key volunteer positions. These volunteers keep us going strong. Sometimes we get so used to seeing something, we forget its importance. Take a moment and consider the effort and impact of these ladies.

Additionally, several of you are not listed, but have made significant contributions, particularly to the Quilt Show: Francine York for selling tickets for the raffle quilt, Penny Boyanton and Jill Warren for collecting boutique items, Cindy Grimord for being secretary to the Quilt Show committee and most

especially, Lisa Langlais for heading the huge job of Quilt Show Chair.

Please take the time to say “thank you” to these hardworking ladies. Several of you have thanked me during the year, and I sure have appreciated that, so I’m sure they will, too.

All the rest of you have contributed to making SQU so wonderful by bringing goodies to share, making farewell blocks, donating items for our fundraisers: auction, yard sale and boutique (and then buying them!) and door prizes; buying raffle tickets, participating in Quilting for Others, retreats, Quilt Camp, National Quilting Day, workshops, challenges, and even show and tell. You are the very best! Thank you for allowing me to be your president. I had the easy job!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

See you sew soon,

Lynn

llmunch@cox.net

P. S. Please remember to bring in your UFO clinic items to show what you’ve accomplished at the June business meeting.

Minutes of the Springfield QU Business Meeting May 4, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Munch. Carolina Diez announced that we had two guests today: Lola Cioni and QU President, Susan Fernandez. The membership approved the minutes of the April business meeting as printed in the May newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers – Absent.

President's Announcements: The QU annual meeting is Thursday, May 20 at 7:30PM at NOVA. There will be a trunk show with Sharon Stroud. She will also have workshops on Friday (Dresden Plate) and Saturday (hand quilting). See QU Newsletter for details. We have flyers for the quilt show, so please take some to distribute. Please bring UFO Clinic quilts to the June business meeting. Tuesday, June 15 will be the End-Of-Year Picnic.

VP Report: Julia Renken – Tuesday, May 18 will be a Wearable Art Trunk Show (no workshop). We will have a special "Show and Tell" of wearables.

Committee Chair Reports: Newsletter: Kim Fess – Deadline Friday, May 21. Quilt Show Rep: Kim Fess – Sign up to help with Demos. Auction: Carolyn Pic – The Auction will be November 16. Quilting for Others: Diane Henry and Carolina Diez – We still have some kits for NICU and soldier quilts and labels for both. We will have Pillowcase Workshops on July 20 and 27. The Committee can come to Diane's house to sort fabric. The Accu-Cut dies purchased are Churn Dash, Tumbler, 4 ½ " half square triangle. Will have cutting bees this summer. Library: Loretta Shinol – It's the end of the season so bring all the Library books back. Holiday Party: Roz Elliott – Nothing. Farewell Blocks: Cynthia Johnson-Daily – Let me know if you know of anyone leaving. I collect blocks all year. Refreshments: Rebecca Heinze – Thank you to those who brought goodies today even though you had no reminder. Fall Retreat: Joan McGowan and Penny Boyanton – Last payment is due June 1. Spring Retreat: Kim Fess – Nothing. Quilt Camp: Kitty Tyler – Nothing. Sunshine: Judy Bregman – Martha Walker's father passed away. Quilt Collectors: Sue Baker and Julia Renken – We are collecting quilts for the show. Please fold the quilt so you can see the label. We will have them back to you on June 8. Hospitality: Beverages: Pam Leonard, Carole Bloomquist and Joy Bauer – Joy Bauer will be taking over for Pam Leonard. Bus Trip: Loretta Spittle – I have a bus reserved for trip to Pennsylvania on Tuesday, October 12. Sign up in September, Check reserves your space. Quilt Show Boutique: Penny Boyanton – Bring items by mid-May. Raffle Quilt: Francine York – The quilt is 92 x 92 and you do not have to be present to win. Nominating: Sue Galasso – The slate of officers was announced for 2010-2011: President: Joan McGowan, Vice President: Patrice Mull, Treasurer: Gay Baker, Secretary: Roxana Pressnell, and Nominating: Lynn Munch. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was unanimously approved. Programs: Judy Beigbeder – Calendar Gals instructions next month will be how to finish the quilt. Show quilts in September. Les Fleurs de SQU (floral challenge) should be finished and ready to show June 1.

Show and Tell: See <http://picasaweb.google.com/SpringfieldQU> for pictures.

Door Prizes: Roz Elliott – Nametag: Joyce Keating. Door Prizes: Roxana Pressnell, Karen Cross, Marcia Walz and Joyce Canary.

Respectfully submitted by Roxana Pressnell



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

It's time...

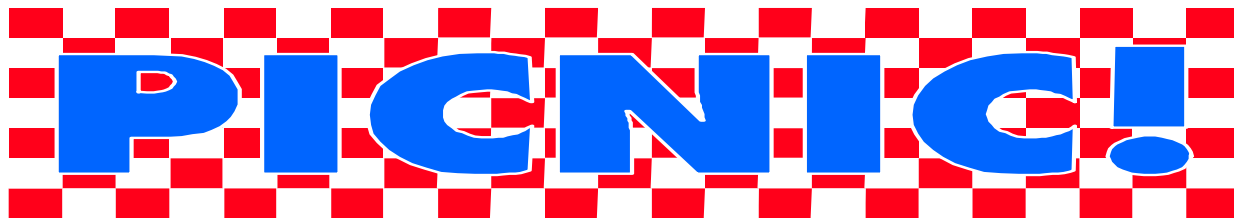
to renew your QU membership if you have not already done so. Your current membership expires on June 30 and you will no longer be able to use your card for store discounts. Everyone—renewing members and new members—is required to fill out a 2010-2011 membership form. Get one from Carolina Diez, fill it out and give it to her with your dues. You don't want to miss out on Springfield QU—where the fun is!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR...QUILT SHOW COLLECTING

If you have signed up to have quilts in the show and you have not yet brought them in to the Quilt Collectors, **Tuesday, June 1**, is the **LAST DAY** we will be available at the church. 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 8th, 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 retrieving your quilt, 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 Sue Baker, 703-3232-6832, Beverly Pontius, 703-323-8709, Julia Renken, 703-352-2016, or Chris Prestenbach, 703-241-0304 know. We can work with you.



It has become a tradition for our program meeting in June to be pool side at Joan McGowan's cabana. So on June 15 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 gravel 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 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!

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

Our big Quilt Show is just around the corner--June 4, 5, and 6--at the Dulles Expo Center. Make plans to go. You don't want to miss all the great quilts, 85 wonderful vendors and 17 fascinating demonstrations. 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." **GO TO THE QUILT SHOW!!!!** If you have already signed up for a volunteer shift at the show, don't forget to be there at your appointed time. And if you have not yet volunteered...shame on you!...this show is totally done with "volunteer power" and we need every member to help. It's not too late to volunteer; contact Sandy Rees at quiltrees1@yahoo.com. (QU members who volunteer get a discount on the 3-day pass—only \$15.)

Hours: Friday and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 10 am to 3 pm

1-Day Admission \$10

3-Day Admission \$20

Fall Retreat

The final payment for Fall Retreat is due in June. I will notify everyone what they still owe. We need to have all payments in before the end of June so that the books can be closed before the next treasurer takes over. If you have a question about what you owe please contact me at joquilter@aol.com or 703-323-6048. Also be aware that your dues must be renewed in order to attend Fall Retreat...so don't forget to renew.

Joan McGowan, Fall Retreat Chair

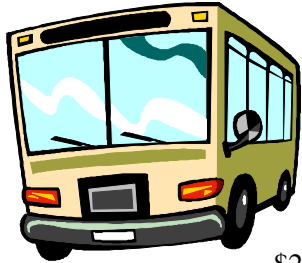
Bloomin' June

This is a late blooming announcement to remind those participating in **Les Fleurs de SQU** floral challenge that your projects should be ready for show and tell at our June 1 meeting.



Bring your paint chips. And don't forget the optional sentence(s) using your paint names!!

Judy Beigbeder
Annual Programs



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

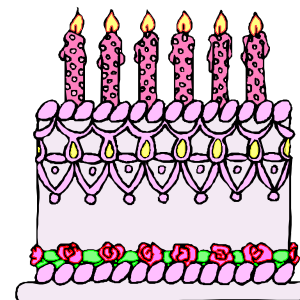
- June 1 – Business meeting
- June 8 – Off-Tuesday (quilts returned from the show)
- June 15 – Picnic at Joan's
- June 22 – Off-Tuesday at the church
- June 29 – **NO** Meeting – church unavailable

The July and August calendars will be in the July newsletter, once the dates have been cleared with the church.

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

Patti Hyder 6/11
Leisa Whelan 6/13
Charlie Pierce 6/22

Jackie Zebley 6/11
Loretta Shinol 6/20



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:

Bernie's Deli and Gourmet Market at 4328 Chain Bridge Road is a fabulous deli! It is owned by Bernie who was part owner of Waghal's Deli in D.C. for years and years. Additionally, it's on the way to and from the Quilt Patch. The food is fabulous and it is also open for breakfast Monday through Friday. **Dotty White**

At the risk of NEVER being able to book time again, I'm sharing two Northern Neck vacation rental homes with you all. A neighbor (who also quilts!) found them last year and told me about them. We stayed 10 days last summer, and loved it so much that we booked two spring weekends and two summer weeks this year. Both homes are about 2.5 hours from Springfield, near Kinsdale. Both are fully furnished and are located on creeks off of the Yeocomico River. We have stayed at Parker Shores, which can sleep 11 people. The owner provides a canoe, rowboat and kayaks, and will even bring over bikes if you ask. There's a deck and a hammock; linens and bath towels are provided. My daughters really like the ping pong and foosball tables. Check out this house at: www.vacationhomerentals.com/41765. The second house, in Sandy Point, can be seen at www.vacationhomerentals.com/41292. If you book a stay at either home, please tell Bill that Patrice sent you! **Patrice Mull**

My favorite restaurant: Pane e Vino at 9020 Lorton Station Blvd, Lorton, VA. Wonderful Italian food! Pleasant waiters. Check out the website (www.paneevino-ristorante.com) for weekly special events, like flights of wine on Thursdays with your dinner, and half-price bottles of wine on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The regular menu sounds quite yummy, but in three visits I've only ordered from it once - -the daily specials are too intriguing! They also have a deli next door - haven't been there yet, but it's gotta be good. **Patrice Mull**

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

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

When cleaning your sewing machine remember this: "Suck. Never Blow." In other words, use the crevasse tool with your vacuum cleaner or one of the smaller vacuum cleaner tools designed for jobs like this to remove the accumulated fuzz and lint from your machine. Do not use canned air. It just pushes the "stuff" further back into your machine.

Other Notes

*A blue and white plate was left on the snack counter after the May program meeting. Please contact Kitty Tyler to claim it.

*A friend of Carolina Diez is going to Haiti on June 28th with a group from Nativity Church. They are going to dedicate the Georgette Martin Sewing Center at Nativity Village V and visit the Sewing Co-op at Nativity Village II. They would like to take a box of sewing supplies as a gift since the supplies at both facilities are meager. Neither co-op has electricity and the sewing machines are the old-fashioned type operated by a foot pedal. If you would like to donate any of the supplies listed below (or make a cash donation) please bring them to Carolina at the June 1 meeting. Thanks so much!

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| --Tape measures with standard and metric measurements | --Thread, any color, all-purpose |
| --Safety pins (in new sealed packaging) | --Marking pencils |
| --Straight pins (in new sealed packaging) | --Buttons |
| --Regular hand sewing/embroidery needles (in new sealed packaging) | --Rickrack, wireless ribbon, lace |
| --Embroidery Floss | --Elastic |
| --Sew-on snaps | --Zippers |

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, June 18! Your input is GREATLY appreciated!



See you at the Quilt Show!