
March 2008

President – Julia Renken
Vice Pres. – Beth Freerksen
Treasurer – Kitty Tyler
Secretary – Beth Freerksen
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
Coffee/Refreshments – Francine
York & Ellen Jaeger
Library --Loretta Shinol
Fall Retreat -- Joan McGowan
Spring Retreat – Kim Fess
Quilt Camp – Jill Redding
Sunshine—Beth Freerksen
Membership/Welcome—Joan
Oelschlager

From the



President

An enormous thank you to Beth for organizing and teaching our “Blizzard of Blocks” hand-piecing workshop on February 19th. What a great time we all had! And a huge thank you to Kim for seating us by birthday months – an opportunity to sit with and get to know our newer SQU members. Please don’t forget to complete your hand-pieced blocks and return them to Beth by our program meeting on March 18th.

I understand from our quilt collectors that we had an outstanding number of quilt entries turned in for the QU show in June. Thank you to Sue and Beverly for doing the job again this year, and dealing with the added task of submitting all the information electronically to big QU.

Looking forward ... we have Cyndi Souder lecturing on March 18th. Then Linda Cantrell visiting for a lecture and full-day workshop on April 15th and 16th. Those of you who have enjoyed Linda’s quilt “The Apartment” won’t want to miss her.

I would like to remind you that all QU chapter meetings are open to all QU members. Check out the chapter schedules on the QU website or in the QU newsletter to discover who other chapters are having visit. We have a wonderful opportunity here in northern Virginia to hear so many different quilt artists lecture and present workshops.



Quilt on,
Julia

02/05/08 Business Meeting Minutes

Julia Renken called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She introduced and greeted our newest members and visitors. The January business meeting minutes were approved as printed without corrections. No correspondence was received.

Treasurer Report - Kitty Tyler stated we have \$10,832.48.

Julia noted we will have raffle tickets to sell and buy for the Quilters Unlimited raffle quilt.

Vice President Report – Beth Freerksen discussed the upcoming events for February 18, “Blizzard of Blocks” and March 19 guest speaker, Cyndi Souder.

Internal Program Report - Aby Dolinger discussed the Border of the Month. The Border of the Month’s grand show n’ tell will be June. We are asking for a volunteer to lead the spring challenge.

Committee Chair Reports - Carolyn Pic (Spring Yard Sale) The spring yard sale will take place April 1. Nothing will be sold for less than 25 cents. Diane Henry (Quilting for Others) – At our last Quilting for Others workshop we completed an amazing 283 pillowcases. Candy Bell has donated 275 yards of fabric to be used for charity purposes. Kim Fess (Newsletter) Deadline February 22. Spring retreat’s last payment is due today. Jill Redding (Quilt Camp) Camp will be held March 4, 5, and 6. The cost will be \$5 a day and includes lunch. Cindy Grimord (Silent Auction Chair) All proceeds to return to each local guild. Minimum bid to be no less than \$15. If you donate 8” block of floral and Asian inspired fabric she will make 2 quilts (as shown) one for the QU Silent Auction and one for our auction in the fall. She will demonstrate the tricks of making this quilt at Quilt Camp. Penny Boyanton (Nominating Chair) She is looking for someone who would like to serve on the Quilter’s Unlimited board and those wishing to serve on our own SQU board. Loretta Shino (Library) Return books within 2 to 3 weeks of the initial loan and be sure to have them all back by May. Sue Baker (Quilt Show) Measuring of the quilts will take place Feb. 5, 12 and 19.

Other: Tamara Webb spoke about the Woodlawn show. Loretta Spittle said Saturday, March 14, is National Quilting Day and the Virginia Quilt Museum will be having a tea.

Door Prizes were awarded and Show 'n Tell went forth.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Freerksen, Secretary



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

CALL FOR FLORAL AND ORIENTAL FABRIC BLOCKS -- Ladies, please remember to bring in two 8" blocks, one in soft floral fabrics and one in oriental fabrics. I will be at Quilt Camp this coming week and will be working on our silent auction quilt for the Big QU Show and one for our own Fall Auction. Thank You! Cindy Grimord



Border of the Month ~ a Medallion Quilt

Project with Six Borders

Congratulations to those of you who have been faithfully working on your medallion quilt top, adding a border each month! You should now have all the border options in hand: suggestions for 3," 4," 5," and 6" borders. If you are missing any instruction sheets, please email Aby Dolinger at aby.dolinger@us.army.mil. We'll have a grand show-and-tell of these quilts on June 3rd.

Civil War/ Churn

Dash Block Swap

Ladies involved in the 7" Churn Dash Swap . . . our final exchange is on Tuesday, March 4th at Quilt Camp at high noon. Aby, the coordinator, anticipates at least 7 participants; contributing one set to this swap is your best bet for receiving 7 different fabrics.

UFO and QuIPS Challenge

Bring your completed, registered UFO and QuIPS Challenge projects to Show and Tell on Wednesday, March 4th, at noon at Quilt Camp. In addition to receiving a lovely batik fat quarter, you'll be eligible to win some special prizes! POC: Chris Prestenbach.



SQU Spring Yard Sale

Just a reminder about our upcoming Spring Yard Sale April 1st. Yes, on April 1st, we will be having our Annual Spring Yard Sale. This yard sale is different from the Fall Auction in that it is a simple yard sale with proceeds going to SQU. To participate we ask you to bring your stuff that morning, priced and ready to sell (in increments of 25 cents). Sales/purchasing will take place throughout the meeting. At the end of the meeting you must take back any of your items that did not sell.

The types of items that are popular at the yard sale include sewing and quilting stuff (UFOs, fabric, gadgets, patterns), cooking stuff, books, plants--anything cluttering your house that you just don't want anymore. This is another fun event and we always have interesting finds. Remember one person's trash may be another person's treasure.

See you at our Spring Yard Sale during the April business meeting, Tuesday, April 1st at 9:30 am. And bring your stuff!!!! If you have questions call Carolyn Pic at 703-440-1491 or email her at cpicinva@verizon.net.



BIG QU RAFFLE QUILT

Julia has received 100 raffle tickets for the Big QU raffle quilt. These tickets must be purchased by, or sold by, Springfield QU members. She will have the tickets at all the March SQU meetings.



Please visit the QU website at <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/fund.htm> to see a photograph of the very lovely feathered star quilt. The quilt is 90" square, was pieced by Jo Cotter of Annandale QU, and quilted by Stover Quality Quilting.

FALL RETREAT

Just a reminder for folks signed up for the Fall Retreat. The first of two \$95.00 payments is due in March with the second one due in June. Since we are very shorthanded at work I may not be at the business meeting on Tuesday, March 4 and if that's the case please give your checks to Kitty. Since there have been a lot of new members in the last couple of months who might not know a lot about the Retreat, the Fall Retreat will be held at the New Windsor Conference Center in New Windsor, MD, from Thursday, October 9 through Sunday, October 12. It's a laid-back, fun-filled weekend with nothing mandatory but the mandatory block. There are still several openings. If you think you might want to join us let me know. The total price is \$240 and that includes meals from Thursday evening through Sunday breakfast.



Membership Here are the new members who have joined our chapter since the last newsletter came out. Please add this page to your directory so that it will be up to date. And be sure to welcome our new members!



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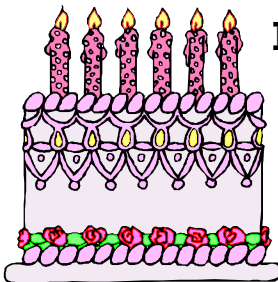


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Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who are celebrating their special days in the month of March:

Jill Redding 3/1
Sallie Davis 3/12
Janet Miller 3/28

Francine York 3/5
Lynn Munch 3/15

You asked for it...

Here, thanks to Judy Bregman, is the recipe for the delicious treat that she recently brought to a meeting

Chocolate-Éclair Icebox Dessert

22-1/2 sheets (about one 14oz. box) low-fat honey graham crackers, divided

Cooking spray

3 cups fat-free milk

2 (3.4 ounce) packages fat-free vanilla instant pudding mix

1 (8oz.) tub fat-free cream cheese

1 (8oz) tub frozen reduced-calorie whipped topping, thawed

¼ cup fat-free milk

2 T stick margarine or butter, softened

2 T honey

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted

1-½ cups sifted powdered sugar

Arrange 7 ½ cracker sheets in the bottom of a 13x9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine 3 cups milk, pudding mix, and cream cheese in a large bowl, and beat at low speed of a mixer 1 minute or until thick. Fold in whipped topping. Spread half of the pudding mixture over graham crackers and top with 7 ½ graham cracker sheets. Repeat the procedure with the remaining half of pudding mixture and 7 ½ graham cracker sheets. Combine ¼ cup milk, softened margarine, honey, and unsweetened chocolate in a mixing bowl, and beat well with a mixer. Gradually add powdered sugar to milk mixture, and beat well. Spread chocolate glaze over graham crackers. Cover dessert and tent with foil. Chill at least 4 hours. Serves 18

From "Cooking Light", January 1998

Member News

We received the following note from Marilyn Coffman, a former member (the note was mailed in December to the church and was just given to us):

"Thank you ladies for allowing me to join your group and for receiving me well. I can't tell you how I enjoyed being a part of your group. New address is 221 Washington Rd, Apt C, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Telephone 347-517-4603." – Marilyn

WOODLAWN'S 45TH ANNUAL NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION

Indulge yourself ...and your fondness for fine stitchery. Woodlawn's 45th Annual Needlework Exhibition has begun! A breathtaking array of items, all stitched with hand-held needle. March 1-31, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A delicious lunch and desserts will be served every day from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Cash and checks only.) All proceeds benefit Woodlawn. Historic Woodlawn is located at 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, phone 703-780-4000 or go to www.woodlawn1805.org.



SQU March Events Schedule

March 4 – Quilt Camp, 9:30-3:30

March 5 – Quilt Camp, 9:30-3:30

March 6 – Quilt Camp, 9:30-3:30

March 11 – off-Tuesday

March 15—**National Quilting Day!** Check with local quilt shops for special events and promotions.

March 15, 16--Southern Comforters of Bowie presents its Fans of Friendship Quilt show at the C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center, 15543 Peach Walker Dr., Bowie, Maryland 10716. Show hours are 10:00-5:00 on Saturday and 11:00-4:00 on Sunday.

March 18 – lecture by Cyndi Souder

March 25 – off-Tuesday

March 26-30-- Quilters' Heritage Celebration in Lancaster. One of the premier quilt shows on the East Coast. For the full listing of classes and activities, see the show website at www.qhconline.com

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The deadline for the next newsletter will be Friday, March 21. 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



 **St. Patrick's Day**