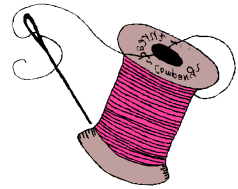


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited May 2009

Our 2008-2009 Volunteers

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| 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 | |

Happy May everyone! This time of year we all begin to get busy, but don't forget we have our Quilt Show that will be here before you know it! The quilts that you brought in for measuring will be collected this month as we prepare for the set up of the show. Please remember that it is the volunteers that make this show possible. With our many talents we can make this show a great success again this year! If you have an hour or two of your time that you can volunteer at the show, please do. It is always a fun time with all of the chapters here in Northern VA participating. More information about these items will be in detail later in the newsletter. Also, I am selling raffle tickets for the QU Raffle Quilt. The tickets are \$1.00 each. Adding a few to a Mother's Day card would be a nice surprise for someone! I do have pictures of the quilt and will have them with me at the meetings along with the tickets.

The monthly business meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 5, with our Fashion Show "Black and White and Reddy to Wear" challenge for this year. At this meeting we will also be voting on the board positions for 2009-2010. May 19th will have Carly Mul from Web Fabrics coming to speak and share all that she learned at Quilt Market this year. I am sure Jill will have more details later in the newsletter.

Thank you to Carolyn Pic for the great job of organizing our Annual Yard Sale again this year. Thank you all for your items that you carried in and sold at the sale. We did a great job again, exceeded our expectations, and will have a nice amount to add for our future speakers!

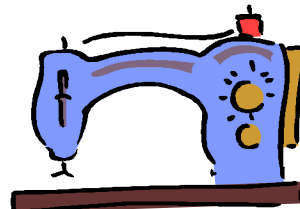
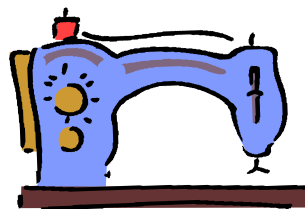
Our own Ann Littleton gave a wonderful lecture, trunk show and workshop in April! Many in attendance commented on how wonderful her presentation was and were taking many ideas home with them. The workshop was full and I know we all can't wait to see everyone's Nickel Quilts!

During the month of April the NICU quilt kits started coming back finished! They look great and will be a nice item for the new parents and babies to take home with them. Thank you again for your time and talents with this effort. There are kits still available; check with Diane Henry or Carolina Diez about them.

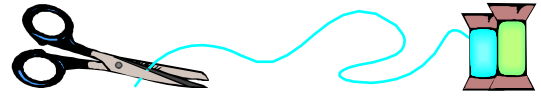
Joan McGowan has graciously offered her home to us for our end of year picnic on June 16th. Reserve the date and more details will follow.

May your bobbin always be full!

Sue



VP'S Corner



The Nine-Patch Trunk show was fabulous and so many people said how great Ann's presentation and workshop were. I know that I enjoyed them both immensely. I think Beth and I did a splendid job of setting up the speakers and workshops for the year... if I do say so myself.

In May, Carly Mul from Web Fabrics will be giving us a preview of what was new at Market and she will bring some of her wares to sell.

The only other thing on the program horizon is the Patricia Pepe workshop in September. She is the inventor of the X-Block rulers and will be doing a workshop on how to use them.

I am leaving my post in the very capable hands of Julia Renken, so I am confident that Springfield will still be "Where the Fun is."

Thanks so much for all of your participation in the programs and workshops this year. You are a great group of women,

Keep on stitching,



Nominating Chair Report

The slate of nominations for SQU officers for the chapter year beginning July 1, 2009 is as follows:

President – Lynn Munch
Vice President - Julia Renken
Treasurer – Cathy Powers
Secretary – Roxana Pressnell
Nominating Chairperson – Sue Galasso

Election of officers will take place at the business meeting on May 5th, our designated annual meeting. Nominations from the floor can be made at the meeting, prior to the election.



Respectfully submitted,
Julia Renken
Nominating Chairperson

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

Sometimes it's difficult to see the grain in printed fabric. Fix that little issue by flipping the fabric over -- the print will be subdued and the thread direction will be easier to see.

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

And be sure to wear



your nametag!

Minutes – Springfield QU Business Meeting April 7, 2009

The membership approved the minutes of the February and March meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers - As of today we have \$11,522.

VP Report: Jill Redding – Ann Littleton Nickelman lecture/trunk show April 21, afternoon workshop is full. May lecture will be Carly Mul from WebFabrics and in September Patricia Pepe from California will be here.

Programs: Judy Beigbender – Quilt Campers please return completed survey.

Committee Chair Reports -Fundraising: Carolyn Pic – Yard Sale is April 7. *Community Service:* Diane Henry –Quilting for Others workshop held March 31 was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped cut and kit over 100 baby quilts for the Fairfax NICU. . *Newsletter and SpringRetreat:* Kim Fess- Newsletter deadline is 3rd Friday of month. *Quilt*

Show: June 5, 6, 7 2009 –Penny Boyanton – Classes are still open, see QU website. Luncheon/lecture \$10 sign see QU website. Springfield QU responsible for signing up volunteers to work the show. Please

sign-up. *Hospitality:* Coffee group--Peggy Brower. Refreshments – Lynn Munch. Thank you to those who brought the treats to the April business meeting. *Quilt Collectors:* Sue Baker/Beverly Pontius- Quilt collection for Quilt show: May 19, May 26, June 2. Quilt need label in back lower right corner inside pillowcase with label on the outside of pillowcase.

Nominating: Julia Renkin—2009-2010 board: President-Lynn Munch, Vice-President- Julia Renkin, Secretary-Roxanne Pressnell, Treasure- Katy Powers, Nominating-Sue Galasso, Program Chair-Jude Beigbender.

President's Announcements:

Membership renewals for 2009-2010 will begin in May, see Carolina Diez. VCQ meeting is Saturday May 9. SQU volunteered to host, need greeters and baked goods. Abby Dolinger is selling quilt patterns, see Pam Leonard.

Break

Door prizes (sadly Beth didn't win any, yet again!) and Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Yard sale until 12:00.

Respectfully submitted by Carolina Diez



Roll Out the Red Carpet

SQU Models their Black & White and Reddy to Wear

May 5th meeting

A table at front of room will be reserved for those participating. Please, even if you have not completely finished your article, bring it. I may be half dressed myself!

Drop me an email BEFORE May 5th if you are planning to participate so seats can be reserved and I can announce your article. Include the following info in your email:

Name

Article

Fabrics (e.g. mfg, content, other materials used)

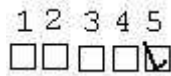
Pattern (e.g. book, online, own design, inspiration)

Other (anything else I can use to stretch the introduction.)

Thank you,

Judy Beigbender





Last Call for Camp Survey

If you want to be heard, please bring your survey to the May 5th meeting. The Ballot Box will be at the Check-In Table.

June 2nd is just around the corner

So I'm sending out this reminder that the Annual Programs challenges, BOM, and Mysteries are scheduled for "show off." Even if you haven't finished (it is likely I won't have finished issuing all the BOM blocks) bring what you have done. This is an advance notice so you have time to find them and/or finish them!!

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

HollyDay Grab Bag (if you missed the December party and/or 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
Annual Programssewsewbizzy@yahoo.com

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

Gay Baker 5/6

Diane Lamb 5/7

Cathy Murray 5/15

Pam Morthimer 5/17

Kathryn Jones 5/20

Lynn Matthews 5/26

Jane Leeling 5/6

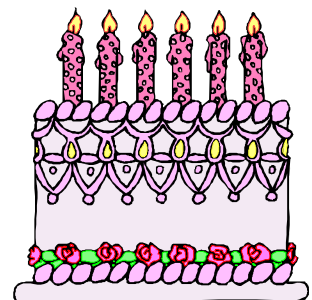
Barb Morgan 5/9

Sallyann Morrison 5/16

Diane Henry 5/19

Betty Prosser 5/20

Kim Fess 5/30



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

The Quilt show committee has been working all year to make our Show memorable. If you don't have the dates on your calendar as yet, please mark June 5, 6, and 7th.

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.

If you have any old sheets, regardless of size, the Quilt Show would love to have them. They are used to put on the floor to protect the quilts as they are put up and taken down. Please bring them any Tuesday this month and we will be happy to see that they get to the right place.

The Boutique is going to look wonderful this year and sell many beautiful, fun items. If you signed up to donate something to this booth please begin to bring things in. We do have a short form you will need to fill out; it will only take a minute. We will see that all our items are turned in to the Boutique. If you haven't started anything, there is still time. Some of the items that have already come in are: a big purse/tote in brights, an antique yellow and white quilt top, zip-up mini bags to hold sewing or other items, and a lovely table runner. Even if you aren't on the list, if you have something you would like to donate we will be happy to accept it. There is no charge to our chapter to participate in the Boutique and all profits from our items will return to SQU. What an opportunity! Thanks to Francine York, Judy Beigbedeer, and Kim Fess for volunteering to work in the Boutique for us.

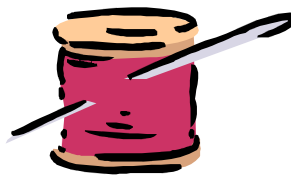
Don't forget that the QU Annual Meeting is the Saturday night of the Quilt Show. If you make a reservation to spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express right by the Convention Center you can ride a shuttle to the meeting and the fun-filled program by Mark Lipinski, editor of "Quilter's Home Magazine."

Our Quilt Collectors, Beverly Pontius and Sue Baker-- the two with big smiles and big cars to carry all our quilts--will be busy in May collecting the SQU quilts for the Show. Please do not ask them to take your quilts before the date the insurance coverage begins. You can have a friend turn in and accept your quilt after the show if you write a note of authorization to go along with your quilt. Quilts will be available on Tuesday after the Show for pick-up at our SQU meeting. Because of insurance guidelines, no quilts will be available for pick-up at the Quilt Show.

Quilt Show Volunteers: Yes we Can!!!

Thanks to all of you who filled various volunteer slots at our last meeting. Springfield is always the best. There are still open opportunities so please let us know when you would like to work. We put an updated list of Volunteer opportunities on the QU website each week. Please sign-up at qushow09volunteer@yahoo.com or talk to either of us!

The Quilt Show is right around the corner,
Penny and Cindy



And a note from the Quilt Collectors:

The Quilt Show is fast approaching so it is time to let you know what we need and when we need it. We will be collecting quilts on May 19, May 26 and June 2 from 9:30-11:30 am at the church. Each entry must have a hanging sleeve and a label attached. The label goes on the lower-right corner of the quilt as you look at the back. The label needs to show your name, the quilt name, and Springfield Chapter. Your phone number is optional. Each quilt must have its own cloth (no plastic) bag or pillowcase. The bag or pillowcase must also have a label on it with the same info as on your quilt label.

As we collect your quilt, we make sure the necessary labels and info are there and you are required to initial the collector's log. Your quilt is then under QU insurance until it is returned to you. On June 9 we will be at the church from 9:30-11:30 am for you to pick up your quilt. At that time you will also be required to initial the collector's log. If someone else will

be collecting your quilt, they need to show us a signed note from you that gives your permission for them to do so. Questions? Call Beverly Pontius, 703 323-8709 or Sue Baker, 703 323-6832.

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! Nothing was sent in this month, so--again--you have to hear about my favorites:

I am notoriously cheap about some things, one of which is manicures. I hate to spend money on a manicure when nine times out of ten I immediately get a chip as soon as I leave the shop. So I usually do my own, and I have found a great new product that makes me much more successful. Sally Hansen Insta-Dri Fast Dry Nail Color. Not only does it dry fast but it also has a fat brush, so you can paint each nail with just one stroke. And best of all, it's inexpensive (\$4.99) and widely available. I got mine at Target. Love it!

I have found some great new panties. (Yes, I said, "Panties." We all wear them, don't we?; we don't need to be shy about the subject.) Warner's Unslippables are made of an ultra-soft, velvety nylon blend (with cotton where you need it, if you know what I mean), are label-free, and--best of all--they have a little bit of elastic thread in the back of the leg openings which keeps them from "slipping." They come in a variety of styles and colors; I got mine at Kohl's. They are really comfortable! They make me smile!

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

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 May 24, 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

