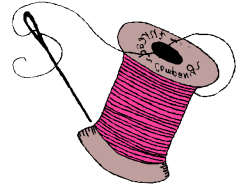


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited May 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,

It is hard for me to believe that May is already here. We did not have many April showers, but hopefully will still have lots of May flowers! We will be voting on our new board of officers at our business meeting on May 4. May also brings our last program of the membership year. It will be about wearables on May 18. And we will have our own fashion show afterwards. Please bring something you have made - even if it has been shown before, we have so many new members, it will be new to them. I hope you have finished preparing your quilts for the show in June. Sue Baker and her team of quilt collectors will be collecting them on May 18th and 25th, and June 1. Also, we will have our QU Annual Meeting on May 20th. Come vote for our new QU board and listen to Sharon Stroud. See

your QU newsletter for more details.

Looking back to April, our Yard Sale was a great success - bringing in \$600! Thanks to Carolyn Pic for organizing, and to everyone who brought in items and those who bought them. Judy Beigbeder gave us another outstanding book review. I sure wish I had her energy level! Sue Moats gave a wonderful trunk show, showing beautiful threadwork. Unfortunately, I missed her workshop, but hope those who attended learned a lot and enjoyed it.

The QU event of the year is coming in early June - our Quilt Show. It takes the work of many to make this a success. I will write more about this next month, but in the meantime, please do your part: volunteer to be a white glove lady, fill other positions (Friday and Saturday afternoons have vacancies), purchase raffle tickets from Francine York, turn in items for the boutique to Penny Boyanton and Jill Warren, check with Kim Fess to see if she needs volunteers, register for a class, and put the dates June 4, 5, and 6 on your calendar!

See you sew soon,

Lynn

llmunch@cox.net



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

And be sure to wear your nametag!

Minutes of the Springfield QU Business Meeting April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Munch. Carolina Diez announced that we had two guests today: Roberta Welder and Marcia Werl. The membership approved the minutes of the March business meeting as printed in the April newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy Powers – Reported a balance of \$20,845.12, less Spring Retreat funds.

Correspondence: Lynn Munch read a thank you note from Laura Church via Joy Bauer regarding the NICU quilts she received. Thank you notes were also read from Beth Freerksen and ECHO.

President's Announcements: SQU made over 45 quilt blocks for Susan Fernandez, the Big QU President. Thank you for a job well done. Thanks to Carolyn Pic for organizing and advertising the Yard Sale. We have flyers for the quilt show, so please take some to distribute. The slate of officers for Big QU is in the QU newsletter.

VP Report: Julia Renken – Tuesday, April 20 is Sue Moats from Sulky with Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing. The afternoon will be sit and sew (bring machine) - \$40 (includes kit). May 18 will be a Wearable Art Trunk Show (no workshop). We will have a special show and tell of wearables.

Committee Chair Reports: 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, so slate approved and we will vote at the May business meeting. Newsletter: Kim Fess – Deadline Friday, April 23. Quilt Show Rep: Kim Fess – We will need 20 people to sign up for Demos. We have cushions, bags and pins as our merchandise for sale. Yard Sale: Carolyn Pic – Ellen will take unwanted items after the Yard Sale. Quilting for Others: Diane Henry and Carolina Diez – We cut lots of fabric for quilts and still have some kits available. I have labels for the NICU and Soldier quilts. We will be having Christmas in July and need 300 pillowcases. Library: Loretta Shinol – No Library today. ECHO Yard Sale is this Saturday. Holiday Party: Roz Elliott – Nothing. Farewell Blocks: Cynthia Johnson-Daily – I collect blocks all year. Refreshments: Rebecca Heinze – Thank you to those who brought goodies today. Fall Retreat: Joan McGowan and Penny Boyanton – Collecting March payments. We are full. Spring Retreat: Kim Fess – We had it and it was great. Quilt Camp: Kitty Tyler – I have two door prizes to be picked up. Sunshine: Judy Bregman – Sent card to member who needed cheering. Quilt Collectors: Sue Baker and Julia Renken – None. Hospitality: Beverages: Pam Leonard, Carole Bloomquist and Joy Bauer – Nothing. Bus Trip: Loretta Spittle – Sign up in May for October trip. Quilt Show Boutique: Penny Boyanton – Sign up to work and bring items by mid-May. Programs: Judy Beigbeder – Absent.

New Business:

Kim Fess made a motion that we allocate up to \$250 for the purchase of Accu-Quilt dies and that a committee of three be formed to determine which dies will be purchased. Rebecca Heinze seconded; after discussion the motion passed. Diane Henry, Jill Redding and Rebecca Heinze volunteered to be on the committee.

Carolina Diez reminded that our dues expire soon and she had the new 2010-2011 membership forms. Please turn them in as soon as possible.

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

Door Prizes: Roz Elliott – None.

Meeting adjourned for more shopping at the Yard Sale.

Respectfully submitted by Roxana Pressnell



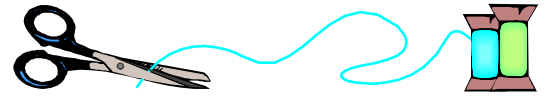
Quilt Show Boutique

Once again we are planning for a great Quilt Show and part of the fun is the wonderful Boutique full of quilt related items. Small things sell well; our purses went in a flash last year. We will collect donations in May. If

you have any questions we will try to answer them. Please price your item for us if possible.

Thanks, Penny Boyanton and Jill Warren

VP'S Corner



MAY PROGRAM – WEARABLE ART

Sandi Goldman and Carole Nicholas will present a trunk show of their creative wearable art during our last program of the year on Tuesday, May 18. Sandi and Carole are local quilt artists and members of McLean QU. Using different textured fabric and embellishment techniques they have taken clothing patterns and turned simple designs into unique creations. Come be inspired to create your own style of wearable art!

For a special Show 'n' Tell in conjunction with Sandi and Carole's trunk show please bring to this meeting your own wearable art creations, be it a simple embellished sweatshirt, a jacket, a vest, or a whole outfit. Show off your own creations!

ELECTIONS

The slate of nominations for SQU officers for the chapter year beginning July 1, 2010, is as follows:

President – Joan McGowan
Vice President – Patrice Mull
Treasurer – Gay Baker
Secretary – Roxana Pressnell
Nominating Chairperson – Lynn Munch



Election of officers will take place at the business meeting on May 4, our designated annual meeting. Nominations from the floor can be made at the meeting, prior to the election.

Sue Galasso
Nominating Chairperson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR...QUILT SHOW COLLECTING

The Quilt Show is fast approaching. It is time to let you know what we need and when we need it. We will be collecting quilts on Tuesdays, May 18, May 25 and June 1 from 9:30-11:30 am at the church.

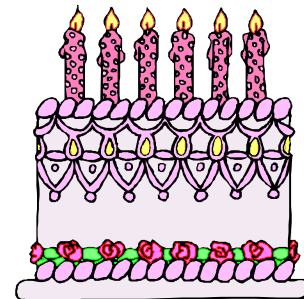
Each entry must have a hanging sleeve and a label attached. This refers to a temporary label that is basted onto the quilt. The label goes on the lower-right corner of the quilt as you look at the back. The label needs to show your name, the quilt name, and Springfield Chapter. Your phone number is optional. Each quilt must have its own cloth (no plastic) bag or pillowcase. No zippers, pins, nor drawstrings. The bag or pillowcase must also have a label on it with the same info as on your quilt label. When you fold your quilt before putting it in its bag, please fold it so that the label is showing. That will help us as we make sure the necessary hanging sleeve, labels and info are in order.

You are required to initial the collector's log that the quilt has been entrusted to us. Your quilt is then under QU insurance until it is returned to you. On Tuesday, June 8, we will have your quilts at the church from 9:30-11:30 am. for you to pick up. At that time you will also be required to initial the collector's log recognizing that your quilt has been returned to you. If someone other than yourself will be picking up your quilt, they need to show us a signed note from you that gives your permission for them to take your quilt. Questions? Call Sue Baker, 703-323-6832; Julia Renken, 703-352-2016; Beverly Pontius, 703-323-8709; or Chris Prestenbach, 703-241-0304.

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
Barb Morgan 5/9
Kathy Murray 5/15
Diane Henry 5/19
Betty Prosser 5/20
Elizabeth Woodford 5/31

Jane Leeling 5/6
Stella Kullstam 5/14
Sallyann Morrison 5/16
Kathryn Jones 5/20
Kim Fess 5/30



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:

My favorite marking pencil is the Sewline Fabric Pencil. Someone at our Spring Retreat was using this pencil to mark their quilt and let me try it. I liked it so much I stopped by The Artful Quilter and got my own on my way home. You can get several different colors of lead but the green will work on almost any color. The point will stay sharp a long time, and it never seems to drag on the fabric as you mark. And if you do make a mistake it is easily erased. It is really better than any other marking tool I have ever used, but at \$13.95 I better not ever misplace it! **Rebecca Heinze**

The 2010 Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival is May 1 & 2 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. This is one of the best fiber festivals on the East Coast and it is just a short drive away. For more information check out the website www.sheepandwool.org. **Kitty Tyler**

My friend and I were on a road trip to parts further south and determined that we would stop at as many quilt shops as we could. The Old Trinity Schoolhouse Quilt Shop at 3200 Trinity Road (corner of US 220 and Trinity Road) in Troutville, VA, was our favorite. We were greeted by friendly staff and given a personal TOUR of the shop. They specialize in reproduction fabrics of all types and have it organized nicely. Great place - if you get a chance to visit them it's well worth the time. **Diane Lamb**

My two favorite online fabric sources are: (1) Fabric.com. They often have good sales and promotions. For example, right now there is some Kaffe for only \$6.36 a yard. They offer free shipping for purchases over \$35.00. (2) Whittles Fabrics. This is more traditional but offers a very big selection with many fabrics between \$3 and \$4 a yard. **Jill Redding**

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



It's time...

to renew your QU membership. 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. There is one included with this newsletter. Fill it out and get it with your dues to Carolina Diez. You don't want to miss out on Springfield QU—where the fun is!

Monthly Hint from the Tipster

If you're having stitching problems, make sure your bobbin is wound correctly. It should be wound at medium speed, and, when done, should be firm and snug on the bobbin.

If you're a music lover, don't miss...

The Choir of the World Concert

with the 2009 winner of the Choir of the World competition,

The Westminster Chorus

& a capella stars from around the globe including:

Four-time BHS chorus champions, the Alexandria Harmonizers

Winners of the 2009 Harmony Sweepstakes, MAXX Factor

Champion quartets OC Times and Old School

New Zealand's Musical Island Boys, Sweden's Ringmasters

California's The Crush, Masterpiece and The Edge

George Mason University Performing Arts Center

Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 2 pm

Don't miss the greatest local a cappella concert in your lifetime!

Tickets are selling fast!

For more information and tickets, visit

Alexandriaharmonizerspresent.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!

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: 54 x 67 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 June newsletter to Kim Fess at kimfess@aol.com no later than Friday, May 21! Your input is GREATLY appreciated!

Quilters Unlimited 2010 – 2011 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1 – June 30. Membership payment must be received by September 30th for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory.

Name

Telephone (Home)

Address

City

State

Zip Code + 4

Email Address

Birthday (Month/Day Only) optional

Circle “Yes” or “No” for each question below (if blank, YES is the default):

QU may put my e-mail address in the Big QU directory YES NO

QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me YES NO

SQU may e-mail my SQU newsletter to me YES NO

Membership Categories (check one) and Dues: Renewal _____ New Member _____

___ Regular (\$20.)

___ Senior - Age 65+ by June 30, 2010 (\$ 10.)

___ Life - Age 75+ by June 30, 2010 (No charge, complete form for annual records)

Both Senior and Life membership apply to primary chapter only.

___ Family - two or more people at the same address (\$30.) - Please list names at the top

___ Associate – primary membership in other QU chapter (\$10.)

(Name of home QU chapter: _____)

\$ _____ Membership Dues

\$ _____ QU Membership Pin @ \$4.00 each, if desired

\$ _____ SQU Membership Pin @\$2.00 each, if desired

\$ _____ Mail SQU newsletter @ \$5.00 per year, if desired

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Include a SASE if you wish to have your membership card mailed to you.

Make your check payable to *SPRINGFIELD QU.*

If paying by mail, send to:

Carolina Diez, 6102 Manley PL, Springfield, VA 22152

Date: _____ Cash/Check _____ Card Issued/Mailed _____