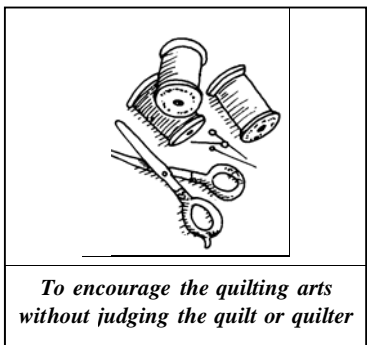

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October 2005

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From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

It is really beginning to feel like fall, I just don't want winter to show up any time soon. This is a great time of year to work on projects we have all been dreaming about. Be sure and give Julia your UFO list if you haven't already. Motivation will help all of us get more sewing done.

At Fall Retreat we celebrated 10 years of fun, friendship, and a glorious time away to quilt to our heart's content. No meals to prepare, laundry to do, errands to run.....we had TIME to spend together. Thanks to Joan McGowan for planning this retreat. Next year's date has been set and plans are underway for another great retreat.

The Quilt-In at Falls Church High School was full of royalty, so many crowns! I think the best was Kitty Tyler's; we may need to ask her to wear it for us at our meeting. Her crown was a procrastinator's dream, you will see. We had a table full of SQU members and won several door prizes too.

Our SQU Auction on November 15 is the next big event for us. The auction is our major fundraiser for the year. Carolyn Pic has been showing items that have already been donated. Hopefully you are busy working on your donations as well. We have had delicious pies, other baked goods, plants, prepared meals to take home, and Loretta Spittle and Sallyann Morrison's delightful tea again this year are just a few of the auction items. As you can tell, not all items are quilted. The \$20 and under tables are always popular, come early and look around. Our auctioneer, Kim Fess will keep the morning lively and moving right along. The auction is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to join you for a morning of fun. Carolyn will have additional information in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please talk to Carolyn.

Sallyann Morrison is busy planning our Holiday Luncheon for December 13. Are you ready for the holidays?? I am most definitely not, but I am looking forward to our Holiday Luncheon.

Look for news from Sallyann in this newsletter or at our next meeting.

Our Program year is off to a great start. Have you made any house blocks yet?? The display of house quilts was wonderful, thanks to all of you that shared your quilts with us. Show and Tell in October was breathtaking; we have some talented ladies. With our program by Mary Kerr about orphan blocks I may just learn how to finish an old UFO. If you have ideas for future programs you would like us to consider, please talk to Julia. She is busy working on next year's programs.

A big thank you to all of you who came to the 5th Tuesday meeting ready to make wounded-soldier quilts. Our efforts are definitely appreciated by the men and women who receive them at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Diane Henry will collect these quilts all year and we will have another sew date on the next 5th Tuesday of the month. Diane is working on another pattern for us to try; more information will follow.

Kim Fess continues to do a great job with our newsletter; I look forward to reading every word. Hopefully you have let her know your favorite quilting site. Mine is Simply Quilts on HGTV. It can really get you in trouble. What fun!

We said goodbye to two SQU members last month. Pam Leonard is in the process of moving to NC and we are all delighted her husband is home safe and sound; we just wish he was assigned to the Pentagon. Maybe they will be back here in two years. Pam has done a great job of scheduling our refreshments. Refreshments will now be supervised by Abigail Dolinger. Thanks to both of you. Our other goodbye is to Marcia Porcelli who is moving to NC also. Her husband is retiring from the military and they are building a beautiful home with a sewing studio to die for. Marcia is so happy to live closer to her young grandchildren. Marcia promised she would send pictures of her studio when it is complete. Fair winds and following seas to Pam and Marcia and their families, they will be missed.

Theresa Batch is one of our members who doesn't need much sleep. As our meet-the-quilter in October we were enchanted with the dolls she makes for children prior to surgery and all the wonderful dolls she enjoys making, in addition to her quilting. Thanks for sharing some of your work with us Theresa.

Since I forgot to begin a discussion on Secret Pals, we will table that until the New Year. Now we will have more time to get trees, houses and more houses made. After all, we are Springfield QU, where the fun is!! I look forward to seeing each of you every Tuesday.

Enjoy life,

Penny

Summary of Minutes for Business Meeting, Oct. 4, 2005

Penny brought the meeting to order at 9:50am and welcomed members and guests. A motion was made and all voted in favor of dispensing with the reading of the minutes from the September business meeting. Francine reported our balance as of 10/1 as \$10,814.43 and we have 98 members. She also covered other items including Fons & Porter subscriptions and Spring Retreat information. At Penny's request, Vickie Basham volunteered to take charge of the door prize tickets for our meetings. Betty Carnes requested that one of our members volunteer to do a news article about our charity work for Big QU. Cynthia Johnson-Cavey put out a call for additional farewell blocks; Fall Retreaters volunteered to help out. Penny took a rough count on those members interested in another bus trip this spring, either to Hampton or Lancaster. She indicated the cost may be higher due to the increase in fuel costs. Julia reviewed program events, indicating a few spots still remained for the October program workshop with Mary Kerr. She also introduced the BLOTTO block for November, the Tree of Temptation and encouraged members to participate in the UFO challenge. Carolyn Pic reviewed info on our November auction. Sallyann Morrison covered info on the December Holiday Luncheon at the Fairfax Country Club on December 13th from 11:30 - 2:00. The tradition of making a snowball block will continue and this year they will be done in green. Diane Henry thanked those who participated in the soldier workshop and she reported she had 20+ fleeces turned in. The next workshop will be in January with a new pattern. After a short coffee and snack break, we were treated to an interesting Meet the Quilter. Theresa Batch talked about her display of dolls that she does for various hospitals that treat children. What a great calling she has to bring some sunshine to children. Penny thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Grimord, Secretary

SPRINGFIELD QU HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The holiday season will soon be here. Planning for the Luncheon is underway. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Luncheon with your quilting friends from Springfield QU at the Country Club of Fairfax. Their service and ambiance has been excellent in the past and this year should prove to be no exception. A three-course luncheon (with a choice of beef or chicken entrée) will be served. A cash bar will be available in the Rust Tavern. Door prizes and the Snowball quilt block drawing will complete the Luncheon's agenda.

Some details on the luncheon:

When: Tuesday, 13 December 2005
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Lunch served at 12:00 noon)

Where: Fairfax Room, Country Club of Fairfax
5110 Ox Road
Fairfax, VA

Cost: \$28/person

Lunch: House salad with raspberry vinaigrette and ranch dressing on the side.

Entrée #1 London broil, marinated and thinly sliced, served with Portabella Mushroom sauce.

Entrée #2 Chicken Alexandra, boned and skinless breast of chicken, sautéed, finished with a Portabella Cream sauce

Rolls and butter
Peach cobbler
Coffee, decaf, tea

A Holiday Luncheon Registration Form and the Holiday Luncheon Quilt Block Drawing details follow this article.

SPRINGFIELD QU HOLIDAY LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Place a check by your entrée choice:

London broil _____

Chicken Alexandra _____

Holiday Luncheon Snowball Block

We will have a quilt block drawing at our 2005 Holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. The Snowball block, that has been so popular in the last couple of years, is back again in the colors of red and white consistent with the holiday season.

Instructions for the block:

- 1- 8 ½” square of white-on-white fabric
- 4- 3 “ squares of red print or use 4 different red prints

Constructing the block:

Step 1- Draw a diagonal line on the back of each red square.

Step 2- Place a red square in each corner of the white square, right sides together.

Step 3 – Sew on the diagonal line so as to form a triangle in each corner.

Step 4 – Fold back the triangles you just formed and press. Do not trim the back fabric away. Leaving the back fabric secure will stabilize the corners until ready for assembly.

Remember each block you submit will earn you a chance to win in the drawing.

PROGRAM NOTES FROM JULIA

Lotto Block of the Month

Congratulations to Roz Elliott who won the twelve Pine Tree blocks turned in for the October Lotto Block of the Month! And thank you to the seven ladies who made the blocks, several of you having made more than one block. I hope the rest of you will be inspired to make a block for the November Lotto ... you can't win the blocks unless you make at least one! The block for the November business meeting is the "Tree of Temptation" and can be found on the Quilters Cache website at www.quilterscache.com/S_U/TreeofTemptationBlock (in case you did not get a copy of the pattern at the October 4th meeting).

If you know you are going to miss a business meeting and want a copy of the instructions for a Lotto Block please give me a stamped self-addressed envelope ahead of time and I'll be happy to mail you a copy of the block instructions.

UFO Challenge

Wow!!! As of October 4th already three of your UFO challenges have been met ... way to go Loretta and Vickie. Now the rest of us have to get busy and work on what we've challenged ourselves to complete. It's going to be a struggle for me, but that's what the challenge is all about! I've extended the deadline for turning in your cards and fat quarters (2 per challenge)

until the business meeting in November to encourage more of you to participate. Remember the completion deadline is not until the end of January 2006.

Workshops and Programs

Our next workshop presentation will be by Eileen Doughty on January 17th. Her lecture will be entitled "Evolution of a Landscape Artist, or: The Good, the Bad, and the Arty." The workshop she will present in the afternoon will be "Landscape Sampler," described as: "Learn landscape quilting techniques by sewing a simple scene of a cottage in the summertime woods. Use machine free-motion stitching methods to add texture to flowers, foliage, tree trunks, etc. Use fabric crumpling for rocks. Apply details to the house with ribbon, fusing and inking. Class will also cover fabric selection and basic composition for landscape design." I hope to have a sample or full size color photo at a November meeting to whet your enthusiasm for this workshop.

Refreshments

Thank you to the following ladies who provided refreshments on Oct. 18: Lynn Munch, Marcia Walz, Lynne Baker, and Lisa Langlais. Here are two recipes that have been requested from refreshments contributors:

Vickie Basham's Strawberry Bread

3 cups flour	2 (10 oz.) packages frozen strawberries
2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda	1 1/4 cups oil
3 teaspoons cinnamon	1 1/4 cups pecans, chopped
3 eggs	

Stir dry ingredients together. Beat eggs well and add strawberries, oil, and pecans. (Note: if strawberries are in large pieces, use sharp knife and cut to smaller pieces.) Add liquid mixture to dry mixture. Pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 for 60-70 minutes. Enjoy!

Carolyn Pic's Pumpkin Dump Cake

1-29 oz. can pure pumpkin	3 teaspoons cinnamon
1-12 oz. can evaporated milk	1 box yellow cake mix
3 eggs	1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup sugar	3/4 cup melted butter
1 teaspoon salt	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix first six ingredients until well blended, and pour batter into a greased 9 x 13-inch pan. Sprinkle cake mix on top, and then cover with pecans. Pour melted butter over top. Bake 50 minutes.

Fall Retreat Report

Another great Fall Retreat was held at the New Windsor Conference Center the weekend of Oct 6-10. Next year's Retreat will be the weekend of Oct 12 -15th. The price will be \$210.00 which is broken down into a deposit of \$35.00 which I will start taking at the first meeting in November and then a payment of \$90.00 in April and a final payment of \$85.00 in June. We have accommodations

for 24 members. The theme will be "Log Cabin" and I know there has already been some brainstorming for ideas to go with the theme for next year. It's always a great weekend to get inspired, get reacquainted with old and new members and just have a lot of fun. Don't hesitate; the slots fill up fast. See me at the business meeting with your deposit.

Joan McGowan
Fall Retreat Chair

A Warning!!!!

If someone comes to your front door saying they are conducting a survey on deer ticks and asks you to take your clothes off and dance around to shake off the ticks, DO NOT DO IT! IT IS A SCAM!!!! They only want to see you naked.

I wish I had gotten this yesterday. I feel so stupid now.....
Kim

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

SQU would like to officially welcome the following new members. We are thrilled to have you as part of our group and look forward to getting to know you better in the days and months ahead!

Marcia Walz
Welcome Chairman

Anne Argentieri
Beverly Fisher

Wanda Brown
Bonnie Miller

Debra Donovan

SQU Annual Auction

The Auction will be here before we know it. This big SQU fundraising event will be held Tuesday, November 15th. We rely on you, our members, to make it a success. Donations have already started coming in and they will be available to view at every meeting. It will be great fun, so plan to come and bring your friends, neighbors and family. We will begin the actual auction at 10:00 am, but come early to check out the flea market, the under \$20 table and the homemade goodies. We accept just about anything and it doesn't have to be quilt-related, so clean out your basement and put some things aside for our flea market. This event takes a lot of helping hands to make it run smoothly; if you are available to help please let me know. It's a good way to become involved and to get to know our members. Any questions just drop me a line at cpicinva@cox.net or call at 703-440-1491. Thanks again.

Carolyn Pic
Auction Chairman



Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who will be celebrating their special days in the month of November:

Alice Richbourg 11/2

Maryagnes Kerr 11/3

Cathy Flanigan 11/16

Ellie Molstad 11/21

Jettie Lahoud 11/23

Ann Dau 11/25

Cindy Niles 11/27

Gloria Boone 11/30

Farewell Blocks

When a member leaves our Springfield group, they are 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 3 inches square. Sew 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 Cavey at our meetings throughout the year. If you have any questions, please call me at 703-971-6033.

And, please, if you know that anyone is leaving during the year, please let me know of their departure date. Thank you for your help.

Cynthia Cavey

????????QUESTION OF THE MONTH????????

In our first newsletter of the year I asked you to send me your favorite quilting web sites. I got no response so I extended the “Question of the Month” for another month. This time I got a good number of responses. Thank you.

Susan White:

www.equilter.com
www.quilterscache.com
www.susancarlson.com
www.charlottepatera.com
www.barkerquiltsapes.com
www.warmcompany.com
www.quiltshops.com
www.quilt.com
www.vcq.org
www.quiltshops.com

Abigail Dolinger:

www.quilterscache.com

Marcia Porcelli:

www.fatquartershop.com

Ruth Veazey:

ths.gardenweb.com/forums/quilt

Bonnie Miller:

www.fatquartershop.com

Debbie Dishmon:

www.quiltshops.com

If you sent me a response and you don't see it above, I apologize. Some of my e-mail may have fallen off into the “great unknown” while I was traveling last month. I'll try not to let that happen again!

Now for our next “Question of the Month”: **What is least favorite part of quilting for you?** To get things started, I'll tell you that I HATE making the quilt sandwich—trying to get everything straight, pucker-free, etc. Yucch! That's not fun! So how about you? Send your response to me at kimfess@aol.com, and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

DON'T LET THE QUILTER'S LICENSE PLATE DIE!

Maria Parker is still trying to drum up enough business for a quilter's license plate in Virginia. She says initial orders came in fast, but now the orders are only trickling in. Maria suspects that there are those quilters that are waiting to see what other quilters are going to do before they submit their applications. Unfortunately, if everyone waits to sign up, she won't get the required 350 applications needed by DMV. (Maria has only about 100 so far.) It only costs \$10, and the application form is easy to fill out! Just copy your registration and vehicle identification number off your registration card that you either carry in your wallet or glove box. Then send the form and your check to Maria. She says The Richmond Times-Dispatch will do an update article in November and the Quilter's Newsletter Magazine issue of Dec. and Jan will have an article on the license plate as well. Maria writes, "My new flyer has an Oct. 31st deadline to see how much will come in between now and the end of the month." So don't wait! Send your application in soon!!! If you are going to personalize the plate, there is additional \$10 charge (and on the application you have to give DMV three choices of the phrase you want to use). The Virginia Quilt plate calls for six (6) characters because of the logo. The license plate is not exact, since DMV has final artistic decision making, but it will give you a general idea. Check it out at <http://home.pipeline.com/~daron/> If you have questions, Maria's email address is vastarqlt@yahoo.com. To Download the application and get Maria's address, click: <http://home.pipeline.com/~daron/id2.html>.

VCQ'S CELEBRATION 2006

The Virginia Consortium of Quilters is sponsoring "Celebration 2006 - A Star Stuffed Event," April 27 - 30, 2006, at Smith Mountain Lake 4H Center, Virginia. An excellent roster of teachers has agreed to be at this event. Please visit VCQ's website at www.VCQ.org. Click Celebration to view the list of teachers and for further details of this event.

Two Hints

Susan White passed along these two hints:

- 1) Always measure the width of your fabric before you cut. I came up 1/2-inch short because the selvage had a much wider white stripe than usual.
 - 2) Always make sure to check your fabric for flaws.
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Henceforth the deadline for input for the newsletter will be the Friday after each month's program meeting. Therefore...the deadline for the next newsletter will be November 18. Please e-mail your input to kimfess@aol.com.