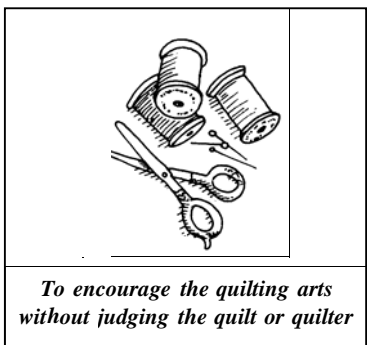

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October 2006

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From the President

Dear Quilting Friends,

What a great start to our new year together. September was full of surprises and great times. Our business meeting was full of information and a surprising guest visitor that showed up again this week at our Program Meeting; she sure is eager to start the Mystery Quilt! I hope you are too. The quilt and all the clues were designed by our own Program Chair, Aby. I can't wait to get started.

Gay Kulenguski from "The Little Shop in Madison" showed us many beautiful quilts; most had a star. Gay is a prolific quilter in addition to being a busy shop owner. The Madison Star quilt that she designed was breathtaking. I can't wait to try her technique for piecing an 8-pointed star; the last one I did took me about 6 months. Our thanks to Gay for a wonderful morning. We all have directions to her shop and a road trip will hopefully be in the air.

We said a fond farewell to Vickie Basham; she has only been with us a few years but has really learned to quilt during that time and has been busy passing out our door prize tickets right up to the end. We will miss her as she moves back to Louisville. We were able to give her a nice gift bag full of farewell blocks put together by Cynthia Johnson-Cavey. Travel safe Vickie; we will miss you.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work at the Sully Quilt Show on September 10. It was a beautiful day and great to be outdoors.

Elli put together a wonderful trifold brochure of information about Springfield QU. If you did not get one at the Program Meeting we will have them available at the October Business Meeting. The brochure is great to share with potential new members. Thanks so much Elli.

The bus trip was a success from everything I heard; sorry I didn't get to go. Thanks Julia for stepping in at the last minute and seeing that the day went smoothly. This trip was very cost effective for the guild so we can plan another trip in the spring if there is enough interest. Please let me know.

Please renew your membership if you haven't already. We want to be able to have everyone in our directory that Kitty will begin putting together October 1. Also, to be in the big QU directory your membership must be current.

October has even more to offer, enjoy the newsletter and I hope to see you October 3 and on October 17 when Betsy True will be our guest. Remember our "Quilting for Others" is later this month. Sign up with Diane if you haven't already.

Enjoy, Penny



Business Meeting Minutes

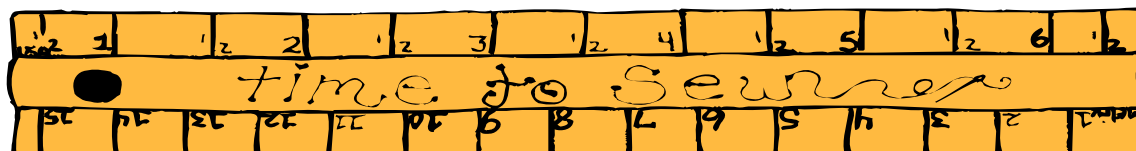
Summary of Business Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2006--Penny called the meeting to order at 10:50am. She welcomed returning members and new guests for another great year for SQU. Julia, our VP, introduced our theme, BOM star block and the UFO challenge for the year. Our treasurer, Kitty, reported a balance of \$10,390.04. Penny, along with Kitty, led a discussion of our proposed budget. Members asked questions and offered suggestions. A motion was made to accept budget as presented. Members responded with a verbal vote of "aye;" the record will show that there were no "nay" votes. The meeting continued with a review of our program for the year by our chairperson, Aby. Members responded positively to the opening mixer, which will yield farewell blocks to be submitted at the program meeting in two weeks. Carolyn discussed our annual auction, coming in November; Kim explained "commitment forms" to generate enthusiasm for the annual QU show in June; Joan discussed Fall Retreat coming up in October; Elli discussed secret pal program; Jill encouraged members to support upcoming QU workshop; Diane reviewed upcoming soldier workshop; Loretta, the Jamestown challenge; Wendy (guest) encouraged members to volunteer at the Sully Quilt Show; Bonnie gave a hearty endorsement of the book about Virginia quilts that our own Joan McGowan was very instrumental in producing; Rebecca asked members to start thinking about Spring Retreat. Last, but surely not least, yours truly, was asked to read the minutes from the last business meeting (June), however, a motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Verbal votes indicated majority voted "aye;" zero "nays" were noted. Requests were made for refreshment volunteers and I discussed the continuation of our "sunshine" program. Members were then entertained with a fantastic show 'n' tell. As Penny was sharing some final announcements, a "mystery woman" entered our midst. Hmmmm....sounded like a mystery quilt challenge in our future....to be continued. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Grimord, Secretary

Vice President's Notes from Julia

Star Quilt Show and Tell - In conjunction with our stars theme this year I would like everyone to bring one or more star quilts to the October 3rd business meeting for a special show and tell of your star and star-themed quilts.

October Business Meeting Vendor - Our lovely Candy Bell of Colonial Quilt Connection will bring lots of her fabrics for sale to our October 3rd business meeting. She will be selling her fabrics for very special low prices - \$4.50 per yard and up! (Please call her several days in advance of October 3rd if you have any special requests for her.) So bring your checkbooks and credit cards, and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

UFO Challenge - Look elsewhere in this newsletter for the new UFO Challenge information.



Culinary Expressions

THANK YOU to Loretta Shinol, Barbara Evans, Peggy Evans, Ann Dau and Pam Morthimer for the refreshments for our September Program Meeting. **On deck for the October business meeting are: Wanda Brown, Francine York, Juanita Golden, Sue Galasso, Marcia Walz.** I'll call Sunday evening with a reminder! Cindy Grimord/The Coffee Queen



ANNUAL AUCTION

Springfield QU's Annual Fall Auction will be November 7th at our usual meeting place at the usual time. Our Auction is the big fund-raiser for SQU. The money raised supports all our activities including bus trips, quilt camp, guest speakers, workshops and more. We rely on you, our members, to donate items for sale and auction. I hope you plan to attend and support this wonderful event. Recently acquired items for the auction will be on display at the next meeting. We are restricted as to how we can advertise so we must rely on you to help get the word out. I have made small flyers that will be available at the next meeting to pass on to anyone you wish to invite. If you have never been to our auction this is what you can expect. When you first arrive you will be assigned a number. Give yourself time to shop the "Under \$20" table and to look over all the items for auction. At 10am we start the official auction; generally, bidding starts at \$20 unless specified and the auction proceeds in a typical fashion. We usually finish around noon and you are asked to pay the cashier for your purchases prior to leaving. We accept cash and checks. If you would like to donate but don't know what to bring, here are some ideas from previous auctions: handmade jewelry; beautifully-made garments--jackets, skirts and vests; baskets made up with fat quarters; food items such as teas, coffee, and accompanying items like napkins or gift certificates; fresh floral and greenery arrangements; wall hangings; large and small quilts; unfinished quilts; large and small quilt tops and quilt blocks for assembly. Some ideas for the "Under \$20" table are miscellaneous sewing items; plants (live and artificial); fabric pieces, large and small; bags of scraps; buttons; threads; napkins; picture frames; craft kits; yarn; patterns and books; housewares and the like. Others have donated homemade goodies like pies, cakes, candies and cookies. You can also donate services. In the past we have had certificates for cake decorating services, a certificate for a singing valentine, all-inclusive day sailing trips, sewing on quilt binding, a professional photography session, and machine quilting services. Is there something you like to do and do well that you know others hate to do? That's a good service to offer! All items for the "Under \$20" table must be pre-priced by you in increments of 25 cents. If you don't take back your unsold items at the end of the Auction, they will be donated to a local charity. Past years it was the Salvation Army and Red Cross. I hope I have inspired you to donate and/or to come and support this event. Bring your friends and neighbors! Thank you. If you have questions please call me, Carolyn Pic, at 703-440-1491 or email cpicinva@cox.net. See you on the 7th!!!



PROGRAMS INFORMATION

October Program

On October 17th, Betsy True, of Alexandria, VA, will be our guest speaker. She will bring a trunk full of spectacular art quilts. You may view some of her work at www.betsytruedesigns.com. After a brown bag lunch, Betsy will teach a workshop on Machine Appliqué. We'll make a simple sampler and learn three methods of machine appliqué in the process. (The class project contains stars and would make a great addition to your Block of the Month quilt for 2006-2007.) The cost of the workshop is \$20; sign up with Aby Dolinger on Sept. 26 (off-Tuesday) or Oct. 3. Class space is limited to 20 quilters, so sign up early!

Mystery Quilt

SQU's Mysterious Lady-in-the-Black-Hat found clue #1 of the Mystery Quilt. Did you? It's all about buying fabric, cutting fabric, and putting the pieces in "Evidence Bags." Each clue will take 2 to 3 hours to complete. Clue #2 will be available at the Oct. 19th meeting. There are 7 clues in all. Follow the clues, step by step, and by June 5 you'll have a starry lap quilt for Show and Tell. If you have questions, contact Aby Dolinger 703-999-2549, aby.dolinger@us.army.mil.

Retreats



We're ready. It's time for **Fall Retreat**. We'll all be gathering on Thursday, October 12, at the New Windsor Conference Center ready for some power sewing, demos, fellowship and a lot of fun. Bring any Log Cabin items you may have to share with everyone. Please don't arrive before 1 pm so that the Committee has time to set everything up. Don't forget to stop at Sisto's in Frederick and enjoy that 20% discount on everything in the store except sale items. They always have a great supply of fabric. If anyone has any questions or possibly wants to join us at this time (We still have room for 1-3 members.), contact me at joquilter@aol.com.
Joan McGowan

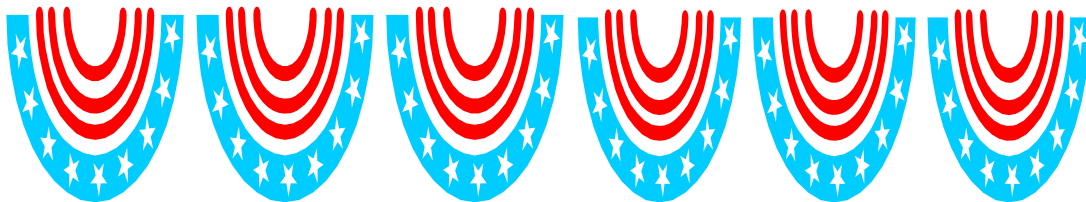
For those of you who have never been to **Spring Retreat** let me fill you in just a little. We arrive at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg at around 2:00pm on Monday afternoon. We set up our sewing area, then check into our hotel-style rooms upstairs and start sewing. That evening we break long enough for dinner, and then we are right back at it with each person sewing on whatever she wants. There's always lots of talking, singing, laughing, and sewing going on. For some people that goes on until the wee hours, while others drift off to their rooms when they just can't see to thread a needle any more. The next day some will be up with the birds and out for a walk and others will take a more casual approach to the day but there will be coffee waiting for everyone and sewing machines will start once again. At lunch time we all go to the dining room for a fantastic meal prepared for us by the staff. Then back to sewing until dinner time. We take turns fixing dinner. Traditionally we have had soup and sandwiches or salad. Then guess what we do after dinner? We sew until we drop. Go to bed, get up and do it all over again. Are you starting to get the idea that we just get away and sew and eat for four days? What could be more fun? Now on Thursday night we will be having a "game night" just for fun. So if you can't come for the entire retreat maybe you can get away for just a day or two. Think about coming and having some fun with us.

Dates: March 26-30, 2007

Cost: \$325.00 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!

We will begin taking registrations at the October 3 business meeting. The first payment of \$100 will hold your place. Space is limited to fourteen.

If you have any questions contact Rebecca Heinze at 703-765-2380 or rheinze1@cox.net



Quilting for others

October Soldier Quilt Workshop

Join us as we quilt for the wounded and ill soldiers at Bethesda Naval Hospital on Tuesday, October 31, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. We again will be working in teams and will have patterns available or you can make up/use your own! We'll have a great time with food, fellowship, door prizes and fun so don't miss it. Contact Diane Henry for more info, mdghenry@aol.com or 703-978-7540.



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

Julia Renken 10/6	Elaine Stemetzki 10/7
Theresa Batch 10/8	Cindy Grimord 10/10
Pat Johnson 10/12	Debbie Dishmon 10/18
Marcia Walz 10/20	Judy Bregman 10/25
Betty Carnes 10/27	Rebecca Heinze 10/31

SQU 2006-2007 UFO CHALLENGE

We're going to have a UFO Challenge again this year, with a twist on last year's rules. The challenge this year is to complete quilt projects, not just sections of projects. Last year we were so successful that many of the UFO challenge quilts were displayed in the QU show – our goal is for more quilts from our Springfield Chapter in 2007!

First of all, let's define a UFO for the purposes of this challenge: A UFO (unfinished object) is a quilting project that you have already started, which has been set aside and not worked on for a "while," and you have started at least one other quilting project in the meantime. A UFO is very bad for the "feng shui" in your sewing space!

Second, in order to enter the UFO challenge this year you must bring your UFO to a meeting and show the current state of its "unfinishedness." This should be done in October 2006 at either the business or program meeting. At this time please fill out an index card with your name and the project description/name--one card for each UFO. You can enter the challenge up to four times, with four different UFO's

Third, a UFO is considered completed when it's completely quilted, bound, and labeled. You should bring the completed UFO for a show-and-tell for all to witness its completion. At this time you mark your project card as "completed" and the card will be held for the final drawing.

There is no cost for entering the UFO Challenge this year. Each project completed will earn the maker a chance for prize drawings at the completion of the Challenge. The Challenge will end at Quilt Camp 2007 in February 2007, and the prize drawing will take place on the last day of Quilt Camp.



SHARING!

*Lisa Langlais shares the following: Here is another good web site. Quilt sayings for labels. Personally, I like to sew my labels on the backing before I machine quilt the quilt. That way the label is sewn in permanently.

www.thegoldenthimble.com/quilt dedications.html

*Vi Saunders is collecting selvage edge strips for a placemat project. If you have any to give to her, she asks that you just bring them to regular meetings. Thanks.

Quilt Show News

The QU show will be held June 1 through 3, 2007. The theme will be Virginia's 400th Anniversary and we will have a challenge associated with that. (More info below) It is anticipated that there will be a separate area set aside for challenge quilts. The committee voted on a concept for the show pin and program cover. It is very attractive and graphic. Springfield's responsibility will be show set up, and we will be mentored by Vienna QU. Kate Untiedt, Show Chair, said that they budgeted additional money to pay for workers. We will also make the labels for exhibitors. Kate very graciously thanked SQU for making them in the past and appreciates us doing them again. Others murmured their assent. Lynn Munch

2007 Quilt Show Challenge (This is your opportunity to make a quilt even if you missed the Virginia Quilt Museum deadline to submit a letter of intent - or even if you didn't miss it! Lynn)

The challenge is to create a wall-hanging sized quilt that commemorates the 400th anniversary of the settling of Jamestown. Your quilt will be displayed at the 2007 QU Quilt Show in a special exhibition.

1. The outer circumference must be between 30" and 156" around.
2. The colors bright blue, light olive green, cranberry, and gold will all be used somewhere on the front of the quilt.
3. A symbol of Jamestown shall be depicted, i.e. Godspeed sailboat, Jamestown fort, colonial people, Powhatan Indian village, food of the day (corn, fowl, fish), transportation (canoes), housing, wildlife, etc.
4. Three layers shall be used in the construction of the quilt, and tied quilts will not be accepted.
5. Embellishments are highly desired.
6. The due date is when the quilt show applications are due. Use an application to submit your challenge.

Crazy Quilting with Attitude!

One of the privileges of QU membership is being able to attend the twice yearly lectures. For the lectures Big QU brings in well-known quilt teachers from around the world. The lectures give you the opportunity to learn from these people—for free!

This Thursday at 7:00pm at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, Big QU will be presenting a lecture/demo by Barbara Randle. Barbara Randle has transformed the traditional technique of Crazy Quilting into modern, fun pieces for your wardrobe and home. Check out her work at her website www.randledesigns.com and then come to the lecture and experience the crazy world of the unexpected, stretch-of-the-imagination, color-freedom, whimsical, and "outside-the-box" creativity of Barbara Randle's crazy quilted designs for purses and home decor items. You will be sorry if you miss this one!

Barbara will also be doing hands-on workshops on Friday and Saturday. To see if there is still space available, contact Jill Redding at 703-495-0815 or copingwithgrace@hotmail.com.

See you Thursday evening! Let's get crazy!

Places to Go and Quilts to See

Thru December 3, 2006-- “Quilts of the Old Dominion” (quilts from “Quilts of Virginia” book), Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA, www.vahistorical.org/exhibits/exhibitscurrent.htm.

Thru January 14, 2007-- "Pieced in Time: Shenandoah Valley Quilts," The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA, www.shenandoahmuseum.org.

September 28--Fall QU Lecture, “Crazy Quilting With Attitude” by Barbara Randle, 7:00pm, Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. Free for all QU members.

September 28-30—Original Sewing and Quilt Expo, Dulles Expo & Conference Center (the same location as our QU Show), Chantilly, VA, www.sewingexpo.com.

September 30-October 1-- “Everybody’s Quilt Guild” Show, Manchester, MD, www.everybodysquiltguild.org.

October 13-15--Richmond Quilters Guild Expo 2006, Richmond, VA, www.richmondquiltguild.com

October 14-15--Nelly’s Needlers Autumn Bazaar, Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway (Route 1), Alexandria, VA.

October 14-15-- “Somewhere in Time,” Brandywine Valley Quilters, Brookhaven, PA (south of Philadelphia), www.brandywinevlyquilters.org.

October 20-21-- NeedleChasers 2006 Quilt Show, St. Columba’s Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, www.needlechasers.org.

October 26--Big QU Fall Quilt-In, 3:30pm to 8:30pm, Falls Church High School, Falls Church, VA.

October 28--Mountain Comforts XVIII Quilt Show at the 33rd Annual Blue Ridge Folklife Festival, Ferrum College and Blue Ridge Institute and Museum, Ferrum, VA, www.blueridgeinstitute.org.

November 9-12-- Quilters Quest 2006, “Shop Hop” with 13 quilt shops in northern Virginia and Maryland participating. Contact Jinny Beyer Quilt Studio, Quilt Patch, or Artful Quilter for more information.



NEWSLETTER NEWS



The deadline for the next newsletter will be October 20 (the Friday after our program meeting.) 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. That will help to save me time. I also want to remind you to subscribe to the QU Digest. Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official newsletters. It's sent electronically via email. Once you subscribe, you will receive news about QU members, quilting tips, interesting websites, and pleas for missing books or fabric. There is also ongoing news on workshops by QU & other guilds, bus trips, members' news, job announcements, quilt shows, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't even have to be quilt related! The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. At a website, you'll be able to see QU Digest archives for the last seven years, an email directory of subscribers, quilting tips, quilting

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