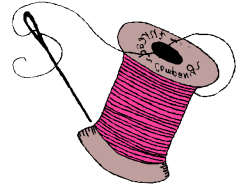


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited October 2008

Our 2008-2009 Volunteers

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—Judy Fender	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	

Can you all believe it is Fall!?! It was good to see so many of you at the meetings in September! Welcome to all of the new members who joined us this past month. We made it through September with lots of projects to choose from and plan for through this year. We had our first guest speaker, Kathy Lincoln, with lots of good ideas and clues for us when constructing a quilt. Our first Quilting for Others workshop, Soldier Quilts, was a great success. Thank you all for helping with this very worthwhile cause. A big thank you goes to Nancy Vogel for the bus trip to Harrisburg, PA, for the Quilt Show. Her organizing and planning paid off for all of us who went and had a very enjoyable day!

With October come the Mystery Quilt Clues, workshop, Fall Retreat and getting ready for our Annual Auction. Hope that you all have that fabric ready for the first clue of the Mystery Quilt that begins this month. If you haven't signed up, make sure you do at the next business meeting. This month we have Heidi Thayer coming to speak and give a workshop on "The Cotton Theory." Please note that Heidi will be lecturing on Tuesday, October 21, and the workshop is scheduled to follow the lecture that same day. The workshop will **not** be on October 22 as previously announced. Now is the time to be getting things together to donate for the Annual Auction, which this year will be held on Tuesday, November 18th. There are more details about these activities in this newsletter.

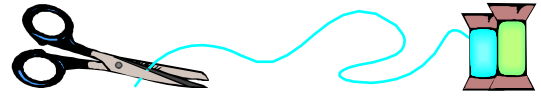
On Thursday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., Carol Taylor will be the speaker for the QU Fall Lecture. This lecture will be held at Lake Braddock Secondary School in the Lecture Hall. Please plan to attend to see the wonderful quilts that Carol will share with the group and to see what is possible with free motion quilting. Also, there will be a short meeting for QU as we need to vote to amend the By-Laws for the organization.

As you look around and see what Mother Nature is doing to the scenery maybe you will become inspired to use this in one of the projects that is planned. Hope you all enjoy the many and varied projects that Judy has put together for the group this year.

May your bobbin always be full!

Sue

VP'S Corner



The year is off to a great start. I knew and I told you all that Judy was going to be awesome, but still I was bowled over by her wonderful presentation. How lucky I feel to have her as a partner. I hope you all take advantage of her great ideas. The projects will be broken down into small pieces throughout the year, so don't feel too overwhelmed.

Kathy Lincoln gave us a great lecture on pattern problem-solving and I learned so many things that I think will save much time and aggravation. I hope you all feel the same way.

The October workshop is on The Cotton Theory Method and I am really looking forward to learning the technique. We have spaces in the workshop; you can also choose to take it and just watch without having to bring your machine or invest in the supplies. Heidi Thayer will be bringing copies of Bettys' newest book which I think will have some exciting new options for the method. Just a reminder that the workshop has been changed-- it will be held on Tuesday the 21st directly after the trunk show.

Then we will be focusing on the auction. I hope you are all thinking about what you can donate and about friends you can invite; we want to bring OPM to our Guild. I will be at the off-Tuesday and at the Quilting for Others workshop, so come see me if you want to sign up for the workshop or if you need the supply/homework list.

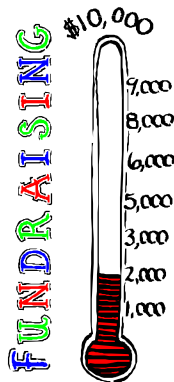
Keep on sewing!

Jill

Springfield QU Auction - November 18th, 2008

The auction is coming up fast and we need your support to make it a success. This auction is our big fundraiser for Springfield and the money raised supports our wonderful programs and events. Last year the auction was different from those in the past with a bag raffle, silent auction and a live auction; it was also the most successful. It will be run the same way again this year. I have already received some items for the auction and they are listed below:

- Gourmet coffee and cookie basket
- Gourmet tea basket
- Quilted vest
- Craft/knitting needle case
- Angel quilting figurine
- Framed picture
- Books
- Candy store jar w/homespun
- Picture display board
- Fabric yardage and fat quarters
- Happy birthday kit
- Happy New Year kit
- Fat quarter bundles



Hope this will inspire you. I will be accepting items every Tuesday up to the November 4th business meeting. Please include your name on your items. In the past I couldn't remember who donated what and those who received them wanted to know who made/donated that beautiful item.

Our auction is open to everyone so don't forget to invite your friends, family and neighbors; all are welcome. Please feel free to email me at cpicinva@verizon.net or call at 703-440-1491. Thank you for all your help! Carolyn Pic

Minutes – Springfield QU Business Meeting September 2, 2008

President Sue Galasso called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. She and Joan Oelschlager welcomed returning and new members and guests. Minutes of the June business meeting were published in the July newsletter and approved by the membership by a majority vote. Treasurer Cathy Powers presented the 2008-2009 budget; a motion was made to accept the budget; it was seconded and a majority vote of “yes” was obtained.

VP – Jill Redding: Jill announced that Kathy Lincoln would be giving a lecture on September 16; she also announced the upcoming lectures/workshops for the year.

Internal Programs – Judy Beigbeder: Judy gave an excellent and entertaining overview of the projects planned for in-house programs for the year.

Fundraising – Carolyn Pic: Will accept items for the 18 November Fall auction and is collecting fat quarters to place in a basket for auction.

Community Service – Diane Henry/Carolina Diez: Quilting for Others workshop on September 30 to make soldier quilts; sign up sheet and pattern “Disappearing Nine-Patch” was passed around. Baby quilt workshop in March – details to follow.

Newsletter – Kim Fess: Deadline for the newsletter is the Friday after the third Tuesday; send in e-mail, not as attachment.

HolidayParty – Bonnie Campbell or Judy Fender/Loretta Spittle: December 9 at Fairfax Country Club – save the date, more info later.

Quilt Camp – Judy Beigbeder: Please fill out survey at display table.

Spring Retreat – Kim Fess: Spring Retreat March 23-27; first payment will be collected at October 7 meeting.

Quilt Show 2009- Penny Boyanton/Cindy Grimord: Quilt show dates changed back to June 5, 6-7, 2009.

Fall Retreat – Joan McGowan: One opening left; demoing Hugs and Kisses pattern.

Hospitality – Coffee group: Peggy Bowers / Refreshments – Lynn Munch: Lynn passed around sign up sheet for refreshments through the year.

Farewell blocks – Cynthia Johnson-Daily: Cynthia will include directions for the farewell blocks in the next newsletter.

President’s Announcements: QU News:Thursday, October 23 @ 7:30 p.m. Carol Taylor will Lecture “Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time” @ LBSS. At this meeting, a vote will be taken to change the Bylaws concerning the QU Annual Meeting. Bylaws state that the Annual Meeting is in May, they want to change it to say that the Annual Meeting will take place during the 4th quarter of the fiscal year. Mark Lipinski is coming for the Quilt Show and they want him to do the presentation at the Annual Meeting. QU Workshops with Carol Taylor will be on Friday, October 24, Free Motion Quilting Patterns and Saturday, October 25 Arc-i-Textures. Registration info in QU Newsletter online. Both workshops will be held at G Street in Centreville, 9:30-4:00. Quilt Show is back to June 5.6-7, 2009 – flyers on back table. If you have any leads on vendors who would like to be at the Quilt Show in June contact Sue Sladek. First Quilt Show Meeting is Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Penny will be attending. Sunday, September 7, Sully Plantation Quilt Show: Demos: Fabric Folding, Red Work, Celtic Appliqué, Quilt Labels. Volunteers needed to do sit and sew; If interested contact Arlene Wagner.

Show and Tell- Crazy quilts and other quilts were shown.

Door Prizes were given and Sue adjourned the meeting at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Carolina Diez, Secretary





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

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

OCTOBER REMINDER

Oct 7th - **HollyDay Grab Bag** – don't forget to bring the brown bag filled your favorite fabric (3 pieces of 1/2 yd each) and the piece of paper with your name and any suggestions for what to make. If you haven't picked up one of The Brown Bags – just bring your fabric and you can fill one when you get to the meeting.

Oct 7th – **Uglie Fabric Dare** - Enjoy a 'game' of musical fabric. Bring one yard of good quality Uglie fabric (must be torn at both ends and 36" in between). You will also need a small pair of scissors or snips – we don't want to waste time passing scissors around! In the end you will go home with 7 different pieces of fabric in various sizes. I dare you to make something with all 7. Just remember, you are not allowed to use these pieces in construction of the HollyDay Gift.

Oct 7 To Be Issued for those registered for hard copy:

Insanity Plea – Clue 2 [Block 2]

Sampler Times – BOM 2 – 3 – 4

Emailed copies will go out Monday morning – Oct 6th and the Tripod sites will be updated with more views.

Off Tue Oct 14 - You may want to bring your sewing machine and materials if you need guidance on paper piecing.

Oct 21 To Be Issued for those registered for hard copy:

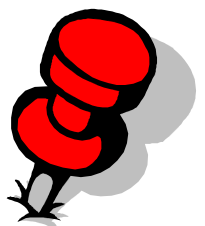
Strip Search – Clue 1

Email copy will go out Monday morning – Oct 20th - there is nothing new on Tripod until Clue 4.

Judy Beigbeder

MEMBERSHIP

October 1 is the deadline to get your membership up to date so that you can be included in the Big QU and Springfield directories for 2008-09. You can contact me by phone or email if the deadline is near. Joan Oelschlager, 703-960-2830 or joelschl@cox.net



Friendship/Farewell Blocks

When a member leaves our Springfield group, she is 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 blocks 3-inches square. Sew them 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 Johnson-Daily at our meetings throughout the year. If you have any questions please call Cynthia at 703-971-6033.

Also, if you know of anyone who is leaving during the year, please let Cynthia know of their departure date. Thank you for your donations.



Judy Beigbeder is still ing to  from those with

Nifty Notions to demo on Nov 4th.

Please send me an email (sowsewbizzy@yahoo.com) or

pass me a note on Tuesdays.

News from BIG QU

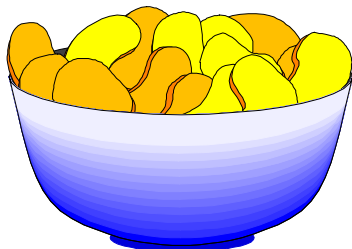
Carol Taylor, an award winning quilter, will present her lecture "Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time" on Thursday evening, October 23, 2008. The lecture will begin at 7:30 pm at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA in the Lecture Hall.

The presentation, a retrospective of Carol's quilting career shows how she produced over 485 quilts (many award-winning) since she began quilting in 1993. You'll see slides from her first traditional quilt through her gradual transition to art quilts...however she promises NOT to show all 485! She will also bring a trunk show of her newest quilts. Her presentation is interspersed with some humorous slides from her 33-year-old son who shows Mom that he is "never without his blankie"! For more information on Carol Taylor, see her website: www.caroltaylorquilts.com.

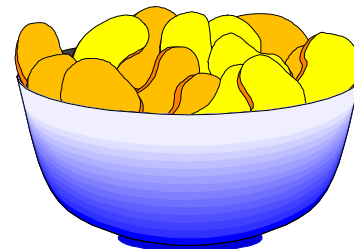
Carol Taylor will also be doing two workshops while she is here. "Free Motion Quilting Patterns" will be held on Friday, October 24, at G Street Fabrics in Centreville, VA, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. The second workshop, "Arc-i-Textures" will be held on Saturday, October 25, at the G Street Fabrics in Centreville, VA, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Both of these workshops will be held in the Home Deco Building at this location. *At this time both workshops are filled.* Notices have gone out on the QU Digest for anyone who finds they cannot attend to advertise it on the QU Digest. So, those of you who have signed up, if you find that you cannot attend please get it on the QU Digest. When you find your replacement, please email me so that a current class list can be maintained for Carol Taylor. Thanks and hope you all enjoy the lecture and workshops.

SQU Spring Retreat

Springfield QU's 10th Annual Spring Retreat will be on Monday, March 23, 2009 through Friday, March 27, 2009, at beautiful Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Total cost of the retreat this year will be \$324 (an increase of only \$4 over last year) which includes double lodging and all meals. The retreat has a limit of 14 persons. First come, first served. The first payment of \$108 will be due on October 7, 2008. For more information about the retreat, contact the Retreat Chairman, Kim Fess at kimfess@aol.com or 703-239-0314.



The Munchie Report



Thanks to all who have signed up to bring munchies to our meetings. We were very well served at our first business meeting with goodies from not just the elected board members, but most of the members of the entire board! For the goodies at our first program meeting, we have Julia Renken, Sandy Watkinson, Ann Douglas, Lynn Munch and Dotty White to thank.

At the first meeting, I passed around the clipboard for you to volunteer to bring food items. I'm pleased to say that you filled up the slots for the rest of 2008. I will call or email you a few days before the meeting you've volunteered for to remind you. In December, I'll pass the sign-up sheet around for the first part of 2009.

Thanks, Munch

And here is the recipe for the Breakfast Cookies brought by Kim Fess to the first business meeting. There were numerous requests to print it in the newsletter.

Breakfast Cookies

½ cup margarine, softened

¾ cup granulated sugar

1 egg

1 cup all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon baking soda

½ pound bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

½ cup raisins

2 cups corn flakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Thoroughly mix in the egg, flour and baking soda. Mix in the bacon and raisins. Gently fold in the corn flakes. Drop rounded teaspoonsful onto parchment paper-cover baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes.



“Sometimes, I worry that I am a fabric hoarder. How much is too much? I think I finally have an answer, picked up from an online discussion. Andrew Holleran in his novel, Grief, says that Mary Todd Lincoln (Abe's wife) surrounded her bed with trunks filled with her fabric collection. According to her son, the fabric weighed four tons! He used that as part of the proof that she was crazy when he had her committed. Now THAT is

extreme! I figure I have a long way to go before my children can use my stash against me. (Unfinished tops don't count, do they?)"--a quote from Carol Miller, Dean of Quilt University

Meet the SQU Executive Board, Interviews with our President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer



President—Sue Galasso

Where you grew up/are originally from--Mt. Ephraim, NJ (in southern NJ). When I was growing up there was lots of farmland around us but it's not that way any more. It is Exit 3 on the NJ Turnpike. The beach was only an hour away and we would "go down the shore"! I have also lived in Maryland, back to NJ, and then here to Northern VA.

Family (husband, kids, pets)—Husband, Rick, and 2 sons, Aaron--26 and Michael—22.

Your occupation--When I first read this, I thought, "Which one do I send!?" So...Program and Facilities Scheduler, Coordinator and Advocate, Teacher (elementary, secondary and adult), Sign Language Interpreter (which I have done the longest) and numerous volunteer positions along the way.

How long you've been quilting--Since 1974.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty--I'll try anything to see if I like it/enjoy it. I don't think I have any preference.

Project you are currently working on--Several, just like everybody else but I would really like to finish the BOM from SQU 2006-2007, the Star blocks!

What you like about Springfield QU--It is such a great group, always friendly and helpful.



Vice President—Jill Redding

Where you grew up/are originally from--I am from Urbana, Illinois.

Family (husband, kids, pets)—I have a husband, Dave, and three children, Austin--20, Jackie—17, and Gracie—11. I also have a cat named Tiffany and a dog named Daisy.

Your occupation--I am a SAHM (Stay at Home Mom), formerly a flight attendant,

How long you've been quilting--I have been quilting for eleven years.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty--I like all kinds of quilting.

What you like about Springfield QU-- My favorite thing about Springfield is that, we are where the fun is!



Secretary—Carolina Diez

Where you grew up/are originally from—I was born in Raleigh, N.C., but grew up all over....South America, TX, Saudi Arabia, FL.

Family (husband, kids, pets)—Husband, Chris, two girls, Madeline-13 and Victoria-11, and Abby, a Chesapeake bay retriever

Your occupation--I'm a registered nurse, working part-time in the Intermediate Care Nursery of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

How long you've been quilting--I took my first quilting class 13 years ago, but didn't become passionate about quilting until about 8 years ago.

Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty--I like doing all types of quilting....I'm really good at machine quilting.

Project you are currently working on--Ohio stars from my stash....I have all the stars completed, just need to piece them into rows....I have enough to make a queen-size bed quilt.....we shall see!

What you like about Springfield QU--I joined last year and the first thing I noticed about SQU was how 'welcome' I was made to feel!



Treasurer—Cathy Powers

Where you grew up/are originally from—Rome, New York

Family (husband, kids, pets)—Husband, daughter, 3 sons, 1 granddaughter, 2-8/9 grandsons, but no pets. I prefer other people's pets.,

Your occupation—Semi-retired CPA.

How long you've been quilting—Since about 1990, but I only made a few quilts until I stopped working full-time in 2004.

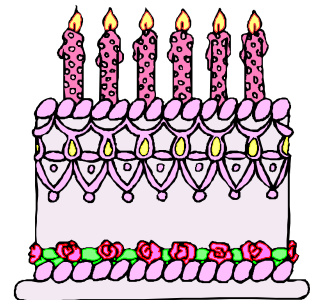
Your favorite type of quilting/quilting specialty—Piecing, binding and “collecting” fabrics are my favorites.

Project you are currently working on—Items for the November auction and two quilts for my new grandson.

What you like about Springfield QU—Everyone provides encouragement and I get wonderful ideas from seeing other people's projects. I would never have attempted machine quilting unless I had seen what so many others had done.

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

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| Julia Renkin 10/6 | Theresa Batch 10/8 |
| Marilyn Cunningham 10/10 | Cindy Grimord 10/10 |
| Pat Johnson 10/12 | Ellen Corrie 10/13 |
| Lynn Fishburn 10/16 | Debbie Dishmon 10/18 |
| Joey Wagner 10/18 | Marcia Walz 10/20 |
| Candy Bell 10/24 | Pam Leonard 10/24 |
| Judy Bregman 10/25 | Betty Carnes 10/27 |
| Carolyn Eng 10/29 | Rebecca Heinze 10/31 |



Monthly Hint from the Tipster

When sewing binding on a quilt, fanfold the binding and put it in a resealable bag. Leave an end of the binding hanging out and zip both sides of the bag, not too tight. Set the bag on the floor and it will keep the binding contained and clean while you stitch it to the quilt.

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! This month we hear from Judy Beigbender about her favorite on-line quilt shop...or soon to be favorite!

When I was at the PA show, one of the many booths I stopped at had fat quarters for \$2.05 (batiks \$2.25) -- whereas all the other booths (and many \$\$\$ earlier) were charging \$2.50. The bargain booth was Burkholders, Denver, PA (only three hours up the road from VA). She was surprised at what others were charging because all their fabrics sold for \$7.xx.

This evening I was looking over Civil War fabrics at Keepsake Quilting when I remembered Burk.... and sought out their site, <http://www.burkfabrics.com>; I was surprised to see they had the exact same Civil War fabrics for about \$2 less (\$7.xx vs \$9.xx).

The store is immense with over 10,000 first-quality quilting cottons. I think I need to swing by there on my way to CT/NH in November.

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

- 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

The deadline for the next newsletter will be October 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

