



April 2007  
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**Vienna QU Newzine**  
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**Our next meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> Cathy Miller (*The Singing Quilter*).** You will have an amazing evening listening to Cathy.

Kilmer Middle School, Vienna, VA

**SNACKS**

If your last name starts with S through T, please bring refreshments for the April meeting. Thanks for the great snacks last month.

Reminder – Everyone, bring your own drink to the meeting

**Presidents Message**

Happy April to you all!

As the Big QU Quilt nears, donated items are desperately needed for the silent auction. All the chapters contribute to this popular and money making event. I earnestly hope that Vienna QU will participate with the other Northern Virginia quilters to contribute to the silent auction. Perhaps your bee can work on a joint item to be donated. We need your help in this.

I am attaching the survey recently distributed at the March meeting. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey please do so and bring it with you to the April Meeting. Your input is needed to enable your Board of Directors to plan the meetings and programs that meet your needs.

And for the April 17th meeting, Cathy Miller "The Singing Quilter" will be with us. Cathy has received high praise from audiences across the United States, London, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and beyond. You won't want to miss this entertaining meeting!

Happy sewing.

Carole

**Please welcome our new members**

- ♥ Nicole Choiniere-Kroeker
- ♥ Darlene Howke
- ♥ Carol Strong;
- ♥ Lottie Zielinski.
- ♥ Joyce Burrows

**Remember to bring your Quilt Show entries to the MAY meeting, May 15th, 2007.** Each entry should be in a separate bag (pillowcase) labeled with your name, Vienna QU and the name of your entry.

**Don't miss the Quilt Show - June 1 - 3, 2007!**

**Charm Swappers:** Please bring Amish solids to the April meeting (18 squares). You will be getting your Juvenile charm squares back, just in time to put them together into a quilt for the Orphanage challenge due in June! -- Janet Marney

**President's Blocks** are now available from Janet Marney. [Carole don't read this!] Each June we present a quilt top to the outgoing President, as a thank you gift for all her hard work during the year. The block can be done by beginners. Please read all the directions included with the pattern before starting. Use dark or medium dark traditional or Asian prints in which the dominant colors are the ones requested in the directions (no solids, please, unless that is all you have). You may use any method to piece your block. I have additional step-by-step directions available for machine piecing if you choose that method; just email me. Your completed block should measure 8 1/2 inches square (it will finish to 8 inches in the final quilt). Please give or mail blocks to me by the May Vienna QU meeting, so there will be enough time to sew the blocks together by the June Dinner. 10241 Stratford Ave., Fairfax, VA 22030-2330. (703)352-2795. [janet@marney.org](mailto:janet@marney.org)

**Sally Schneider workshop information.** Sally Schneider is an accomplished quilter, with a good eye for design and very kind demeanor. She is great with scrap quilts that a majority of quilters can appreciate. Very mainstream quilting with an interesting twist on pattern layout. I would strongly suggest anyone looking for a NICE way to spend the day quilting, sign up for Sally's workshops.

Sally Schneider will be joining Quilter's Unlimited for a three-day visit. Sally has been quilting since 1971, and has made several hundred quilts since then, mostly by machine, although she has two completely hand-made quilts to her credit.

A specialist in scrap quilts and built-in borders, she is the author of a total of eight books, four of which are still in print. Her scrap quilt books include Scrap Frenzy and Triangle Tricks ([Martingale and Company](#)). Scrap Frenzy contains thirteen patterns for quilts made from pieces that she cuts from fat quarters. Sally's other specialty is Built-In Borders; her new book on that subject is Designing With Built-In Borders. With this method, you can make complex pieced borders as blocks, rather than long strips that may or may not fit your quilt. Sally has re-designed ten different borders that can be made using this block method.

Sally has been active in the quilt-making field as a teacher since 1980, as a quilt book editor from 1995-1998, and in 1999, she served as a selection panelist for the 20th Century's 100 Best American Quilts. She was recently nominated as one of the American Quilter's Society's All American Teachers. For more information on Sally Schneider and her quilts, books and patterns, please visit her web site: [www.sallyschneider.com](http://www.sallyschneider.com).

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 7:00 pm, **Location of lecture unknown.** Annual meeting at 7:00 pm, Sally Schneider will be featuring a slide lecture and trunk show on **Confessions of a Scrap Maniac.** 'We all have scrap bags, or boxes, or barrels full of bits and pieces. But what are we doing with these fabrics? You'll see how I purchase fabrics, prepare my scraps so they are ready to use when I want to make a scrap quilt, and choose good designs. We'll also explore the elements of a good scrap quilt and some of the things to avoid.'

Workshop: **Christmas Crackers border quilt**

Date: Friday, May 4, 2007, 10:30 – 5:00

Where: G Street, Seven Corners Center, 6259 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA.

Use your luscious floral fabrics for the Laurel Wreath blocks in the center of this quilt, then add the oh-so-simple Christmas Crackers border for a fabulous finish. You'll love the simple-to-construct, never-fails-to-fit, Built-In Border methods that Sally will show you. You are more than welcome to use any type of "theme fabric" for the workshop. 20 students max.

Workshop: **Pieced Corners Quilt**

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2007, 10:30 – 5:00

Where: G Street, Seven Corners Center, 6259 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA.  
Based on the Skyrocket quilt in *Scrap Frenzy* (page 73), in this class, we explore what can happen if you take a traditional block and turn it on point, then add triangles to each side to square it up again. By piecing those triangles, you can get some amazing effects. The class sample is 9 blocks with fun and easy border, but I'll show you in class how you can make it more contemporary by adding different backgrounds. 20 students max.

**G-Street** has graciously allowed us classroom space at their 7 Corner's store. You're more than welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat in class for lunch. Please bring the basic supplies for class. We will also need students to bring irons to share during class. More class information, class examples, and current supply lists can be found on Sally's web site: [www.sallyschneider.com/classes.htm](http://www.sallyschneider.com/classes.htm). Any updated supply lists will be emailed upon registration.

**Registration start date is April 1, 2007.** Make checks payable to Quilter's Unlimited and mail registration and checks to Lisa Langlais, 6936 Conservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153. If you have questions, please email: [APQSQuilter@aol.com](mailto:APQSQuilter@aol.com).

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds after April 20, 2007, unless a substitute for the opening is secured by the registrant or from the workshop wait list if one exists. The workshops will be opened to non-QU-members two weeks prior to the date of the workshops (April 20, 2007), only if members have not filled all spaces. The fee for non-members will be the \$40.00 workshop fee plus a \$20.00 non-member fee. Class confirmation and supply list(s) will be emailed.

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**Sally Schneider workshops**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

If registering for both classes, please indicate first choice:

Friday, May 4, 2007 – Christmas Crackers border quilt

\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, May 5, 2007 – Pieced Corners quilt

\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I can bring an iron. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Lisa Langlais, 6936 Conservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153

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**Vienna QU Challenge by Karla Vernon**

Your challenge this year is to make a 40" x 60" scrap quilt, with the main part of the quilt entirely made from your stash of fabric. I will have some scrap quilt patterns available for you. The quilt will then be donated to an orphanage. I have an organization in mind, New Hope International, which has orphanages in Ukraine, with desperately needy orphans. Alternatively, if you have an UFO (unfinished object) quilt that you would like to donate (finished), that may be your challenge. The challenges are due in June. Feel free to show and tell your finished challenges at any time, as it might encourage your fellow quilters to do the same!

Karla Vernon

### **Retreat 2007**

Thanks to all for a great retreat. The 40 women who participated in the retreat, March 23-26, had a great time as you will see during show and tell at the April meeting!

Mark your calendars now --- VQU has the New Windsor Conference Center reserved for the weekend of March 14-17, 2008. I'm sure it will be a great weekend once again.

Sue Sladek (chair) and retreat committee: Linda Roberts, Jo Loder, Louise Sutara, Gloria Sladek and Marilyn Owendoff.

**Retreat 2006** - Many Vienna members remember that Susan Smith did a nice job heading up the Vienna Retreat last year, but then was unable to go herself, due to pressing family health issues. Many of the 2006 Retreat participants contributed four patch blocks to show that we were thinking of her. Susan was very surprised and touched to receive the quilt top (assembled by Janet Marney). Here is her thank you:

>Susan Herbelin-Smith wrote: that people thought of me and took the time to make blocks for me. It really means a lot to me. I just keep looking at it and touching it...I have been trying to decide if I should add a border to it or just finish it knife edge style... I'm not very good with words but I want to let everyone know how much it means to me ... Thanks again! Susan

### **Vienna QU Calendar 2006-2007**

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** Rose Hahn: Realistic floral  
appliqué  
quilts and learn her secrets.

**May 31 – June 3** QU Quilt Show - Dulles Expo Center

**June 19** Pot Luck Dinner - New Officer Installation

**June 23** Big QU Mt

**SURVEY**

To Vienna QU members:

March 20, 2007

The Board of Directors of Vienna QU is eager to get feedback from you on several issues. Please complete and return this survey so that we can use your ideas to craft the chapter to more closely meet your expectations. Thank you in advance for taking the time to put your thoughts on paper.

- Programs: Name several people or program subjects you would like to see at one of our meetings. Think big – we can get nationally known speakers.

- Areas of interest: Our organization relies on volunteers and we need your help. From the list below, please indicate where we might tap into your talents and interests. Note, many of these roles will be handled by a committee - don't assume you would be fulfilling this function alone.

- Service projects     Hospitality     Auction
- Programs     Retreat     Membership
- Library     Newsletter     Treasurer
- Quilt Show     Quilt Collector     Chapter Challenge
- Recording Sec'y     Corresponding Sec'y

- Do you have special skills we might take advantage of within our group?

- How can we attract new members and how can we keep current members?

- What would make you come to the meetings more often?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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This part you can tear off and submit without your name if you choose. We want your candid comments. Let us know what you like and don't like about VQU and any suggestions for change.

Thanks again.