



Pieceful Times



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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Wow!! The Auction is finished, and I want to thank everyone for their help and support. We made over \$4400 this year! I'll let the Auction Chair tell you more below.

As the song goes "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (If you listen to WASH FM - 97.1, you'll get to hear them tell you this at least several times a day!). Actually I think it's more like a year-end overdrive. There's Extra Cooking, Decorating, Shopping, Card Sending, Package Shipping, Party Going, etc.....

And, of course, all of us still have some sewing projects that must get finished before the Holidays.

My Holiday wish to you is ***Simplicity, Joy and Peace!*** And may you all find an extra hour to Enjoy!

*Happy Holidays,
Theresa*

THE AUCTION

Hello Ladies (and Gentleman),

I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous help on the Auction this past month. Also, thanks for all the wonderful donations to VQU. Without them we would not have such a wonderful success. We made over \$4,400 on our items, and approximately \$180 of that was from the bake sale.

I greatly appreciate all the help of the volunteers who assisted both before and during the auction - with the basket stuffing, and all the work preparing and running the auction. Thank you all for your hard work and all the money you spent! I appreciated the opportunity to work with you on this project.

*Diana Nichols
Auction Chair*

**DECEMBER PROGRAM – GAYLE ROPP PRESENTS
TREASURES IN THE TRUNK**

There was a book a few years ago, *Quilting Makes the Quilt* by Lee Cleland. The decision to be made about the quilt pattern can be overwhelming. The years of doing commercial hand quilting taught Gayle a lot and helped her grow enough to try the more difficult quilting designing like feathers and cables.. The trick is to have them fit the border width and length as well as turn the corner gracefully. She will explain how she decides on quilting patterns and sizes of designs and how to fit them into the space at hand while showing many quilts she has created over the years. She is an award-winning quilter, and we are most fortunate to have her right here in our Vienna Chapter!

Gayle has been a member of Vienna Quilters Unlimited since 1983. Even while she moved with her family to Madrid and New York City, she stayed close to Vienna in spirit. She served as President of Vienna QU in 1985-86. She hand quilted professionally for 12 years and with that background feels she can help most anyone design for their specific quilt top. Though Spoon Quilting is what got her started, she really enjoys the quilting design process and enjoys teaching it, too.

*Your Program Committee
Sue Sladek, Linda Roberts, and Jo Loder*

BOOK BEAT

by
Diane Dresdner

NEW BOOKS:

New Purchases:

Quilted Bags and Purses. Mary Jo Hiney. From roomy totes to stylish clutches, quilting and embellishing projects.

Donations:

The Magic of Quiltmaking. Rolfe and Bowker. A beginner's comprehensive resource for quilting and appliqué.

Appliqué Takes Wing. By Jane Townswick, donated by Jane Townswick. Exquisite appliqué designs for bird, butterflies, and more.

RECYCLING:

Please bring and help yourself to quilting-related magazines and patterns with our recycle box located at the library table.

RESERVATIONS:

To reserve a book or video, please contact Diane Dresdner at 703/378-0994 or ddresdner@cox.net. For a listing of items in our library, go to the Quilters Unlimited website, click on the Vienna link, and follow the instructions to see the library listing.

Take Our Quilting Trivia Quiz - from The Quilter Community

Think you know everything about quilting? Take our Trivia Test to find out just how much you *really* know. Answers on Page 6 of this newsletter.

1. Which type of fabric is preferable for making quilts?
 a. polyester blend
 b. cotton
 c. silk
2. Which author writes books that have methods you can use to make a quilt in only a single day?
 a. Jinny Beyer
 b. Sharyn Craig
 c. Eleanor Burns
3. When did the Kansas City Star start publishing their quilt patterns?
 a. 1940's
 b. 1950's
 c. 1930's
4. Whose Quilt Encyclopedia is a resource that has over one thousand quilt patterns in it?
 a. Barbara Brackman
 b. Libby Lehman
 c. Cynthia England
5. For hand quilting, it's best to use a _____ needle.
 a. milliner's
 b. between
 c. sharps
6. Crazy quilting can be made of what fabric?
 a. silk
 b. velvet
 c. calico

- d. a,b and c
7. What food product was packaged in printed fabric during the Depression to attract quilters?
 a. ham
 b. oranges
 c. flour
8. Surveys show that there are _____ quilters per household in the U. S. A.
 a. two
 b. one and one-half
 c. one
 d. three
9. Redwork embroidery quilts are often made up of the following:
 a. penny squares
 b. sateen
 c. cross-stitch
10. The "New York Beauty" quilt pattern has:
 a. groups of "Nine Patch" blocks
 b. sharply pointed triangles
 c. rectangles sewn in strips
11. "Foundation piecing" requires the quilter to use:
 a. adding stitching on top of a quilt
 b. paper with the pattern marked on it
 c. strips sewn together and cut apart
12. "Flying Geese" are made up of:
 a. squares
 b. triangles
 c. rectangles

CHALLENGE BLOCKS DUE AT DECEMBER MEETING

Karla Vernon will be collecting your *Bright Lights, Big City* challenge blocks at the December meeting?

Remember these should be 12½” blocks, and you need to include a Fairfield logo with your entry form. The word Fairfield from the batting package, plus the barcode is fine. If you don't have any Fairfield batting, ask your friends if they do. Hancock's Fabrics sells Sew Perfect Batting, which is made by Fairfield.

You can submit your block even if you don't want it to be considered for the contest. In that case, no logo is needed. If you design or make quilts commercially, you are not eligible for the contest.

Everyone who submits a block and entry form will receive a gift. The non-winning blocks are made into charity quilts for ABC quilts.

For additional information, see: <http://www.poly-fil.com/pdf/files/QBC.pdf>



REFRESHMENTS FOR DECEMBER MEETING PROVIDED BY MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH I THROUGH R

Just a reminder that we have decided not to provide pitchers of water or glasses as many people carry their own water to meetings. Therefore, please provide your own beverage. The school does have water fountains available close to the meeting area.

We will have a table set up in the rear of the meeting room for your treats. Also, we request that you be responsible for any leftovers should your delectable goodies somehow go unnoticed!

MONTH	SNACKS TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH
December	I through R

DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12/14	Joyce Burrows	1/14	Anne Ridder
	Eileen Doughty	1/18	Sandy Smith
12/15	Maria Iglesias	1/20	Eleanor McCann
12/16	Barbara Denmon	1/23	Marian Reeves
12/19	Pam Massaglia	1/28	Madge Gadell
12/27	Susan Smith	1/29	Jo Sesow
1/6	Margo Twohey	1/31	Nancy Devlin
1/9	Hazel Carter		
	Jenny Klostermeyer		
1/12	Barbara Cannon		

QUILTING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 5	VQU Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Patrick Henry Library
December 13	Gayle Ropp presents “Treasures in the Trunk” – Vienna QU December Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
January 17	Make a Quilt Night – Vienna QU January Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
February 21	Vienna QU February Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School – Topic To Be Determined
March 23-26	Vienna QU Retreat
March 21	Barbara Hollinger Trunk Show – Vienna QU March Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
April 18	Karen Kay Buckley – “To Border or Not To Border” – Vienna QU April Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
April 27-30	Virginia Consortium of Quilters Celebration 2006 (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
May 4	Big QU Spring Seminar & Annual Meeting – Sue Nickels will be the speaker
May 5-6	Workshops with Sue Nickels
May 16	Patsy Hartnett – “Politics and the Needle” – Vienna QU May Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
June 2-4	QU Quilt Show – Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly

Answers to Quilt Trivia Quiz:

Question 1 answer is b

Question 2 answer is c

Question 3 answer is c

Question 4 answer is a

Question 5 answer is b

Question 6 answer is d

Question 7 answer is c

Question 8 answer is b

Question 9 answer is a

Question 10 answer is b

Question 11 answer is b

Question 12 answer is b

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