



# Pieceful Times



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## ***THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE***

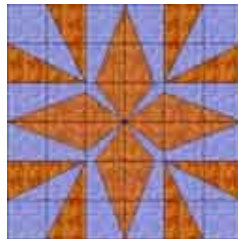
Its hard to believe its February outside. It feels too much like Spring, and I am actually missing Winter weather. Usually when it's cold outside, it's a great time to hunker down inside and get down to some heavy quilting projects. I guess I'll have to wait until the Vienna QU Retreat to get some serious work done. Remember that all retreat participants are meeting before our February Monthly Meeting to get their information about the March Retreat. Thanks to Susan Smith for all her work putting together the trip.

Also, thanks to Tommie Curtis for a wonderful Make a Quilt Nite. The variety of

quilt patterns was fun to sew. Congratulations to everyone who won blocks, and I am looking forward to seeing the quilts during "Show and Tell." Its nice to have a meeting to socialize with old friends and meet new members. See you at the February Meeting.

Info for the Vienna QU Board – Next Meetings: February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna.

*Theresa Nichols, President*



## ***BIG QU***

### **An opportunity to be of service:**

Hello, Quilters –

Would anyone like to be an officer in the Big QU organization for next year? It is a wonderful opportunity to sharpen your skills.

My telephone number is 703/549 2592. Call if interested.

*Jim Melton*  
*QU Nominating Committee, Chair*

***I WISH I HAD A LABEL***  
***VQU February Meeting***

Bill Rice was born and raised in a small town in West Texas. The population is up to 7,000 now. Both grandmothers quilted, and his mother quilted, made clothes, and crocheted. Bill's wife claims his mother taught him to embroider to keep him busy and to keep her sanity.

Bill joined the army, serving 20 years in Okinawa, Vietnam, and Hungary and retired a Master Sergeant in 1984. Settling back in Northern Virginia, he found work with a government contractor as Office Manager. He works there today managing to run to G Street Fabrics in Centreville on his lunch hour.

His trunk show on the 21<sup>st</sup> will feature many old family pieces that have come to

him, but many are missing labels. He said, "I will be sharing my family quilts. These have sentimental value, but their monetary value would be greater if there were labels on them."

Bill's trunk show will be followed by "Labels...Why Make Them? What Should be on Them? Ideas, Ideas, Ideas." Sue Sladek will describe the ins and outs of making that special label to go with your quilt, ways to use labels to prevent theft, how to make your labels more creative. See several ways a label can be constructed.

See you at the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Vienna Elementary School.

***REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING***  
***PROVIDED BY MEMBERS***  
***WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH A THROUGH H***

Please provide your own beverages for our meetings. 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 taking home any leftovers that somehow go uneaten!

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SNACKS TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH:</b>
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<b>February</b>	<b>A through H</b>
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## ***QUILT SHOW ENTRIES***

Entry Forms due at February 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

The Fabulous QU Quilt Show is right around the corner! It is scheduled for June 2-4, 2006. It is Fabulous because all of you enter your wonderful quilts and related items! We all love to see what everyone is doing.

A lot of entry forms have been passed out, but if you didn't get one, you can find it on the web site: [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org) or pick it up at the February 21 VQU meeting. Entry forms will be due on February 27, 2006. This means that at our **VQU meeting on February 21**, you can bring your quilt(s) to be measured and have pictures taken. At that time, you turn in completed forms and then take your entry home. I would like to have all of the completed forms by February 27<sup>th</sup>, but I was told that the final date is March 4<sup>th</sup>. I have a digital camera and will take pictures of any entry. Instructions are given on the application for the sleeve, label, and carrying

sack. If you need to turn in an application between February 21 and February 27, you can bring it to my house, my contacts are as follows:

Joan Gifford  
9406 Talisman Dr., Vienna, 22182  
(Take Beulah Rd, 1 mile from Rt 123 to Wolf Trap Elementary School.  
Turn left onto Talisman.)  
Home: 703/255-9366  
Work: 202/687-3986

Just call me to let me know when you are coming. Any entry can be photographed and measured at my home.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, you can bring the registered quilts to the VQU Meeting. The insurance is valid from May 7 - June 18; so no entries can be accepted before May 7 or kept after June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## ***THE CHALLENGE RESULTS ARE IN!***

VQU's challenge this year was to make a 12½" square for Fairfield Processing's Quilt Square Contest. The theme was "Bright Lights, Big City." Seven members participated in the challenge. Out of those seven, six were prize winners! The winners are: Jean Altmann, Lorraine Heady, Linda Makranczy, Nickie Ratliff, MaryEllen Simmons, and Karla Vernon.

I was thrilled to learn that I was the Grand Prize Winner with \$300.00 in cash. The nineteen first prize winners each received

\$25.00. All of us will receive a package from Fairfield with many products. The blocks will be made into a quilt, kept by Fairfield and available for loan to quilt shows.

We did Vienna and QU proud, Vienna chapter!! Way to go!

*Karla Vernon*

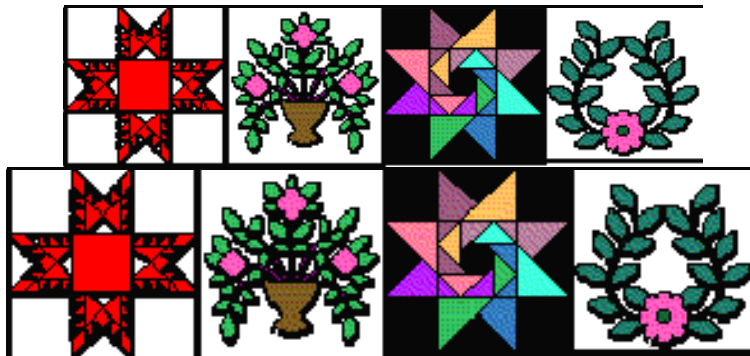
## ***RETREAT NEWS***

### **Final Payments for retreat were due February 1st!!!**

There will be a meeting for all retreat attendees starting at 6:30 p.m. (1/2 hour before the regular guild meeting.) on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Participants will receive their Retreat information, packets and sign-ups for retreat activities at that time.

If you are planning to attend the retreat but you can't be at this meeting, please make arrangements for someone to pick up your retreat information packet for you at this time. Due to increased mailing costs, packets will not be mailed out to individual retreat attendees.

*Susan Smith, Retreat Chair*



### ***VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM'S OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE***

The raffle quilt for 2005-2006 is a reproduction of a c.1850 Crossed Laurel Leaves appliqué quilt from the Museum's permanent collection. Its colors are salmon pink and indigo. The original was made by Julie Anne Faulkner of Frederick County, Virginia.

The raffle quilt is 97" x 80" and is extensively hand quilted. Proceeds benefit the Virginia Quilt Museum. The tickets are \$1 each with the drawing to be held on December 1, 2006.

Please see Bill Rice for a color photo of the quilt and to purchase raffle tickets. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Quilt Museum.

## ***FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS***

2/1	Carol Kallio	3/12	Yvonne Frank
2/10	Linda Bowlin	3/15	Val Prell
2/11	Gloria Sladek	3/18	Christina Ferguson
2/12	Barb Bracy	3/21	Carole Farrell Joni Seidenstein
2/14	Joan Gifford	3/25	Helen Foreman Sheilah Musselman Sue Sladek
2/15	Caletha Gould	3/26	Jo Loder
2/21	Barbara Dean	3/27	Connie Sherrill
2/23	Maryanna Fournier	3/30	Andrea Gribble
2/27	Audrey Mirsky-Ashby Dorothy Reed		
2/28	Lynne Stierman		
3/9	Karen Benson		
3/10	Kate Untiedt		
3/11	Marcia Perkins		



## ***QUILTING DATES TO REMEMBER***

February 13	Vienna QU Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Patrick Henry Library
February 21	Vienna QU February Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – “I Wish I Had a Label” – Bill Rice Trunk Show and Sue Sladek on the “How and Why to Make Labels” - Vienna Elementary School
February 23-26	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival – Hampton Roads Convention Center – Hampton, Virginia
March 13	Vienna QU Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Patrick Henry Library
March 18-19	Cabin Branch Quilters & Stone House Quilters Quilt Show – Prince William County Fairgrounds
March 23-26	Vienna QU Retreat
March 21	Barbara Hollinger Trunk Show – Vienna QU March Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
April 6-9	Quilter’s Heritage Celebration – Lancaster, Pennsylvania
April 18	Karen Kay Buckley – “To Border or Not To Border” – Vienna QU April Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School

April 20-22	Pieces of Our Lives – Faithful Circle Quilters Show – Columbia, MD (For additional information, contact Peg McClelland at <a href="mailto:ppmc9877@aol.com">ppmc9877@aol.com</a> )
April 21-23	Forever Friends – Friendship Star Quilters Show – Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD ( <a href="http://www.friendshipstar.org">www.friendshipstar.org</a> )
April 22-23	Mason Dixon Quilt Show – Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, MD ( <a href="http://www.westernmaryland.com/quilt-show">www.westernmaryland.com/quilt-show</a> )
April 27-30	Virginia Consortium of Quilters Celebration 2006
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
May 19-21	Southern Maryland Quilt & Needlework Show – Sotterley Plantation ( <a href="http://www.sotterley.org">www.sotterley.org</a> )
June 2-4	QU Quilt Show – Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly

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