

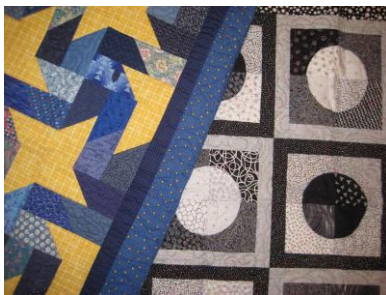
Vienna Quilters Unlimited
January 2012

The Pieceful Times

Next Vienna QU Meeting
January 17, 7:00 p.m.

MAKE A QUILT NIGHT

Get your neutral threads (grey, beige or natural), needles, pins and scissors ready! We will be hand piecing blocks and putting our names in for chances to win sets of completed blocks at January's meeting. Since variety is the spice of life, there will be three options to choose from...an easy but boldly graphic 6 1/2" block -- only four seams! There will be an intermediate block with 7 seams that sews up quickly, and can be the start of a McCall's readers' favorite quilt. Finally, as a tribute to the blue and the grey since 2012 is the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, there will be an advanced block with 16 seams. Yes, that sounds like a lot of seams but the tradeoff is that it is a larger block so you have a chance to win enough 12" blocks to make a lap/twin top. Hope that I've caught your interest with these hints! Please plan to attend the January Make-A-Quilt Night!



Quilts from previous Make-A-Quilt Nights

HOSPITALITY AT JANUARY MEETING

Snacks for the VQU meeting on January 17 will be provided by the following members: Prudy Trout, Diana Sinclair, Arlene Wagner, Trudi Sommerfield, Connie Sherrill, Inge Kummer, Eleanor McCann, Kathy MacNabb, and Mary Gonda. Thanks to each of you for signing up for the first meeting in the New Year!

Please, remember to have your "goodie" cut into serving sizes and about enough to serve 10-12. Avoid seafood - due to a member with a severe seafood allergy. Please pick-up your plate with any leftovers right after the meeting. The firehouse personnel no longer accept leftovers.

The large trash barrels will be available for our use - avoid putting trash in the small trash cans.

Thanks so much!
Mary Purdy

Vienna Quilters Unlimited
(VQU)

Monthly – Third Tuesday
September through June

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
400 Center Street South
Vienna, Virginia
Second Floor Community Hall

Visit our chapter page at
<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/Vienna.htm>

From Our VQU President

Happy New Year!! I encourage you to take a moment and reflect back over the past year of your quilting life. Now get ready to take an uninhibited leap into the New Year. I had the pleasure spending New Year's Eve in Lancaster, PA with six other quilters and rang in the New Year with bags and bolts of new fabric.

My fellow quilters would very likely tell you I had a schedule and a timer for our little group. Departure was at 7 am, Sauder's at 10 am, etc. But having a schedule was the least important thing about our trip. The most important thing was the camaraderie of friendship, the laughs, and the smiles among our little group that will enliven us through the year to come. We learned things about each other, for instance, my never-ending quest for book fabric and apple fabric. Of course, the attempted intervention to control my floral addiction failed because I emptied bolts and bought bolts.

So this year commit to pull out those bags and bolts of fabric and begin plotting your strategy to quilt, quilt, and quilt some more. Grab a pattern and make a quilt for yourself, or make a quilt for a friend, or pick a pattern and make it just for the sheer joy of quilting. I encourage you to let this year be about writing a new chapter in your quilting journey that will encourage you this year, next year, and in the years to come.

Shelia Teague
VQU President

VQU Block-of-the-Month "Spring Ahead"



VQU Block-of-the-Month - "Spring Ahead"

The blocks for January are: "*Road to Oklahoma*", "*Indian Star*", and "*Flock in Flight*". Stop by the display at the January meeting and for instructions to make the 9" finished size blocks. We have a number of participants who receive the block instructions via email. If you would like to receive your blocks via email, please let me know.

PJ Porter, Block-of-the-Month

VQU Members

Can you believe it--this is the half way mark for this year's VQU. At Make a Quilt Night, I hope to ask each member at each table to get her/his picture taken for the photo album. (Of course, if I have already snapped your picture, you do not have to interrupt your sewing.). It will only take a minute to snap your picture then you can get back to sewing your squares. Thanks for your cooperation

Carol Strong, Historian

Retreat

REMINDER: If you wish to participate in Secret Sister for the March Retreat, you need to return your questionnaire by January 17th.

The 2012 QU Quilt Show Registration Process

<http://www.qushowentry.com>

Who can register a quilt? Any QU member may enter up to five quilts in the QU Quilt Show June 1-3, 2012. This is not a competition or a juried exhibit; it is an opportunity to show your fabulous quilts to a very appreciative audience.

Why do we need to register online? Having all the information online ensures that all information is correct, entered in the right place and can be used simultaneously by all the different show committees. This registration system greatly improves the process of getting a quilt through the entire line-up of committees and hanging in the desired location correctly.

How do I enter a quilt?

*If you feel comfortable with your computer skills, simply go to www.qushowentry.com and follow the instructions on the screen.

*If you do not have a computer or are certain that you just can't wade through the process alone, we can help in person or over the telephone. Or if it is still too daunting, you can fill out a paper form, bring it to us and we'll register your quilt for you. We will have some blank paper forms available at the meetings.

*If you can send email or buy fabric online, you can do this!

Any helpful hints?

- Have all of your information gathered in one place before beginning, including your personal contact info, the name of the designer or pattern, name of the challenge or names of other quilters who worked on the quilt(s).

- Decide in advance the priority numbers for your quilts in case they cannot all be hung in the show.
- Do not worry about the dimensions of your quilt, as the collectors are still required to measure and photograph your quilt.
- Use only one primary chapter to enter all of your quilts even if one is a challenge quilt for another chapter.
- During the online registration process, do NOT use your browser “back” button to go to a previous page, as this will cause problems with your registration.
- In order for you to have the same computer-designated artist number, please register all of your quilts at the same time. Later entries will have a different artist number assigned and may be harder for us to find during the editing stage.
- Once you fill out all the information, hit the “submit” button in order to finish the process. Once it has been entered, you will not be able to edit the entry but we can do that for you through the admin page.
- The online system will assign a number for each quilt artist and each quilt. You do not have to remember these numbers but you DO need to *print out the confirmation page* you receive at the end of the online registration. That page will have this information.
- Each chapter challenge entry must have the same “standard/official” name listed or they will not hang together.
- All fields must be completed on the forms even if your name is the answer for several of the fields.

What needs to happen after you register online? Print out the confirmation page and *bring it with your “show ready” quilt* to us on the dates listed below. Each quilt must still be measured and photographed and we will enter this information online through the admin page.

What is a “show ready” quilt? A quilt that is completely finished, has a hanging sleeve at least 4 inches deep, has a label with the quilter's name/chapter/quilt name/telephone number sewn on the bottom right corner of the back of the quilt (when viewed from the back) and has a carrying sack with the same information as listed above (plastic bags of any kind are unacceptable).

When will the pictures and measurements be taken? Since registration can distract from our regular programs, we will take advantage of the time one hour before the meetings and during the breaks for this process. If you cannot come to one of the dates listed, you may ask a friend to bring your quilt for measuring and photos (be sure your friend has a copy of your confirmation page, or at least your artist number and quilt numbers), or call me to make other arrangements.

Dates: **Tues., Jan. 17, 6-9 PM at the Fire Station**
or Fri., Feb. 17 1-4 PM at the Oakton Library Conference Room
or Sat., Feb. 18, 10 AM - 2 PM at Janet Marney's house, 10241 Stratford Ave., Fairfax, VA 22030
or Tues., Feb. 21, 6-9 PM at the Fire Station.

What is the deadline? The online form gives a deadline of February 29, HOWEVER, we must still be able to measure, photograph and edit your entries by that date so the deadline for Vienna QU will be **February 21 at 10 PM.**

What if I have more questions? Feel free to contact Janet Marney or Gitta Smith.



The QU Raffle Quilt

Designed by Karla Vernon and Made by Vienna QU

Don't forget to bring your wallets to our chapter meetings. Tickets are 6 for \$5, or \$1 each. Or make arrangements to buy tickets by mail by contacting Julia Byrne.

Mid Atlantic Quilt Show Volunteers Needed

It's official! We have received notification that Quilters Unlimited will be able to display our Virginia Beauty quilt and sell raffle tickets at the Festival, February 23 to 26, 2012. In return for this we are to provide 32 volunteer hours on Saturday, the 25th.

I will need to provide a list of volunteers no later than February 1st. Shifts are: 10 am – 12 pm; 12 pm – 2 pm; 2 pm – 4 pm; and 4 pm – 6 pm.

It has been requested that there are no one hour shifts so if there are enough of us (16) we should be able to only have to give two hours each. In conjunction with the volunteer hours we will need people to staff the raffle table on Thursday thru Sunday, so please consider volunteering! All volunteers must either pay the pre-registration fee for the event or pay the general admission fee of \$14. Please call or email Julia to volunteer.

Thank you, Julia Byrne

Food Drive

Thank you for your donations in December. CHO used all the items. Please remember the need is still on-going. Thanks again for your generous cans of food. Please bring items to our next meeting (no glass). There will be a box by the front door of our meeting room. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors.

Kathy MacNabb

Challenge

Food Frenzy! It's all around us, but what can we do? This year the challenge involves you creating a quilt or fabric art around a food item you'd like. Maybe a carrot pin cushion, or an apple for the teacher quilt? I will supply you with a "goody bag" of food ideas you can draw from, and you sign up to commit to make your masterpiece! Instead of crayon colors, you pick food items! All finished items must have the food item represented in some visual form. Pudding anyone? What can we come up with by the June dinner? And how delicious will our quilts be at the next quilt show!! YUM!

Thanks! Polly Dombroski

Name Tags & Raffle Tickets

When you arrive at the monthly meeting please stop by the Membership Table and show us your name tag. It can be handmade, your office ID, from a previous conference/retreat or just a label that you made up before coming. All those wearing a name tag will receive a raffle ticket for our door prize drawing. New members to our chapter will be given one paper name tag so they can receive a raffle ticket for that meeting. Please let us know if you need a name tag strip and/or instructions on how to make a handmade name tag.

Your Choice Challenge!

This year Vienna QU is offering our members a special challenge: The YOUR CHOICE CHALLENGE. To participate, just complete YOUR CHOICE of any VQU Challenge from YOUR CHOICE of any past year! Look around your sewing area and see if there's a challenge you started but didn't finish, and finish it up now. Or, perhaps one of the past challenges sounded interesting, but you never got to start it. Well, now's the time! New members are welcome - we'd love to see your take on some of these fun ideas!

Due Date: Finish YOUR CHOICE CHALLENGE items by **mid-February**, so that they can be hung in the big QU Annual Quilt Show in June 2012. (Note: Only items which have *not* been shown in previous QU shows can be in the show.)

A list of **Challenges from Past Years** is available upon request. I'm available to answer any questions you may have. Call or email Janet. Remember, it's YOUR CHOICE!

Janet Marney, Quilt Collector

Warm Reuben Dip

4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
1/2 cup KRAFT Thousand Island Dressing
1/4 lb. sliced deli corned beef, chopped (about 1 cup)
3/4 cup well-drained CLAUSSEN Sauerkraut
1 pkg. (8 oz.) KRAFT Big Slice Swiss Cheese Slices, chopped
TRISCUIT Deli-Style Rye Crackers

HEAT oven to 350°F.

MIX cream cheese and dressing in medium bowl; stir in all remaining ingredients except crackers.

SPREAD onto bottom of 9-inch pie plate or shallow dish.

BAKE 20 min. or until heated through. Serve warm with crackers.

Shirley Knowles

Quilts: Collaborative Art by Northern Virginia Quilters

My quilt that Prucy Traut showed at the December meeting “A Quilt for the June Bride” with 13 other quilts from the same challenge will be on exhibit at a textile show at ArtSpace Herndon.

Dates are from January 10 to Feb 12. The opening reception is Sunday January 15 from 2 thru 4pm.

Location: ArtSpace Herndon -- A Home for the Arts in the Heart of Herndon.

[750 Center St, Herndon, VA](http://www.artspaceherndon.org/)

703-956-6590

<http://herndonartscenter.org/>

Tue, Wed, Thurs: 10am-2pm; **Fri:** 10am-7pm ; **Sat:** 10am-5pm; **Sun:** 1pm-5pm;
Closed **Mondays**



From the December Meeting: Bill Rice displays his quilted Christmas ornaments. Members enjoy the luscious Holiday Buffet.

My treasure from the "Trash and Treasures Table"



I want to thank the person who donated iris tubers to the "Trash and Treasures Table" 2-3 years ago. There was a plastic grocery bag full of tubers. I took 3 tubers and left the remaining for someone else. To my surprise they were all three different. Here is a photo of two of the plants taken May 2011. I am enjoying them. One person's trash is another person's treasure.

Thank You, Prudy Traut, Gardener and Quilter

Charm Square Swap

This year's theme is Holiday/Seasons.

January	Winter/Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon) – Red is the color for Good Luck
February	Mardi Gras/Valentine's Day
March	St. Patrick's Day
April	Spring/Easter
May	Memorial Day
June	Summer/Beach

Sharon Presnall

Birthday Gifts

Each month we will have a basket full of treasures for those celebrating their birthdays to pick from. Please stop by the membership table to make your choice.



January Birthdays

Jan. 9 – Hazel Carter
 Jan. 14 – Anne Ridder
 Jan. 19 – Kim Haberlie

Jan. 20 – Eleanor McCann
 Jan 25 – Marian Reeves
 Jan. 31 – Nancy Devlin

Hot Spots

If you signed up, please bring a treat for the snack table!

Register your quilts online for the quilt show at www.qushowentry.com

Check out Block-of-the-Month and the Challenge for this year.

Have your picture taken for the VQU Photo Directory.

Finish your quilt for the quilt show!

Next month the FEBRUARY program is by Debby Kratovil.

Vienna QU Board 2011-2012



Left to Right:

Back row: Janet M., Marge, Polly, Betty, Louise

Middle row: Darlene, Kathy, Janet T., Shelia, Mary E.,
Karla

Front row: Julia, Sharon, Carol, Michiyo, Pam

Not pictured: Mary P., PJ


Executive Board

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Quilt Show Rep	Louise Sutara Trudi Sommerfield		
Quilt Collector	Janet Marney		

QU CALENDAR

	<p>April 2 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>April 17 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House</p> <p>April 27-29 Friendship Star Quilt Show Montgomery County Fairgrounds</p> <p>April 30 VQU Board Meeting</p>
<p>January 17 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House Make-A-Quilt Night</p>	<p>May 3 Big QU Meeting Laura Wasilowski program</p> <p>May 4 & 5 Big QU Workshops</p> <p>May 15 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House</p> <p>May 31 QU Quilt Show set-up</p>
<p>February 1 Retreat full payment due</p> <p>February 6 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>February 21 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House Debby Kratovil</p> <p>February 23-26 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII Hampton, VA</p>	<p>June 1-3 QU Quilt Show</p> <p>June 4 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>June 19 Vienna Chapter Meeting June Dinner</p>
<p>March 5 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>March 10-11 Cabin Branch & Stone House Quilt Show Prince William County Fairgrounds</p> <p>March 20 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House</p> <p>March 23-26 VQU Retreat</p>	