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Presidents Message June Greetings!

This is my last message to you and it's hard to believe that the VQU year is nearly over. It has been a terrific one for me; I have really enjoyed getting to know you all a little better. You may not realize it but you have inspired with your fabulous work and to:

- be more adventurous with color and design
- use more of those stash fabrics
- take more care with quilting techniques
- finish a project...no matter how long it takes!

I hope you had a chance to go to the quilt show this past weekend. It was wonderful with great quilts on display. I want to thank everyone one who volunteered for this project. Without the hours you donate, this event would not take place.

I look forward to seeing you at our June dinner on the 19th.

Happy sewing!
Carole

The June Dinner is almost here! Come at **6PM** on **June 19** to our regular meeting place. This pleasant social event is always a fun way to end the year at Vienna QU, and this year's theme is *Virginia's 400th Birthday*. We will enjoy visiting with each other and seeing some of our challenge quilts; and, there will be some special door prizes and surprises you don't want to miss! Everyone please bring a dish to share, with the following guidelines:

A-E Desserts

F-K Salads

L-S Main Dishes

T-Z Veggies/Side Dishes.

If you have a certain special dish that you bring to these dinners, please feel free to bring that instead of the suggested dishes. I know I'm looking forward to Phyllis' layered jello dessert! Helpers are also needed to set up and take down; a clipboard will be passed at the May meeting, or call Janet 703-352-2795 or email janet@marney.org Sew you there!

Block of the Month:

How many blocks did you complete this year?

Did you turn them into a quilt?

Please share your results on June 19th at the VQU pot-luck dinner.

Please welcome new member

Sandy DeLaney

BOOK BEAT by Diane Dresdner

Important Reminder: *Please return all library books at the June meeting for the annual June book inventory.*

Reservations To reserve a book or video for the summer, please contact Diane Dresdner at

703.378.0994 or ddresdner@cox.net. For a listing of our library, go to the Quilters Unlimited website, click on the Vienna link and follow the instructions for the library listing

Charm Swappers A big thank you to all who participated in the Charm Swap this year - it was our first time doing it at Vienna and it was a big success! Thanks to all for being prompt about turning in your squares each month; you really made my job pleasant. Several people remarked that they were able to receive a starter collection of fabrics they had not previously been exposed to, so it was a learning experience doing the swap, as well as Fun! Diana Sinclair, a participant in this year's swap, has volunteered to head up next year's Swap, so see her to sign up before September's meeting.

VIENNA QU 2007 - 2008 CHARM SWAP!!

Let's have more fun this year exchanging 6 inch squares of fabric with other members of Vienna QU! If you would like to participate and are willing to *commit* to the Swap, please sign up before August 1, 2007. This is "all or nothing!" You must be willing to bring your squares to *each* monthly meeting, or you may turn in all your squares in advance. This Swap is limited to 30 participants; if fewer people sign up, you will cut fewer blocks as directed by Diana Sinclair, this year's Charm Swap Coordinator.

The Swap theme for the year will be Colorful Tone-on-Tones :

September	Red-on-Red
October	Orange-on-Orange
November	Yellow-on-Yellow
December	Green-on-Green
January	Blue-on-Blue
February	Purple-on-Purple
March	Black-on-Black
April	Grey-on-Grey
May	White-on-White

Rules to Remember:

- **SHOP** : Bring only the type of fabric listed for each month. Tone-on-tone prints will be subtle designs that read as solids or texture from a few feet away. Please select nice 100% cotton fabric that you would be glad to receive yourself! For each month, you will need *one yard* of fabric, and all the squares you bring will be cut from the *same* fabric.
- **CHOP** : Please wash and press your fabric before cutting 30 squares. Cut *full* 6 inch squares – no short cuts! If in doubt, better to cut *slightly larger* than smaller.
- **HOP** : Hop over to the Vienna QU monthly meeting, and turn in your squares to me. Bring your squares in a large Ziploc-type bag clearly labeled with your name.
- **SWAP** : I will recombine the squares everyone brings and have them available at the following meeting in your labeled bags. You'll go home with 30 different squares each month – how charming!
- **DONT FLOP!** If you are unable to attend a meeting, you *must* send your squares with a friend or get them to me *before* that meeting. For the super-organized, all squares for the full year may be turned in at any stage of the exchange, but be sure that *all* your bags have your name on them if you want to get squares back!

To sign up or ask questions, call Diana (703) 319-4022 or email Diana.Sinclair@vdfy.com.

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 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 first shipment of quilts will be sent to California for hand delivery by our U.S. personnel, who are traveling to the Ukraine on June 20. Please bring any finished challenges to the next meeting in May, and show and tell them. Another batch of quilts will be sent after the June meeting, but will miss the Ukraine trip on June 20. The orphanage administrators plan on giving each child a quilt when they are placed with their "foster parents." They stay with the families until they turn 18. I had a custom order ink stamp made and will bring some labels to the May meeting. For those who are bringing finished quilts in May, please bring a neutral thread and needle so that you can sew on your label. If you are unable to do it, I will do it for you, later. I have 10 quilts collected.

Twenty quilts were sent to California to be hand carried to the Ukraine on June 20 by New Hope representatives. Bring your additional challenge quilts to the June dinner, and they will be sent on a subsequent trip. Thank you everyone for a very successful challenge this year. Give yourselves a pat on the back for your good deeds! - Karla Vernon

Concerning the Big QU Jamestown 400 Challenge which occurred during our quilt show, there were five beautiful entries.

G-Street Coupon

25 % off coupon: If you saved your Quilt Show program, read the fine print on the back cover. You can get 25% off at the Quilt Patch in Fairfax until June 17th with the ad.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! Be sure to renew your membership for another fun year at Vienna QU. You can do this at the June 19th Dinner or over the summer (or even in September), but don't you want your fabric discount coupon now? Next year promises to be a great one with our theme: "**The Colorful World of Quilts.**" We'll be learning about different ways to use color in our quilts, expanding our minds to consider new colors, and discovering traits of each color of the rainbow! Hazel Carter and Susan Sladek are already at work lining up interesting programs for us, so get set for a colorful year. Mark your calendar now for the first meeting on **Tuesday, September 18**, at Kilmer Middle School Cafeteria. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

