



# Pieceful Times



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## *PRESIDENT'S LETTER*

It's another new year for Vienna QU. Summer is coming to an end, and I hope all of you quilted to your heart's content. As we start our QU year, I would like to welcome you to our new meeting place at Vienna Elementary School. It is located on Center Street behind the Patrick Henry Library. Parking is easily accessible in front of the building, and we will be meeting in the Cafeteria. This means we will be able to consume food and drink as we enjoy our fantastic programs during the year. I hope you all will enjoy the new location.

I would like to thank all of the board and the committee members for helping out this year. They are the backbone of our group and volunteer their time and talents to make our group work. Many hands make light work .... And in that light, we will need a few more volunteers to help out the Board this year.

We have an Auction Chair: Diana Nichols. (Yes, she's my 17 year old daughter.) She needs several volunteers for the Auction Committee and to help out the night of the Auction. This is our Bread and Butter Event of the year and I know there are several people out there who are willing to lend their hands to make this job "light work." This is just two months away – so

there will be a sign up and more information at the September Meeting.

We have been tasked with two jobs this year by Big QU. The one we need a chair for is ... Quilt Show Setup. We are responsible for the setup of the quilt poles for the Show. We work in coordination with another Chapter and have a budget to hire workers to do the actual physical setup. But we still need someone in charge. The Arlington Chapter did this job last year and is our mentor. Next year our Chapter will be in the Advisor position. If you participate in the Quilt Show, please consider volunteering for this Committee.

The theme for this year is ....Simplify! We all are so busy in our lives that we seldom have time for the things we love to do. So this month I have started by uncluttering my life. Starting with sending my first child to college, I have noticed that there's more room and less mess (though my heart feels a lot emptier). His younger brother claimed his basement bedroom and moved all his precious possessions (which means his TV and Video Games) downstairs. He even moved his own bed. I am avoiding going down there as it probably looks like a Hurricane Disaster Area. That means this weekend I am taking over the upstairs bedroom (which actually has light

from 2 windows) for my Quilting. Maybe I'll even paint the room Pink and Lime Green for me!!!! And I'll have all my stuff in one area – so I will not have to run out to Jo-Anns to repurchase basic quilting supplies that I can't find. Ahhhhhh ..... Simplify!

Next year my daughter goes to College – maybe I can take over her room for fabric!

Simply,  
*Theresa Nichols, President*

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

September 20 – 7:00 p.m. - First VQU meeting of this “Quilting Year.”

Our meeting place has changed. Vienna QU will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Vienna Elementary School located at 128 Center Street, South in Vienna.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, now's the time to do it. Members must have paid their dues by October 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the big QU directory. You can find the Membership Form on the big QU website ([www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org)), and copies will be available at our September meeting, or I can send you a form via e-mail if you let me know you need one..

If you wish to receive your copy of the Vienna QU *Pieceful Times* newsletter via regular mail and have not already paid your \$10 fee, please do so now. Send your check to Treasurer Bill Rice at 4003 Pickstone Drive; Fairfax, VA 22032

## **QUILTERS' SOCIAL AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING** *September 20<sup>th</sup>*

What have you been up to this summer? Have you finished any quilting projects? Started something fun? Tried a new technique? Some of us have had lots of time to get to our machines; some of us have had less sewing time. A few of us got a bit of handwork done at 35,000 feet! Or sitting at the beach!

Bring your summertime projects for show and tell! We have planned a Quilters' Social and Summertime Show and Tell! That means we will have a business meeting, and then we can get caught up with all that has happened with our 3 months apart and share our summer projects and maybe have time for a bit of hand stitching!

Plans so far for this next year:



<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Guest / Activity</b>	<b>Title / Topic</b>	<b>Host / Chair</b>
Sept. 20	Quilters' Social		Program Team
Oct. 18	Jane Townswick	Appliqué	Program Team
Nov. 15	Auction		Diana Nichols
Dec. 13	Gayle Ropp	"Treasures in the Trunk" Emphasis on Quilting the Quilt	Jo Loder
Jan. 17	Make-a-Quilt Night		Tommie Curtis
Feb. 21	To Be Determined		
March 31	Barbara Hollinger	Trunk Show	Linda Roberts
April 18	Karen Kay Buckley		
	- Lecture	"To Border or Not to Border? That is the Question!"	Sue Sladek
	- Workshop	Machine Appliqué	Sue Sladek
May 16	Patsy Hartnett	"Politics & the Needle"	Sue Sladek & Jo Loder
June	June Dinner		

Let us know if you have any programs you would like to see. We have February yet to schedule, and we are looking to book a nationally known person for October 2006.

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## ***REFRESHMENTS AT VQU MEETINGS***

Since our new facility will permit us to have food in our meeting area, we have decided to go to a more informal format for snack provision this year. Last year, it seemed the hostesses for snacks were always missing the meetings because of preparation or clean up! Therefore, we have decided not to provide pitchers of water or glasses as many people carry their own water anyway. Therefore, starting with the September meeting, please provide your own beverage. The school does have water fountains available close to the meeting area.

Rather than having a monthly sign up sheet for snacks, we will set up an

alphabetical rotation to request members to bring snacks. You will be reminded, via an e-mail, when it's your turn to bring a snack. 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! We hope these changes will make the meetings run more smoothly and create less hassle for the hostesses.

The Board Members will supply the snacks for the September meeting. The snack schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SNACKS TO BE PROVIDED BY MEMBERS WHOSE LAST NAME STARTS WITH</b>
September	Board Members
October	A through H
November	Auction – Bake Sale – Everyone bring something to sell if possible!
December	I through R
January	S through Z
February	A through H
March	I through R
April	S through Z
May	A through H
June	June Dinner – Details at a later date



## **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2005-2006**

As required by Article V of the Bylaws, Quilters Unlimited, Vienna Chapter, the Executive Board has adopted the

following budget for 2005-2006 and recommends the membership approve the budget at the September meeting.

*Bill Rice, Treasurer*

Membership	\$ 100	Block of the Month	\$ 200
Pins	\$ 50	Community Service	\$ 50
Auction	\$ 300	Make a Quilt Night	\$ 150
Hospitality	\$ 100	Challenge	\$ 200
Newsletter	\$ 500	June Dinner	\$ 800
Programs	\$2,500	Retreat	\$ 150
Workshops	\$2,000	Retreat Deposit	\$2,200
Future Programs	\$1,000	Door Prizes	\$ 150
Room Rental	\$ 500	Virginia Quilt Museum	\$ 100
Librarian	\$ 500	Directory	\$ 150
Historian	\$ 50	Educational Donations	<u>TBD</u>
Board Expenses	\$ 650	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$12,400</u>

## **THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES... A MONTHLY LOOK AT OUR VQU HISTORY**

*Linda Montross, Historian*

Be sure to stop by the VQU History Board at our September meeting. You will find pictures of our current Board, past memories, and old scrapbooks. This month

we will welcome back to VQU some of our previous presidents. How many of these ladies do you know?

1973-1974 Hazel Carter	1989-1990 Barbara Tricarico
1974-1975 Jane Harvey	1990-1991 Carole Farrell
1975-1976 Sheilah Musselman	1991-1992 Beverley Heinz
1976-1977 Barbara Denman	1992-1993 Barb Celio
1977-1978 Nancy Nelson	1993-1994 Jan Elliott
1978-1979 Lesly-Clair Greenberg	1994-1995 Peggy Sympson
1979-1980 Julie Reynolds	1995-1996 Debbie Szott
1980-1981 Betty Larson	1996-1997 Marilyn Owendoff
1981-1982 Chris McDermott	1997-1998 Linda Roberts
1982-1983 Marilyn Titman	1998-1999 Ludy Rauber
1983-1984 Annette Spitzer	1999-2000 Vicki McMichael
1984-1985 Dorothy Trask	2000-2001 Emily Gross
1985-1986 Gayle Ropp	2001-2002 Karla Vernon
1986-1987 Linda Pool	2002-2003 Nickie Ratliff
1987-1988 Sue Kessel	2003-2004 Tammi Yiakoumatos
1988-1989 Andrea Perkins	2004-2005 Andrea Gribble



## ***AUCTION INFORMATION***

Hi! My name is Diana Nichols, and I am the Auction Chairperson this year (after my Mom begged, pleaded and basically made my life miserable till I agreed, which is her regular modus operandi). My phone number is 703/938-3553, and my address is 600 John Marshall Dr. NW (at the corner of Lawyers Rd. and John Marshall Dr.) in Vienna.

This year's Vienna QU Auction is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please hold that day open, and invite all your friends for a fun-filled evening of spending money on great Quilting and Gift Items to support our organization.

We still need to form a committee of Volunteers. (We need more people than just me!!!) At the September meeting, there will be a sign up for helpers and committee members. We will choose a meeting date that's convenient following the sign up.

Also at the September meeting, I will be prepared to take donations for the Auction. You can drop off items at my home if you contact my mom or me in advance. At this time please don't bring any White Elephant items as I will not be collecting these items prior to the Auction.

## ***MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE MARCH RETREAT***

The dates for this year's Retreat are March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Rediscovering Childhood." More

information will be available at the September Meeting. See Susan Smith for details.

## ***THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING! (WELL, NOT FOR A WHILE – BUT IT IS COMING)***

Remember how great it was to see all of our quilts at the Quilt Show? Start planning now to coordinate having an entry ready by February. First the entry forms are due and we take a picture and you take your

quilt home with you. Then, if necessary, you can finish up the binding or sleeve and have it ready for the quilt collection before the show. Plan now to help make our quilt show the best ever!

## ***VIENNA QU CHALLENGE – BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY***

Karla Vernon reminds us all about this year's challenge: to make a 12½ by 12½ inch block using your unique design and following the guidelines that Fairfield Processing sets forth in the link below.

Our challenge is only four months long this year. Karla will collect your block at the December meeting and mail it in for you. Everyone who submits a block and entry form will receive a gift. There are twenty prize winners from Fairfield, with \$300 cash and an assortment of products as the grand prize. The nineteen runners-up get \$25 cash and an assortment of products. Karla expects that the grand prize winner and a few runners-up will be from our guild! The non-winning blocks are made into charity quilts for ABC quilts; so your block is also

contributing to our guild's community service.

You can submit your block even if you don't want it to be considered for the contest. If you design or make quilts commercially, you are not eligible for the contest. Karla will talk more about this at September's meeting, but "think outside the box" when you design your quilt square. A city scene with skyscrapers will be very commonplace and have a lot of competition; so do something different. Heavy embellishment is desirable. Hardcopy entry forms will be available at meetings.

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

## ***BIG QU FALL LECTURE AND WORKSHOPS***

Laura Cater-Woods will be presenting the fall lectures on Thursday, September 29. Her topic at 10:00 a.m. is "Fabrications: A True Story," and the 7:00 p.m. lecture is "Just the Details." Both will be at the Goodwin House located at 3440 South Jefferson Street

in Falls Church. On Friday, September 30, Laura will conduct a workshop entitled "Collage Landscapes" followed on October 1 by "Tempting the Muse." Both workshops can accommodate up to 20 quilters and will be held at the Artful Quilter.

## ***SULLY QUILT SHOW AND SALE***

Sully Historic Site hosts its 32nd Annual Quilt Show and Sale on Sunday, September 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This year's theme is Patriot Day. Enjoy a variety of over 50 vendors in colorful tents selling antique and new American-made quilts, quilt-related merchandise, and other

textile arts. Throughout the day, QU members will provide demonstrations and talks on quilting. There will also be children's activities, quilt appraisals, door prizes, music and food. House tour included. COST: \$8/adult, \$7/senior, \$5/child. The show will be held rain or shine.

## ***FRIENDSHIP & ETERNAL QUILTERS SHOW***

Friendship and Eternal Quilters will sponsor their biannual quilt show, A Quilter's Harvest, on September 24-25 from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. The show will feature raffle quilts, demonstrations, a Merchant's Mall, a silent auction, etc.

The show will take place at Brooklyn Park Middle School, 200 Hammonds Lane, Baltimore, MD, Admission is \$5.00 <http://home.comcast.net/~friendshipquilters/index.htm>

## ***VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS CELEBRATION***

The classes and schedule for the Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ) Celebration 2006 are now available at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org). Celebration 2006 runs from

April 27 - 30, 2006. The website has full details regarding classes, evening activities, cost, directions, etc.

## ***QU DIGEST CAN HELP YOU KEEP CURRENT WITH AREA QUILTING NEWS & PEOPLE IN THE NEWS***

Subscribe to the *QU Digest*! Since 1995, the *QU Digest* has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official QU newsletters. It's sent electronically to over 1,000 QU members via e-mail. There is no cost to subscribe.

The *QU Digest* is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events, QU members and the quilt community at large, quilting tips, and interesting websites. There is also ongoing news about workshops and

shows by QU and other guilds, bus trips, pleas for missing books or fabric, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't have to be quilt related! Subscribers are able to log onto a website to see *QU Digest* archives for the last few years, download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access a wide-range of quilting tips submitted by readers, and see photos of workshops and events.

If you wish to subscribe to the *QU Digest*, e-mail Barbara Tricarico at [QUDigest@cox.net](mailto:QUDigest@cox.net). Include your name, QU chapter, and e-mail address.

## ***BOOK BEAT***

*by Diane Dresdner*

**Reservations** – To reserve a book or video, please contact Diane Dresdner at 703/378-0994 or [ddresdner@cox.net](mailto:ddresdner@cox.net). For a listing of our library holdings, go to the Quilters Unlimited website. Click on the Vienna link,

and follow the instructions for the library listing.

## ***AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***

8/2	Mary Young	9/18	Theresa Nichols
8/4	Brenda Frank	9/20	Alice DeLaVergne
8/5	Diane Kirkhart	9/21	Kay Lettau
8/7	Joan Unkel	9/23	Mary Louise Cross Lucille Loder
8/16	Tommie Curtis Mary Tims	9/25	Judy Beach
8/19	Jill Nenninger Donnie Wood	9/28	Virginia Hodge
8/20	Sue Charney Betty Ladd	9/29	Bernice McGuinn Bill Rice
8/22	Dorothy Staebler	10/1	Jean Altmann Willa Untiedt
8/24	Monique Tetedoie	10/2	Phyllis Pizzurro
8/25	Janice Feather	10/4	Paulette Morgan Katie Seaton Bonnie Wilbur
8/26	Janet Barbee	10/5	Linda Pool
8/27	Sandy Francis Kay McDonald	10/7	Rickie Frost Barbara Kropp Willa Siegel
8/28	Lorraine Heady	10/9	Nancy Thyson
8/29	Linda Roberts	10/11	Suzanne Meyer
9/1	Nickie Ratliff	10/20	Vicky Watt
9/3	Betty Roberts	10/27	Sharon Meyer
9/5	Julie Riggles	10/31	Carole Marti
9/7	Patricia Bonnes		
9/12	Linda Montross		
9/14	Grace McClenny		
9/16	Pia Connell		

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

- September 11 Annual Sully Quilt Show & Sale 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The theme is “Patriot Days” ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully)) (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- September 15-18 “Pennsylvania Quilts Extravaganza” – Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, Fort Washington Expo Center, Exit 339 off Pennsylvania Turnpike
- September 20 VQU Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Vienna Elementary School
- September 24-25 “A Quilters Harvest” – Friendship and Eternal Quilt Guild’s biannual quilt show (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- September 29 Big QU Fall Lectures with Laura Cater-Woods – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- September 30 “Collage Landscapes” workshop with Laura Cater-Woods (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- October 1 “Tempting the Muse” workshop with Laura Cater-Woods (details elsewhere in this newsletter)
- October 1 Quilt exhibit with the theme “Remembering Our Heritage” as part of the Country Fair at St. Francis Episcopal Church – 10:00 – 3:00 at 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.
- October 11 Fall Quilt-In: Queen or King for a Day! 3:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Falls Church High School; 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church
- October 13-16 Sixth Annual Central Virginia Tour de Quilt
- October 15-16 Nimble Fingers Quilters’ “Indian Summer Quilt Show” in Gaithersburg ([www.nimblefingers.org](http://www.nimblefingers.org))
- October 22-23 “Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild Quilt Expo” – Sheppard Pratt Conference Center, Towson, MD
- November 10-13 Quilter’s Quest 2005 – 14 quilt shops will participate this year
- 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
- June 2-4 QU Quilt Show – Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly

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