

*Vienna Quilters Unlimited
September 2011*

The Pieciful Times

*Next Vienna QU Meeting
September 20, 7:00 p.m.*

Welcome to Vienna QU

- Short Program: Barbara Wise from Reston QU will present a program on antique fabrics. For many years our fellow QU Reston member has had an interest in antique fabrics, which she will share with us at our next meeting. We will have a fun evening.
- Sign up for the Charm Swap
- See the Block-of-the-Month program
- Learn about the VQU Challenge
- Bring a quilt for Show & Tell...maybe one you have finished this summer
- Check out the Retreat information



*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

Welcome everyone to the 2011-2012 year for Vienna Quilters Unlimited! I am honored to serve as the chapter's President and I want this year to be interesting and fun as we quilt together learning new skills or brushing up old ones. This summer we all dealt with the record temperatures and many spent time inside keeping cool. Being inside very likely meant time for quilting, as we all know there is a silver lining in everything.

September will be our first opportunity to catch up on what everyone has been doing and have an exciting and fun show and tell. Bring out all the quilts and other great projects that inspired you this summer. Your enthusiasm will motivate your fellow quilters to move into the fall season and reach new heights. So get ready, quilting stars of VQU, this month is all about you.

In the coming months exciting programs and workshops are planned for the chapter. I encourage you to sign up for workshops and get ready to learn, learn, learn. Also, there are still volunteer opportunities available. Our chapter needs a fundraising chair to coordinate our fundraising volunteers. This vital position raises the funds to bring our programs and workshops to life. If you are interested please let me know.

VQU congratulates Karla Vernon as this year's Big QU raffle quilt designer. I would like every member that can to attend the Sully Quilt and Textile show September 11, 2011 for its official debut. Vienna needs volunteers to take the raffle quilt to all the QU chapters and other venues. If you have time available and can help, please contact Julia Byrne or Diana Sinclair to sign up for a slot.

Enough for now. I will bring you all the chapter quilting news at the September meeting and share with you the enthusiasm the VQU Board and Committee Chairs have for our upcoming year. Again, welcome to 2011-2012. Let's get this quilting party started!!

Shelia Teague
VQU President

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.

VQU Retreat

Mark your calendars and reserve your spot for the VQU Retreat March 23-26, 2012. The theme is "Traditional with a Twist" and your Retreat Committee is hard at work, putting together a fun filled program. If you have questions/concerns, please email Marge Westlake. If you would like to register please use the form at the end of this newsletter.

Thanks,
Marge Westlake

Library News: I am happy to be your librarian this year. We have 422 books. I will order probably five or six new books this year through AQS. Please send me your suggestions. Each month, I will bring a selection of books that pertain to the speaker, or the season of the year. For instance, I will bring a book entitled “*Simple Fabric Folding for Halloween*” to September’s meeting. To see our holdings, go to <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/vqulibrary.htm>, then click the link next to LibraryThing.

Please bring all library books owned by Vienna back to the September 20 meeting. You can re-check them out if you need to. Does anyone have “Jelly Roll Quilts” or “Just Can’t Cut It?” They are missing from the library.

New Books: *The Modern Quilting Bee Block Party* by Alissa Carlton and Kristen Lejniaks, 2011
Sawtooth: New Quilts from an Old Favorite by Linda Baxter Lasco, 2008
Peeled Back Patchwork: Curves Without Piecing by Annette Ornelas, 2004
Virginia Quilt Museum by Joan Knight, 2002

Karla Vernon

Block-of-the-Month: VQU Block-of-the-Month - “Spring Ahead”

The Block-of-the-Month for the VQU 2011-2012 year will be bright, cheery, and indulge your creativity. You will have a few decisions ahead of you as you will need to decide on either a center section using 3” squares or a 30”x51” center panel. The finished quilt will be approximately 54” x 75”.

Stop by the display in September and pick up the instructions for the first 9” finished size block and center section options. Some months you will have two blocks to finish. In May, you will receive the finishing instructions.

You will receive fabric requirements at the September meeting; if you would like them prior to the meeting, please let me know and I will email them to you. Start looking for: white with little print background, purple for sashing and borders, a variety of blues, greens, purples, pinks, yellows and oranges with small and medium prints, small and medium florals and dots!

See you in September – PJ Porter, Chairman, Block-of-the-Month



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

Charm Square Swap

Here we are back for another year of charm squares. Last year was the first time I participated and I loved getting all the different fabrics.

For those who might be unfamiliar with the charm square swap, a group of 15-30 participants exchange squares of fabric. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.

Cut 30, 6 ½ inch squares. One yard usually makes 30 squares. Please put your cut squares in a gallon-size Ziploc bag, and write your name and the month the squares are for on the bag. If there are 15 participants, each person will get two squares of each fabric. If there are 30 participants, each person will get one square of 30 fabrics.

It would be wonderful if you could give me the first six months' worth at the second or third meeting. You also are more than welcome to give the squares to me as soon as you finish cutting them. That way you won't have to worry about them for the rest of the year.

This year's theme is Holiday/Seasons.

September	Fall
October	Halloween
November	Thanksgiving
December	Christmas/Hanukkah
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

From the Virginia Quilt Museum

In response to our donation in June, the Virginia Quilt Museum sent us a copy of their book, *The Virginia Quilt Museum*, and a kind thank-you note which reads as follows:

“Thank you so much for your support of the Virginia Quilt Museum. Please use this book to benefit your guild in any way. With our thanks. Judith Shuey, Director”

Announcing AQS Membership for Vienna!

What is AQS? American Quilters Society

The AQS website is <http://www.americanquilter.com>

Learn from your favorite quilters without leaving the comfort of your home. As an AQS member, our group will receive 30% on orders of 6 or more books. With over 300 titles from AQS and other publishers, every genre of quilting is at your fingertips – online or in our bi-monthly catalog. I will circulate catalogs at our meetings, but feel free to browse on-line. And don't forget! Orders over \$200 receive free shipping, so I will wait until I reach that goal. I expect to order three or four times this year. There will be a November order so that you can order AQS Calendars for yourself or as gifts.

Some of you are already members and have a coupon for a \$3.00 discount. If you give it to me, I will apply it to your next book order and adjust your cost.

For every book or item greater than \$10.00 that you purchase, I will put your name in a drawing for a free coupon or book. The drawings will be periodic.

I will have an AQS table at every meeting and at the retreat. You may order books from me at the meeting, by email, or call me.

Karla Vernon

Quilt Show Boutique

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year's boutique so successful. The Vienna chapter made \$1290 from the boutique, and the grand total for all chapters was \$5599.

I can't thank you all enough for the beautiful items you made and the volunteers for working the boutique. Some of you came back several times to help at the booth.

Everyone involved helped to make the boutique a success. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.
Sharon Presnall

Refreshments

This month the board will provide the refreshments. If you are a board member please bring a treat to serve 8-10 people.

Why Quilts Matter

Check out this website: <http://www.whyquiltsmatter.org/welcome/>

Community Service

This year we will continue making pillow cases for young children and teens. Complete kits and instructions will be available at the September meeting. Children's quilt top kits will also be available. We were so active last year that our Community Service stash is running a little low. If you have any brightly colored children's print fabric you would like to donate, please bring it to the next meeting and it will be put to good use.

Mary Eatinger Lyttle
Community Service

Raffle Quilt



The 2011-12 raffle quilt, “*Virginia Beauty*” will have its debut showing, with tickets for sale at the Sully Quilt and Textile Show (September 11) and tentatively at the Sewing and Quilt Expo (September 29 - October 1). The Vienna Raffle Quilt Team will contact each QU chapter to arrange to bring the raffle quilt to their chapter meeting to sell tickets. Once the professional photographs are completed, our website will be updated to picture this quilt along with ticket sales information. Karla Vernon designed “*Virginia Beauty*” using EQ7 software with an outer border block named “*Jamestown Square*” to reflect the Virginia origins of the quilters who made this quilt. Appliquéd vines, leaves, and flowers, and a paper-pieced center star reveal different quilting techniques. The Vienna members who worked on the quilt are: Judy Beach, Tommie Curtis, Delores Hanger, Lorraine Heady, Bunnie Jordan, Betty Ladd, Julie Riggles, Mary Ellen Simmons and Karla Vernon.

Christy Dillon’s spectacular machine quilting is showcased in the abundant free space in the quilt. She used two different thread colors. This queen-sized quilt is 93” x 93”.

Sincerely yours,
Karla Vernon

Food Drive

Our community needs continue with CHO Food Closet Food Drive. Please bring items to our next meeting (no glass). Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors

Kathy MacNabb

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. In September we will also celebrate the July and August birthdays.



Birthdays

July

2 – Sharon Morris
 Estelle McNeil
 12 – Ellen Icochea
 13 – Madaline Stutes
 14 – Pam Bauernfeind
 Joyce Helms
 18 – Louise Sutara
 22 – Solita Encarnacion
 24 – Eileen Malloy
 25 – Mary Lawrence
 26 – Polly Dombroski
 27 – Lori Escobar
 30 – Karla Vernon

August

2 – Mary Young
 4 – Phyllis Allenbach
 5 – Gail Burr
 Diane Kirkhart
 Nadine Schiavo
 6 – Jane Cash
 10 – Suellen d' Alelio
 11 – Diana Sinclair
 13 – Christine Cropp
 16 – Tommie Curtis
 19 – Donnie Wood
 Carolyn Turnbull
 20 – Barbara Ross
 Sue Charney
 Betty Ladd
 27 – Sandra Francis
 28 – Lorraine Heady
 29 – Linda Roberts
 31 – Shirley Knowles

September

2 - Sharon Gokey
 4 – Holly Bonning
 5 – Julie Riggles
 14 – Grace McClenny
 17 – Melissa Schott
 23 – Mary Cross
 25 – Judy Beach
 26 – Carol Strong
 29 - Katie Abruzzino
 Bernice McGuinn
 Bill Rice

Hot Spots

If you'd like continue to be a member of VQU be sure you have paid your 2011-2012 dues. Please use the form on page 11.

Welcome back to Vienna QU!

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

Sign up for the Charm Swap!

Refreshments this month will be provided by the board.

Bring a quilt for Show & Tell!

See the Big QU raffle quilt made by Vienna QU.

Vienna QU Board 2010-2011



Left to Right:

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

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


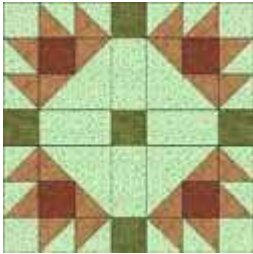
Front row: Julia, Sharon, Carol, Michiyo, Pam

Not pictured: Mary P., PJ

Executive Committee			
Position	Name		
President	Shelia Teague		
Vice President	Julia Byrne		
Treasurer	Michiyo Vangellow		
Secretary	Janet Tasker		
Newsletter	Betty Ladd		
Nominating	P J Porter		

Programs	Kathy MacNabb		
Hospitality	Mary Purdy		
Retreat	Marge Westlake		
Charm Swap	Sharon Presnell		
Membership	Darlene Howke		
Challenge	Polly Dombroski		
Block of the Month	P.J. Porter		
Community Service	Mary Eateringer Lyttle		
Fundraising			
Historian	Carol Strong		
Librarian	Karla Vernon		
Make a Quilt Night	Pam Bauernfeind		
Quilt Show Rep	Louise Sutara Trudi Sommerfield		
Quilt Collector	Janet Marney		

QU CALENDAR

	<p>November 1 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>November 12 – Virginia Consortium of Quilters (VCQ) Quarterly Meeting, Blackstone, VA, www.vcq.org</p> <p>November 15 Vienna Chapter Meeting Shannon Shirley 7pm, Vienna Fire House</p> <p>November 28 VQU Board Meeting</p>
<p>September 16-17 The Quilts of River Country Show, Gloucester, VA 804-694-5675 www.visitgloucesterva.org</p> <p>September 20 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House “Antique Fabrics” – Barbara Wise</p> <p>September 24-25 Quilted Treasures Quilt Show, Madison Co., VA www.madisonquilters.org</p> <p>Now through May 2012 Material Witnesses – Quilts and Their Makers Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum Williamsburg, VA 757-220-7724</p>	 <p>December 13 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House Holiday Celebration Holiday Pin Swap</p>
<p>October 3 VQU Board Meeting</p> <p>October 15 Susan Carlson, 7-9pm Big QU Fall Lecture NVCC Ernst Cultural Center</p> <p>October 18 Vienna Chapter Meeting 7pm, Vienna Fire House Lisa Ellis</p> <p>October 21-23 Richmond Quilt Guild Show Richmond International Raceway www.richmondquiltguild.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vienna QU Meetings in 2012</p> <p>January 17 Make-A-Quilt Night February 21 Beth Wiesner March 20 Debby Kratovil April 17 TBA May 15 TBA June 19 June Dinner</p>

Vienna Quilters Unlimited 2011 – 2012 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1st through June 30th. Membership payment must be received by the Membership Chair no later than September 28th for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory. If you want to receive your **NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD** by mail please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Name **Telephone (Home)**

Address

City **State** **Zip Code plus 4 digits**

Email Address **Work Phone – Optional** **Birthday – Optional**
 We would like to send you the monthly newsletter. Will not be included in the QU Directory Month/Day Only

Circle “Yes” or “No” for each question below (if blank, YES is the default)

QU may put my e-mail address in the Big QU Director **YES** **NO**
 QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me **YES** **NO**
VQU may e-mail my Vienna Chapter Newsletter to me **YES** (This will save VQU \$20.00 or more a year) **NO**

Membership Categories and Dues (check one) **Renewal** _____ **New Member** _____

Name of Primary QU chapter _____

- _____ Regular \$20.00
- _____ Senior \$10.00 – Age 65+ by June of 2011 – primary chapter only
- _____ Life “no charge” – Age 75+ by June of 2011 – primary chapter only – please complete for annual records
- _____ Family \$30.00 – two or more people at the same address – please list both names at the top
- _____ Associate \$10.00 – primary membership in another QU chapter
- \$ _____ Membership Dues
- \$ _____ QU Membership Pin/s @ \$5.00 each, if desired
- \$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** (Make check payable to **Vienna Quilters Unlimited**)

We depend upon volunteers. How can you help the Chapter?

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ Programs | _____ Auction | _____ Fundraising |
| _____ Quilt Show | _____ Library | _____ Hospitality |
| _____ Newsletter | _____ Membership/Directory | _____ Community Service |
| _____ Historian/Photographer | _____ Quilt Preservation | _____ Challenge |
| _____ Retreat | _____ Board of Directors | _____ Block of the Month |
| _____ Make a Quilt Night | _____ Charm Swap | _____ Ad Hoc/Other
(write below) |

Questions/Concerns/Comments please contact: **Darlene Howke**

For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd _____ Name on Check _____ Check # _____ OR Cash _____

Membership Card: Date Handed out at meeting _____ OR Date Mailed _____

VQU RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

**New Windsor Conference Center
New Windsor, MD
March 23-26, 2012**

Select your VQU Retreat Package Below:

- 2 nights double occupancy
 - Deposit, \$60 – (\$25 non-refundable)
(Due by Dec. 1, 2011)
 - Balance, \$190
(Due by Feb 1, 2012)

Or

- Payment in Full, \$250

- 2 nights single occupancy
 - Deposit, \$60 – (\$25 non-refundable)
(Due by Dec. 1, 2011)
 - Balance, \$215
(Due by Feb 1, 2012)

Or

- Payment in Full, \$275

- 3 nights double occupancy
 - Deposit, \$85 – (\$25 non-refundable)
(Due by Dec. 1, 2011)
 - Balance, \$240
(Due by Feb 1, 2012)

Or

- Payment in Full, \$325

- 3 nights single occupancy
 - Deposit, \$85 – (\$25 non-refundable)
(Due by Dec. 1, 2011)
 - Balance, \$280
(Due by Feb 1, 2012)

Or

- Payment in Full, \$365

**Make checks payable to: Vienna Quilters Unlimited
Return form and payment to Retreat Chair, Marge Westlake**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____

Email Address: _____

In case of an emergency, contact (name and relationship)

Contact's Phone (home, work, cell) _____

Roommate(s) preference: (Note: all individuals need to agree on sharing the room before you list them)

- I am new to this group and would like help choosing a roommate.

Special Needs, if any: _____

Dietary: _____

Accommodations: _____