



# Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

The newsletter for Northern Virginia's Quilters

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## President's Message

Fellow Quilters,

Welcome to a new quilt guild year in Northern Virginia. Quilters Unlimited is now an organization with twelve chapters and over a thousand members. In this, my first letter of the 2004-2005 year, I highlight the volunteer nature of our organization and express my personal appreciation for the thousands of hours freely given by individual members.

We could not support our organization's stated mission, "to preserve the tradition, culture and history of quilting, and to promote the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting through continuing education services for members and public education activities," without volunteers. Demonstrations at Sully Plantation and all of the effort that goes into putting on our annual quilt show support our public education goals, while the fall and spring seminars and workshops represent but a fraction of the continuing education opportunities available to members.

To help achieve our organizational mission, each chapter participates by performing a specific job taken from a list that changes each year. A great deal of consideration goes into making up this list, and factors such as chapter size and available resources are taken into account. But, in the final analysis, it's individual volunteers who accomplish the myriad tasks that need to be done.

I ask everyone who is able to assist us in this year's program to check with their chapter president to see how your contribution of time and effort can help make this coming year one of the best ever for QU. Not only do many hands make the task easier and more fun, but volunteering has benefits that go well beyond the immediate task – not the least of which is just plain having fun with people who share a common interest in quilting.

This fall we look forward to beginning our quilting year with the show at Sully Plantation. The Falls Church chapter will be providing volunteers to demonstrate quilting techniques. The fall seminars will feature Rachel Clark, and volunteers from Burke and Annandale will help ensure their success. Our goal is to have large audiences for both seminars, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

In addition to providing your time and energy, whether to support or attend QU activities, your ideas as to how we can find new means of achieving our organization's mission or better support its' members are certainly welcome. If you have ideas that you want to bring to the Executive Board's attention, please communicate them to your chapter president or get in touch with me. We are volunteering our time for QU, and you – the individual members - are QU.

I look forward to the coming year and all the activities that are planned. I only ask that you take time to participate in as many of these activities as possible, volunteer to assist in some if you are able, and remember that you and your fellow quilters make the entire program possible.

Baird Bell

## Quilters Unlimited Board Meeting – July 11, 2004

President Baird Bell called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Introductions of those attending were made. Those in attendance were: Baird Bell, Ginny Hall, Sandi Hettler, Becky Giddings, Loretta Spittle, Joyce Onesty, Joyce Tobias, Suzanne Langsdorf, Susan Fernandez, Bonnie Wilbur, Kay Burnett, Kathy Zahaczersky, Karen Field, Kim Fess, Marie Milow, Lorraine Vomacka, Margaret Frick, and Anne Argentieri.

The approval of the minutes of the June meeting was postponed so that the corrected minutes could be published.

### Financial Report

Ginny Hall, treasurer

- Financial report distributed
- QU has broken just about even for the last two years.
- Shared thank you notes from DAR and American Quilt Study Group.
- Three expenditure line items for FY ending 6-30-03 exceeded budgeted amount by over \$50.

**Motion** was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote to increase the line items for the Quilt Show, directory, and accountant.

- Responses to questions raised about budget items were answered.
- Written handouts on regulations for groups will be available at the next meeting.
- Chapter treasurers meeting with Ginny will be 3 p.m., July 31<sup>st</sup> at Goodwin House West.

**Chapter Assignments** were discussed. Motion passed last September giving two (and now three with the addition of Haymarket) chapters a “bye” each year on assignment other than the quilt show. Bonnie Wilbur suggested that the “byes” be given to the chapters involved with set-up and layout for the quilt show. A new rotation of assignments will be sent out before the next meeting.

**Calendar** for QU events for the year was distributed.

**Membership/Directory/Labels** position needs to be filled.

**Spring Seminar/Annual Meeting:** Date changed from the original April date to May 5 with workshops on May 6 and May 7.

**Winter Quilt-In** to be scheduled by Fairfax. Wanted to try for a Sunday. Discussion: there is a much higher cost if a school facility is used on Sunday.

**QU brochures:** Sandi Hettler will store these.

### Newsletter:

- 4 issues
- Deadline for first issue is August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Becky Giddings will send out schedule of deadlines for the other issues.
- A copy will be sent directly to Mary Brick for the web page.
- Sandi Hettler suggested adding interest to the newsletter. Have guild reporters to do member profiles.
- Advertising was discussed.

**Change of meeting time:** Vote on suggestion to change meeting start time from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. was postponed until the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

## Sully Plantation Quilt Show and Sale

The Sully Plantation Quilt Show and Sale takes place on Sunday, September 12 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Each year, the organizers of the quilt show invite the members of Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited to participate as an additional attraction at the show. QU continues to volunteer at the show as it provides us with a venue to educate the public about quilting, one of the requirements for maintaining our non-profit status with the IRS. At the show we also provide membership information about each chapter and begin the sale of raffle tickets for the QU raffle quilt. Although last year the weather couldn't have been better for a couple of quilting outdoors with friends, the Sully Plantation Quilt Show and Sale is a rain-or-shine event. However, in case of inclement weather, we are provided the use of two tents: one for the demonstration area and one for the "sit-and-sew" tent. If you are interested in volunteering for the "sit-and-sew" tent please contact Ann Folsom at (703) 538-5358 or [cottrell@mitre.org](mailto:cottrell@mitre.org). Volunteer shifts are from 9:45 am to noon, from noon to 2:15 pm, and from 2:15 to 4:30 pm. Volunteers will be mailed a free pass to enjoy the show. No matter which shift you are participating in, your pass will allow you entrance to all the day's festivities.

## Centreville Chapter Has Moved

The Centreville chapter has moved its meeting site and we would love to have you come visit! Colin Powell Elementary School is only a block north of Route 29, west from Stringfellow Road, east from Route 28. Our September meeting will feature an extensive show and tell. Our chapter has been having frequent workshops, and many of these projects begun during fall and winter weekends get finished over the summer, plus charity quilts and individual pieces for ourselves and loved ones. Gayle Ropp is our speaker in October, a very knowledgeable quilter, a teacher who is generous with her knowledge, and a multiple award winner. November will be our annual auction, run by Suzanne Auble and presided over by a professional auctioneer and wonderful guy, Scott Dratch. December is our social and Quilto night, with lots of prizes. Save the second Thursday evening of your month and join us for a laid-back, fun night with a group who likes to laugh a lot.

## Schedule of Chapter Assignment

Event	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Sully Quilt Show	Mt Vernon	Falls Church	McLean	Fairfax	Centreville
Fall Seminar – Lead	Falls Church	Burke	Annandale	Reston	Springfield
Fall Seminar – Workshops	Burke	Annandale	Reston	Springfield	Haymarket
Fall Quilt-In – Lead	Centreville	McLean	Mt. Vernon	Haymarket	Falls Church
Fall Quilt-In – Food	McLean	Mt. Vernon	Haymarket	Falls Church	Annandale
Winter Quilt-in – Lead	Vienna	Fairfax	Springfield	Centreville	Mt. Vernon
Winter Quilt-In – Food	Fairfax	Springfield	Centreville	Mt. Vernon	Vienna
Annual Meeting/ Spring Seminar – Lead	Springfield	Arlington	Vienna	Burke	Arlington
Spring Seminar - Workshops	Arlington	Vienna	Burke	Arlington	McLean

# QU Fall Lecture and Workshop Program

**Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church • 3439 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church, VA**

## **Rachel Clark – Clothing for Body and Soul**

Rachel D.K. Clark is a contemporary folk artist, teacher and lecturer who comes from a long line of sewers, beginning with her great-grandmother. She has been doing wearable art for over thirty years and teaching on the national circuit for twelve years. Eclectic fabric mixes, vibrant designs, and a keen sense of humor characterize Rachel's work.

While her garments and quilts can be whimsical, political or a personal statement it always reflects her love of traditional quilt making. She has done many one-woman shows around the country and her work has been featured in various gallery shows, magazines such as *Threads*, and "The Quilting Quarterly" on HGTV's *Simply Quilts*. Website: <http://www.rdkc.com/>

### **Rachel Clark Lectures - Friday, October 1, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. Everybody Get de Blues Sometimes** - A reflection and celebration of Rachel's love for the color BLUE. All of the garments in this fashion show are blue, have blue as the predominant color, or have blue in them for a particular reason. In this show Rachel shows you why she loves to be blue!

**7:30 p.m. Clothing for the Body and the Soul** - A fashion show accompanied by anecdotes on the hows and whys of Rachel-made garments. The show will include a variety of garments: ensembles, coats, jackets, vests and dresses.

### **Rachel Clark Workshops**

#### **Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. – The Collection Coat**

Cost: \$40.00 (Class Limited to 18 Students)

CLASS DESCRIPTION: This workshop is designed to use the material that sewers inevitably collect over the years: the old quilt blocks, the rescued doilies, scarves, lace, buttons, and other odds and ends. Students bring their scraps to Rachel and she will help them to combine these treasures into a wearable garment using the coat pattern of their choice. The design and layout of the garment will be determined by what the student wants to highlight. The final look may be eclectic or orderly, depending on each student's preferences. Sewing experience is preferred, but beginners are welcome too.

#### **Saturday October 2, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. - Picture This Vest**

Cost: \$40.00 (Class Limited to 18 Students)

CLASS DESCRIPTION: Students use Rachel's pattern, the "Picture This" Vest Pattern, or bring their own, to create a wonderful and unique vest. This class explores building a vest around a batik panel, large-scale novelty or pictorial fabric, quilt block, mola, and other ethnic textile. Sewing experience is recommended, but beginners are welcome too.

Supply Lists for both workshops are on the QU website ([www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org)) You will receive a supply list on receipt of registration.

For further information about these programs, contact Susan Sladek (V) at: [quiltworks@netzero.net](mailto:quiltworks@netzero.net); (703)352-0237.

Registration start date is Tuesday, September 7, 2004. Make checks payable to Quilters Unlimited and mail registration and checks to: Betty Beal, 3708 Camelot Dr., Annandale VA 22003; 703-698-7475; [esbeal70@earthlink.net](mailto:esbeal70@earthlink.net).

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after Sept. 22, 2004, unless a substitute for the opening is secured by the registrant or from the workshop wait list if there be one.

**Directions for Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3439 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church, VA. 22044. From 495 (Beltway) take Arlington Blvd.-Rt. 50 East and exit at 7 Corners, Rt. 7 East exit. As you come off ramp take immediate right onto Sleepy Hollow Rd. (613). Go 1.7 miles, (past Congressional School and Sleepy Hollow School on your left). The church is on left side between Tansey Drive and Valley Brook Drive. **From Columbia Pike** turn north onto Sleepy Hollow Rd. The church is on right side after Valley Brook Drive and new homes construction site.**

Bring brown bag lunch to workshop. Beverages and cookies will be served.

## Rachel Clark Workshop Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If registering for both classes, indicate first choice:

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004 - **The Collection Coat** \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday October 2, 2004 - **Picture This Vest** \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration start date is September 7, 2004. Make checks payable to **Quilter's Unlimited** and mail registration and checks to: **Betty Beal, 3708 Camelot Dr., Annandale, VA 22003.**

## 2004/2005 QU BOARD

Office	Name
President	Baird Bell (B)
Vice President	Sandi Hettler (McL)
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Springfield President	Kim Fess
Vienna President	Andrea Gribble

## 2004-2005 Calendar of Events

Aug 17	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 12	Sully	Quilt Show at Sully Plantation
Sept 30	Fall Seminar Workshop	Rachel Clark, The Collection Coat Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church
Oct 1	Fall Seminar	Rachel Clark, lectures 10:00 a.m. Everybody Get de Blues Sometimes 7:00 p.m. Clothing for the Body and the Soul Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church
Oct 1	Directory Deadline	Members must have paid their dues by Oct 1 to be included in the directory
Oct 2	Fall Seminar Workshop	Rachel Clark, Picture This Vest Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church
Oct 27	Fall Quilt-In	Falls Church High School
Nov 30	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Feb 1, 2005	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
March	Winter Quilt-In	Falls Church High School
Apr 5	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
May 5	Spring Seminar/ Annual Meeting	Charlotte Warr Anderson: Charlotte's Scrap Bag/ Business Meeting - Election of Officers for 2005-6
May 6 & 7	Spring Seminar Workshops	Workshops with Charlotte Warr Anderson: May 6: Pieced Pictures, May 7: Appliqué for Realism in Brief
Apr 5	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Jun 3,4,5	QU Quilt Show	Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA
Jun 14	Board Meeting	Packard Center, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Sept 29	Fall Seminar Workshop	Laura Cater-Woods
Sept 30	Fall Seminar	Laura Cater-Woods
Oct 1	Fall Seminar Workshop	Laura Cater-Woods

## QU Chapter Information

*Listed below are the meeting times and dates for the 12 chapters of QU. Please be advised that time, dates and subject of programs can change.*

### **Annandale**

Third Wednesday 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church. Baste-a-Thons: First Wednesday, 10 am. The Quilt Patch. Bees: Second Wednesday, 10 am., Packard Center, 4020 Hummer Rd., Contact: to Joyce Onesty 703-978-4684 [conesty@aol.com](mailto:conesty@aol.com)

**Sept. 15:** Martha Swearingen • (11:00AM-12:00) Trunk Show "Traditional Quilts With a Twist"

**Oct 20:** Patricia McLaughlin • (11:00AM-12:00) "Inspirations for Quiltmaking" • (1:00-4:00) Workshop "Appliqué My Way"

**Nov. 17:** Sherrie Chapman (A) • (11:00AM-12:00) "Leaf Printing" • (1:00-4:00) Workshop "Foiling Around with Fabric"

**Dec. 15:** (10:00AM-12:00) Holiday Luncheon and Ornament Exchange

### **Arlington**

Second Monday (Program), 7:30 Auditorium (LL) Goodwin House West, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church (Bailey's Crossroads). Other Mondays are Bees, 7:30 PM, Top of the West (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), Goodwin House West. Contact: Suzanne Langsdorf, [smlangsdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:smlangsdorf@yahoo.com) (703) 379-4443.

**Sept. 13:** Business meeting - show and tell

**Oct. 11:** Make new nametags

**Nov. 8:** Dagmar Painter, "The Hand: Cross Cultural Symbol in Textiles and Ornament"

**Dec. 13:** Potluck dinner 7:00 pm

### **Burke**

Second Wednesday (Business/Show & Tell), Fourth Wednesday (Program), 7:30 Cherry Run Elementary, 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke. Contact: Susan Fernandez 703-690-9550.

### **Centreville**

Second Thursday 7:30 PM at Colin Powell Elementary Cafeteria, 13340 Leland Rd., Centreville. Contact: Bonnie Wilbur 703-378-5802.

### **Fairfax**

First Thursday (Business/Show & Tell), Third Thursday (Program), 10 am, St. Peters In the Woods Episcopal Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Dr, Fairfax Station. Contact: Becky Beierle 703-246-0035.

### **Falls Church**

Third Friday, 7:00 PM, Falls Church Community Senior Center, Falls Church. Contact: Ann Folsom 703-538-5358.

### **Haymarket**

First Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Mountain View Elementary School, 5600 McLeod Highway, Haymarket. Contact: Jo Moury, 703-754-4902

### **McLean**

Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact: Nancy Burnett, 703-242-8732.

### **Mt. Vernon**

Second Tuesday (Business/Show & Tell/Mini-Workshop); Fourth Tuesday (Program) 12:30 PM, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd, Alexandria. Bees: Off Tues, Room 216, 12:30 PM. Contact: Nancy McGlasson, 703-960-3034.

### **Reston**

Second & fourth Tuesday 7:30 PM Armstrong Elementary School, Lake Newport Drive, Reston. Bees are second and fourth Wednesday, 10 am Hunters Woods United Christian Parish; and first and third Tues 7 PM, Herndon Library. Contact: Karen Field 703-689-0434.

### **Springfield**

First (Business) and Third (Program) Tuesday, 9:30 am. Bees: Second and Fourth Tuesday, 9:30 am, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield. Contact: Kim Fess, 703-239-0314.

### **Vienna**

Third Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Rd, Vienna. Contact: Andrea Gribble 703-764-9331

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