

# Quilters Unlimited Quarterly

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## President's Letter—Joanne Fitzgerald

### COMING EVENTS:

- February 7, "Ombre Quilts" with Linda Cooper, Haymarket Chapter
- February 21-24, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton VA
- February 23—Karen Dumont Lecture, Reston Chapter
- February 26—Karen Sievert's "Peekaboo" Prairie Points, McLean Chapter
- March 13—16, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA
- April 24-27, —AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY
- May 31, June 1 and 2, 2013—40th Annual QU Quilt Show

Hi Quilting Friends

I'm writing you from my airplane seat waiting to get to our gate in Miami. Tomorrow I'll hop on a ship and sail the Caribbean for 10 days. Of course, you know the first thing I prepared for this trip was my quilting project. 10 days at sea with no project? Heavens no. I've got 40 blocks of appliqué with me and maybe I'll get them done and maybe I won't, but at least I'm prepared. I hope you all are working on your QU 40th Anniversary challenges. Only about three months to get our projects ready for registration. I love the challenge!

I'm actually sailing with a group of miniaturists. You know, folks who make doll houses and the things that go in them. I'm not a miniaturist, but I enjoy these folks and I haven't seen them in 2 years. It is fun to stretch my artistic side and try something different every now and then so I'll participate in the complimentary workshop. I think

my Parisian artist's loft looks like it is supposed to.

I'd like to challenge all of you to use your artistic talents in a little contest we're proposing. As you may know, I am working with a couple of our members to update our website. Along with that, we thought it might be fun to update the QU logo. While our logo screams Virginia, I believe it would better represent us if it invoked thoughts of quilting and the unlimited artistic talent, methods and possibilities in quilting as well as Virginia. Check out the rules below.

Unfortunately, I missed the Fall lecture and the workshops. I'm sure it was a wonderful couple of days of quilting fun and a great lecture. Thanks to McLean for their work in putting together a great event.

The Fall lecture was also probably the first opportunity many of you had to see the beautiful raffle quilt that Mt. Vernon put together for us this year. —continued on Page Six

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## QU Logo Contest

Here is something a little different for which to use your artistic talents. Quilters Unlimited is looking for a new logo. While our current logo says "Virginia", it really says nothing about quilting or unlimited. We have so many different quilters in our guild -- traditional patchwork, appliqué, art quilters, modern quilters -- fiber artists all.

So put your thinking cap on and bring all of those artistic talents out and design a new logo for QU. If it is a copy-ready design, great, but it doesn't have to be. It can be a drawing, sketch, doodle, painting, computer graphics, whatever medium works for you.

Please submit your design by January 31, 2013, to your Chapter President in an electronic format - a photograph or a scan of your submission. The Board will pick a winning design at the February Board meeting. There will be a prize for the winning design.

# QUILT SHOW TEAM NEWS

-Cindy Grimord, 2013 Quilt Show Chair

Greetings from Show Team 2013! We have had two great team meetings and the planning for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show is well underway. We hope you are enjoying working on your beautiful show quilts as you prepare for our quilt registration period, January 1 – March 8, 2013. Included in this newsletter are the registration instructions. As a reminder, you must have your quilts “finished,” meaning layered, quilted and bound for photographing and measuring by your chapter quilt collector. The photographs this year will be used to produce our Show CD before the show; no more CD orders. In addition, new quilt stands have been purchased and delivered to every chapter to assist our collectors with the photographing process.

The Vendor List is almost complete and with approximately 20 new vendors thus far, we will be able to share that with you online at [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org) in January. Our Show Pin is being designed, new forms for program advertising and bus registrations are being developed and our traditional Show Flyers will be available soon. Show team members are also planning a “shed inventory day” as we continue to improve our efficiency for Setup and Takedown. We will continue with our online volunteer registration; it was a great success last year. And as part of our 40th Anniversary celebration, the show team has voted to extend our appreciation for our 2013 show volunteers with a free 3-day wristband. Details on how to qualify for a free volunteer wristband will be available in February.

We are excited to announce that classes will be returning and information on our team of instructors is included in this newsletter. Our Annual Meeting Speaker and former Fairfax QU member Jan Krentz, Brenda Henning, Melody Crust and Rita Verroca will offer some great classes at the show. More information on class registration will be forthcoming soon through your chapters.

Please don't forget to check out our beautiful Raffle Quilt from the Mt. Vernon Chapter online (shown under the “Fundraising” tab). Many tickets have been sold but there are many more out there; don't miss the opportunity to be the lucky winner!

A note about our history: Our 2013 Show Program will include some historical information about Quilters Unlimited. I would like to get an early start by paying tribute to all of our QU Presidents. A list is included in this newsletter on page 3 and I would like for all of us to take some time to thank them for their volunteer service to our organization. Their leadership has had a great impact on our ability to sustain this organization for 40 years, a wonderful accomplishment indeed!

A request: Unlike the list of QU Presidents, I have been unable to locate a list of past Show Chairs but would very much like to pay tribute to this group of members as well. If you have been a Show Chair or know of members in your chapter who have been a Show Chair, please contact me and let me know the year(s) served in this position. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

In closing, I want to thank the 2013 Show Team for their time and commitment to make this an exciting anniversary show; what a great group of women to work with! Stay tuned for more to come through our QU website and please join me on Facebook at Quilters Unlimited Show 2013.

## 2013 QU Quilt Show Update—Classes

Classes are back for the 2013 Quilt Show! Although news about class specifics and sign-ups will begin in January, here is a brief description of the four nationally acclaimed teachers that will be at our show. Visit their websites to see their beautiful work and be sure to register as soon as the forms are available (early January.)

**Melody Crust** is renowned for her quilting talent. Her work has been shown in any number of juried shows and exhibitions, gathering awards as they go, and is coveted by private collectors around the world. She has traveled to virtually every part of the country, bringing her natural teaching ability and contagious enthusiasm to quilters everywhere. <http://www.melodycrust.com>



**Brenda Henning's** goal in life is to spread the quilting bug as far and wide as possible! She loves teaching and feel strongly that the classroom experience should be fun as well as informative. Individual attention is the cornerstone of her teaching style. She comes from Anchorage AK.

<http://www.bearpawproductions.com>

**Jan Krentz** is a nationally recognized quilt instructor, author and designer. Winner of the 1998 Teacher of the Year award, Jan's motivating workshops are packed with practical tips, techniques and methods to insure success. <http://www.jankrentz.com>

Applique quilter **Rita Verroca** is an award winning quilter. She was recently featured on the cover of August-September 2012 Quilters Newsletter Magazine. She is inspired by Baltimore Album quilts and has taught at the Applique Academy in Williamsburg. She is designing a special block for our QU quilt show. <http://www.ritaverroca.com>

## 40 Years of Quilters Unlimited Presidents

1973-1974	Bonnie Spather (A)	1993-1994	Barbara Tricarico (V)
1974-1975	Hazel Carter (V)	1994-1995	Carol O'Neill ( R )
1975-1976	Twyla Dell (S)	1995-1996	Rosemary O'Brien (Arl)
1976-1977	Suzanne Newton (Ann)	1996-1997	Terri Willett (FC)
1977-1978	Lesly-Claire Greenberg (V)	1997-1998	Loretta Spittle (S)
1978-1979	Suzanne Newton (Ann)	1998-1999	Marilyn Owendoff (V)
1979-1980	Elanor Graham (Ann)	1999-2000	Ludy Rauber (V)
1980-1981	Patti Marcus (Ann)	2000-2001	Allyn Humphries (Arl)
1981-1982	Dorothy Holden (McL)	2001-2002	Sandra Rees (B)
1982-1983	Pattie Marcus (Ann)	2002-2003	Linda Roberts (V)
1983-1984	Jay Romano (Ann)	2003-2004	Sue Heisler ( C )©
1984-1985	Beryl O'Connor (V)	2004-2005	Baird Bell (B)
1985-1986	Andrea Hays (Arl)	2005-2006	Lynn Everly (Arl)
1986-1987	Leslie McGregor (S)	2006-2007	Ginny Hall (Arl)
1987-1988	Sharon Goodwin (McL)	2007-2008	Diane Kirkhart (McL)
1988-1989	Harriet Halbig (FC)	2008-2009	Carole Marti (V)
1989-1990	Carolyn Lynch (Ann)	2009-2010	Susan Fernandez (B)
1990-1991	Andrea Perkins (V)	2010-2011	Kath Heslip (Arl)
1991-1992	Glennnda Shriver (B)	2011-2012	Karen Loftus (B)
1992-1993	Carole Nicholas (McL)	2012-2013	Joanne Fitzgerald (C)

## 2013 QU Raffle Quilt—Celtic Celebration

-Angela Miller, Mt. Vernon Raffle Committee Chair

Celtic Celebration has been very well received, with only four Chapter Visits remaining. If you haven't already purchased tickets for this beautiful quilt, get yours today. Each Chapter President has tickets to sell, 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 apiece. As of October 18, ticket sales total 1,645.

Vienna QU set high standards last year by selling 6,000 raffle tickets—a first for QU! And hats off to Centreville QU, who this September sold all 250 tickets before we even visited—another first! Lets' make it a year of firsts for all of us. Meet this years' goal: Every Chapter to Sell 250 Tickets. It can be done if all members purchase 6 tickets for \$5.00. It is just that easy.

The creation of this vibrant beaut truly was a Mt. Vernon QU member-wide effort. It began under the guidance of Pat Alfredson and Rosemary Collier, who developed the layout design and block selection. The 204 Bull's Eye blocks that frame the center medallion were pieced by most of the Mt. Vernon members. The center medallion and border, designed by Pat Alfredson, was hand appliqued at weekly bees. Lynne Fishburn free motion quilted the top using pebble, meander, and tear drop and wrap designs. The quilt is king size (103 x 103). See close up pictures of Celtic Celebration and more facts and trivia on our QU Fundraising link: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/>.



## 2013 QU Quilt Show Registration Process

<http://www.qushowentry.com>

**Who can register a quilt?** Any QU member in good standing may enter up to five quilts in the QU Quilt Show May 31, June 1-2, 2013. 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](http://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.

\*This process will be much simpler than you think and you will be surprised at how well you fare on your own.

**What needs to happen after you register on-line?** Print out the confirmation page and take it with your "show ready" quilt to your chapter quilt collector. Each quilt must still be measured and photographed and we will enter this information on-line 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 quilters name/chapter/quilt name/telephone number sewn on the bottom right corner of the back of the quilt and each quilt must arrive in a carrying sack with the same information listed above (plastic bags of any kind are unacceptable)

**When will the pictures and measurements be taken?** Each chapter quilt collector will schedule their own dates in order to have everything ready by March 8.

**What is the deadline?** March 8, 2013

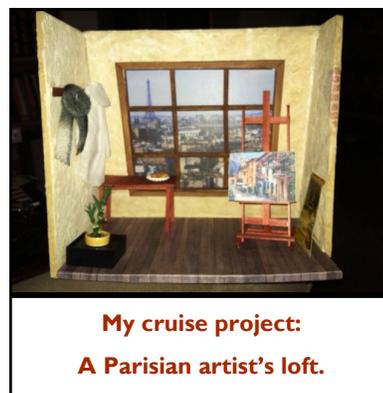
**What if I have more questions?** Feel free to contact Karla Vernon, [kvernon2@verizon.net](mailto:kvernon2@verizon.net), 703 281-0738.

## President's Letter—cont'd

It is gorgeous and I've bought a silly number of tickets already. The Quilt Show Chair and I had a little competition of our own. If Springfield QU (her home chapter) sold out of tickets before Centreville QU (my home chapter), then I would owe her lunch or dinner or something. Guess who is taking me to McDonald's :-)? I had a unfair advantage though -- CQU had its retreat shortly after that challenge was issued and I had a captive audience - thanks CQU friends. Anyway, I hope you all take a chance on this year's raffle quilt.

Speaking of Fall, I love this time of year. All of the summer distractions have moved on and the air is cooling down. It just makes me think of snuggling up with my cat and one of my quilts and watching a good movie or a football game. Now is the time of year I usually get most of the bindings, hanging sleeves and labels tacked down on the quilts I created over the summer. I also enjoy doing a bit more hand quilting, though I am an advocate for quilting with my check book.

Well whatever floats your boat. I hope that everyone has a wonderful fall and holiday season. Be safe, be well, be artistic, and continue to be great quilting friends to each other.



**My cruise project:  
A Parisian artist's loft.**

## Helpful Hints for Registering Your Quilt Show Entry

- 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.
- 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 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 quilter registration number, please register all of your quilts at the same time. Later entries will have a different quilter 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 on-line 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 which 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.

# From the Desk of the QU Treasurer

-Jennifer McKinney

Here is the budget approved by your QU Board on 8/23/12. Also included is the revenue and expense report for fiscal year 7/1/11—6/30/12.

The Spring Workshop has been included in the Quilt Show Budget and the expenses for our participation at the Sully Quilt Show have been deleted.

	Actuals 06/30/12	Approved 2012-2013 Budget
Fall Workshop	\$2,990.00	\$2,500.00
Membership Dues	8,972.50	9,000.00
Membership Pins	210.00	250.00
Quilt Show *	120,560.50	136,500.00
Raffle Quilt	5,149.00	5,000.00
Spring Workshop	1,750.00	0.00
Other Income	126.25	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$139,758.25</b>	<b>\$153,250.00</b>
Accountant	1,162.60	1,100.00
Administration	1,090.98	2,000.00
Annual Meeting	1,653.64	3,000.00
Directory	2,358.38	2,500.00
Donations	5,000.00	5,500.00
Equipment	183.49	4,000.00
Fall Event	4,546.92	5,500.00
Insurance	1,126.00	750.00
Membership Support	1,700.00	1,800.00
Newsletter	1,001.47	2,000.00
Quilt In	0.00	0.00
Quilt Show *	93,822.78	130,000.00
Raffle Quilt	966.01	1,200.00
Spring Workshop	1,404.33	0.00
Sully	0.00	0.00
Website Design	0.00	2,000.00
Website Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$117,516.60</b>	<b>\$162,850.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,241.65</b>	<b>(\$9,600.00)</b>