



# QU Quarterly

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## President's Letter

Fabulous quilt show! Attendance was up from last year - 3880 quilt lovers passed through the front doors of the Expo Center. The quilts looked wonderful, the vendors were varied and the teachers/lecturers were interesting and sometimes side-splittingly funny! Putting on a show of this size is a huge effort and all the volunteers are to be thanked. Many of the quilt show chair people worked for months on this project and those efforts resulted in a most professional and artful exhibition.

Summer approaches and it's time for family fun, relaxing, maybe a trip and the outside chance that a project will be completed. If you haven't taken a class in a while, check out your local quilt shop; they may be offering something that will spark your interest and get you quilting in a new direction.

I spent some time in Russia this spring and it was a wonderful and educational experience. Like most of you, I love to travel and see new sights and discover more of this fascinating world. When my flight landed at Dulles and I passed through customs, the officer checked my passport, looked up and said, "Welcome Home". Suddenly I had tears in my eyes. I was very touched because it did feel great to be back home. This is an amazing country, unlike anywhere else in the world today, or in recorded history. We are blessed to live here and it's easy to take for granted how much it means to us all. Susan Fernandez and her new slate of officers will be taking the reins of QU for the 2009-2010 year. As my term ends, I want to say how much I have enjoyed working with you, attending your meetings, marveling at your quilts, eating your food, and getting to know you better. We have a remarkable group and I hope you are proud of the work you are accomplishing.

Have fun and celebrate the 4th!

*Carole Marti, QU President 2008/2009*

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## Fall Church Chapter

After careful consideration, the Falls Church Chapter of Quilters Unlimited voted to dissolve its affiliation with Quilters Unlimited at its June 19, 2009 meeting. As is the case with many organizations, FCQU membership has dropped by 50% in the last two years. The remaining active members have found it increasingly difficult to meet the demands of work, family and club responsibilities. In May we were unable to seat a full slate of officers, including the positions of president, secretary and nominations chair. With a statutory requirement for at least a president, the crisis in leadership was met with a motion to dissolve the chapter. This motion was seconded and discussed extensively, but ultimately tabled to allow the full chapter membership and the QU Board to be notified. That having been done in mid-May and early June, we again asked for a slate of officers and nominations from the floor at the June 19 meeting. With no additional candidates presented, the motion to dissolve was brought from the table and again considered. The membership voted to dissolve the Falls Church Chapter of Quilters Unlimited with 46 for, 6 against, and 1 abstention. The dissolution will be effective July 1, 2009, at the end of the terms of the current office holders.

This has been a bittersweet experience for our membership, many of whom have been with the chapter since its inception in 1974 and fondly remember the many group activities. We take pride in our participation in all of the QU activities, including hosting the annual meeting celebrating the 35th birthday in 2008 and spearheading the Ronald McDonald House Quilt Project, with 13 completed quilts presented at this year's annual meeting.

As we consider the future, both individually and collectively, the membership looks forward to sharing its talents with other QU chapters and helping to maintain the level of excellence for which QU has always been known.

## Time to renew!

All QU memberships for the year 08-09 expire on June 30, 2009. If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew. If you do not have a membership form, you can find one on the QU website at: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/mem.htm> Click on the red letters that say "membership form."

Your form and payment should be submitted to your chapter membership person, along with your check for membership dues, made out to your local QU chapter.

Cindy Pedder, [Flews@gmail.com](mailto:Flews@gmail.com)

### Quilt Show and Mark Lipinski

Well another Quilt Show is over, and the last of our poles and equipment have been put away in the storage shed. If you didn't make it to the show this year, you really missed a wonderful show. Everyone loved the layout, the vendor court, and especially our gorgeous quilts. So many people stopped by the front desk to tell us how much they loved the show – it made all the hard work worthwhile.

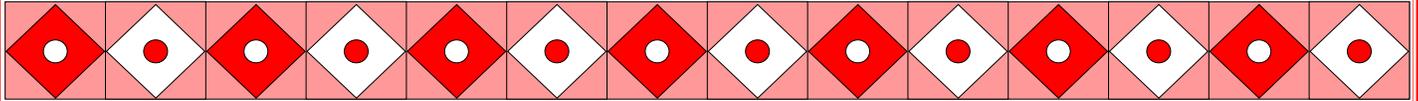
We had several firsts this year. On Friday we had the largest single day of ticket sales we have ever had, selling almost 2,000 single day passes and 3 day tickets. We had seven bus tours this show! We sold out the block of rooms we reserved for our vendors and guests at the Holiday Inn Express, and had to increase our reservation block twice more, which meant more people took advantage of the 3-day pass than ever before and “spent the weekend” at our show. We sold more 3 day passes than we have ever sold before. We had four corporate sponsors this year, which is also a first – and our new sponsors loved their reception. So we are very pleased with our “firsts.”

Besides our firsts, we accomplished some other things this year. We increased our attendance by approximately 300 over last year (not a criticism of last year's show, but you always want to move forward and increase your attendance.) The fact that we were able to increase our gate at all in a year of such economic depression when many smaller quilt shows are being discontinued for monetary concerns is good news indeed. We also had lots of inquiries from the public about our guild members' quilts for sale. Because of the terms of the sale feature, we won't know how this turns out until someone makes a sale and tells us about it; so, if you sell a quilt as a result of a contact from the show, please let us know. We have also been contacted by a well-known quilt pattern designer who heard of several of her “designs” being shown in our show. Having heard about our show, and seeing some of the pictures of our quilts on display, she will be contacting some of the quilters who used her designs to ask their permission to put pictures of their quilts on her website. How cool is that?

Mark Lipinski's lecture at our annual meeting was a rousing success. I can honestly say I have never seen an annual meeting so well attended; his lecture was inspiring, hysterically funny, and had people rolling in the aisles. If you didn't attend, well, let's just start by saying when he started handing out door prizes early in the evening to people who had certain items in their possession you knew the audience was his. His final warm-up door prize was to whomever wasn't wearing any underwear! (Trust me, you had to be there – it fit into his lecture topic!) When he made that announcement, a woman shouted that she didn't have any underwear on and leapt up from her seat. She raced to the stage; and, after a brief whispered consultation between the two of them (and a little peek,) he announced she was the winner! Now you don't see that every day!!! See what you missed?

For those people who couldn't get enough of him at the evening lecture, we offered a “Breakfast with Mark” Sunday morning where he sat with his audience, talked with them about his life, his views about art and quilting, and then talked about his thoughts on freedom of artistic expression. He then opened himself to questions from the floor and answered every question posed to him from the audience. What a singular man he is! He is such a combination of humor and grace – you have to admire him, whether you accept his views or not. If you missed hearing him speak, you really missed out on an amazing opportunity.

And now, for the really important part. This show could not happen without the work of the many people who volunteer their time to put this show on. All this gorgeousness does not just happen! Everyone who works on this show is deserving of a big round of applause and a special thank you me and from all the members of Quilters Unlimited. Particularly deserving of recognition are those individuals who serve as the chapter representatives to the Quilt Show Committee and who represent the chapters in their various responsibilities to the Quilt Show. If you get the chance, please show them that you appreciate the work they have done. They don't hear it enough! And from me personally, Pat Blood, Penny Boyanton, Jeri Borsi, Kay Burnett, Kathy Buschow, Linda Cooper, Lynne Everly, Connie Gallant, Bert Garino, Jennifer Gentry, Cindi Grimord, Alma Lopez,



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Patrice Mull, Mary O’Koren, Sue Sladek, Liz Stiles, and Bonnie Wilbur – thank you from the bottom of my heart! A special thank you to Carole Kunkel, Jean Southerland, Trudi Sommerfield, Gayle Hindle, Connie Doberenz, Barb Tricarico, Len Alfredson, Carole Marti and Giselle Schneider! If I’ve left anyone out, it was a sin of omission and not intention.

We see many of the same people each year volunteering at the show – some on the Committee, some as quilt collectors, some as white glove ladies, and some for set-up and take-down. All these people do this because they love this show and because they know without them we couldn’t have it. If you are a member of QU and enjoy this show, please think about volunteering some time to it. Even a few hours can make all the difference. It is a great opportunity to be a part of something big, give back something to your organization, and give back something to your community. And at the end of the day, you get to stop, catch your breath, look around, and see something really beautiful!

And speaking of some of these jobs – a special thank you goes out to the tireless workers who collect the quilts, do the set-up and take-down, who provide the food to our workers, who volunteer at the desks, and who do the white-glove work. Without you we couldn’t have a show. And an extra special thank you to all who put quilted items in the show – without you what would be the point?

See you at next year’s show – June 4, 5 and 6, 2010!

Andrea Gribble  
Show Chair 2008-2009

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#### VOLUNTEERS

A huge THANK YOU to all our Quilt Show Volunteers -- the show could not have gone on without you! We had about 400 volunteers who worked all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and until the show closed and was packed up Sunday evening. It was wonderful to meet new volunteers and welcome those of you who have volunteered in past years. You greeted each visitors with a smile, got their wrist bands on with ease, and passed out programs. You sold Mark Lipinski tickets, QU memorabilia, our Show pins and lanyards, and CD's. Then you put on white gloves and afforded our visitors a chance to see the back of the quilts or details they were interested in. Last but not least, you gave our vendors a break to grab a fast bite to eat while you watched their shop. We shared information about QU and our chapters with interested visitors and provided information about quilts that were for sale. On top of that, we had other QU members who "floated" and helped wherever needed. You can all be very proud of your hard work - we had a great Show. Thanks so much. Our special thanks to all our Springfield members who staffed our Volunteer Station and filled in where needed.

Cindy Grimord and Penny Boyanton (Springfield QU)

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#### PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS

The main quilt show job for Fairfax Chapter was to solicit ads for the program. Program printing costs were estimated to run about \$5,000, and the revenue from the ads would offset those costs. There were 39 ads placed, bringing in \$2,090. Several people who purchased ads said they appreciated the opportunity to market to a target audience that would be interested in the products they sell, and that advertising to the general public (via phone books, etc.) has become cost prohibitive.

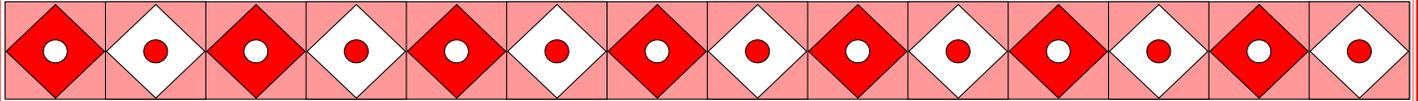
Mari O’Koren (Fairfax QU)

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#### DEMONSTRATIONS

The demos were a big hit this year. We had 19 demonstrations; many of them overflowed our 40 chairs and we had to bring in more seating. Thanks to all who came to watch, Falls Church Guild for the great signs, McLean Guild for getting us all set up, Andrea for timely announcements and all of the Mt. Vernon volunteers who helped to make things run seamlessly.

Bert Garino (Mt. Vernon QU)



### Community Service and Educational Projects

#### Annandale

We are working on the Ronald McDonald house quilts. We have finished one and are in the process of completing two more. They should be finished by the end of the summer. As always, we are working on Quilts of Valor, baby quilts and quillows.

#### Burke

- This year Burke produced 128 charity quilts (baby/child, lap robe, soldier by May 27. We know more will be turned in by our last meeting of the year June 10.
- National Quilt Day was honored with an article written by Erica Robertson and Rita Rivlin entitled "Charity Quilting in Burke, Virginia" which was featured on the Examiner website [www.examiner.com](http://www.examiner.com). It featured information on the history of quilting, what guilds do and personal information on Burke QU.
- Four quilts were made for the Ronald McDonald House - two by one member and one each by individual bees.
- 20 doll quilts for Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry in Kansas City.
- One member taught the history of quilting in America to all fourth grade students at Immanuel Christian School in Springfield, VA.
- Three members spent a combined 30 hours sewing at the Quilt Patch for Project Linus.
- One baby quilt donated to Church of Nativity's "Baby Shower Auction".
- Quilt donation to a 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion.
- Two members donated quilts to Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation. These quilts will be on exhibit at the Houston show.
- Four members of a bee are making quilts for Burke United Methodist Church's Quilts of Love.
- One member coordinated and worked on a set of nine quilted (5'x7') banners for St. Stephen's UMC, Burke, VA.
- One member donated a twin-size quilt as a fundraiser for The Center for Discovery, a private school in New York.
- One member donated a quilt for a corporate silent auction to benefit supported charities: The Wright House Pediatric AIDS/HIV Care, Concern Foster Care and St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Center.

#### Centreville

Our quilters are unlimited in the love, care and concern they show to babies, children and people who need the comfort of a quilt, bag or teddy bear while they go through a difficult time.

This year our Centreville QU has had several new opportunities to help the community in Northern Virginia and Africa! Alice Lowe took 76 quilt kits to an African village to teach the women how to first make quillows and then larger quilts. Alice was thrilled to receive all the donations of fabric from our guild. A girl scout achieved the Gold Award by making several CDs for our library of the teddy bear pattern and making one hundred teddy bears, with her team, for children admitted to Fair Oaks Hospital. In addition, our members donated another 165 very colorful teddy bears throughout the year.

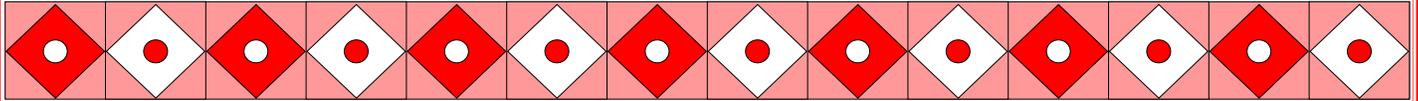
The American Cancer Society recognized Centreville QU for the many Reach for Recovery Bags that our members have made throughout the years. At the Relay for Life event in May, the Cancer Society presented our CQU with flowers and a plaque. A total of 40 bags were given just this year to patients dealing with breast cancer.

In early 2009, Bonnie Wilbur packed up her car with over 10 boxes of fabric, rulers and thread for the men's prison in Cumberland, MD. The Stitchin Time bee works with the male prisoners teaching them how to quilt. The men were very happy to receive all of the donations.

The request to make quilts for the Ronald MacDonal House met with great enthusiasm from our members. Three quilts were presented at the Annual Meeting in June and three more quilts are in various stages of completion.

Members have knitted or crocheted over 100 baby caps, including preemie size, and made 40 quilts for babies, children and veterans. What a generous year!

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### Fairfax

The Fairfax Chapter of Quilters Unlimited has a very active Community Service Group. This year Fairfax QU members created many beautiful quilts to be sent to service men and women in Iraq. These quilts were sent to a medical unit and handed directly to the wounded soldiers. It is so rewarding to know that the quilts are comforting the soldiers just when they need it the most.

We are finishing up the last of nine quilts that will be presented to the new homeowners in the Habitat for Humanity complex being built right now in Fairfax County. These quilts should be presented to the homeowners in September 2009. We also collected a number of children's quilts that we donated to Linus Quilts. Our Community Service Group works on quilts all year long even through the summer months. If you are interested in helping us out, call Betty Dietz 703-815-2297 or e-mail [bldquilt@hotmail.com](mailto:bldquilt@hotmail.com)

### Falls Church

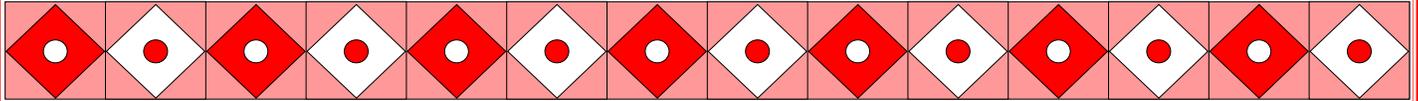
During this past year there were several service projects worked on by the members of the Falls Church QU Chapter. Falls Church thanks the members of their chapter that took leadership and participated in these projects. These included:

- Quilts of Valor - Deb Shetler, Leslie Jo Waters and Arlene Wagner coordinated projects for Quilts of Valor. A total of 21 Quilts of Valor were completed and delivered to Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Medical Center. Especially exciting was that Naval Officer/Surgeon Patricia McKay, a member of Falls Church QU personally delivered the quilts to the wounded military receiving medical care at Bethesda where she works.
- Hope of Northern Virginia - Leslie Jo Waters coordinated the effort that produced 17 baby quilts that were donated to this group.
- Fairfax Inova Hospital - Barbara Swartchick coordinated the effort that produced 34 teddy bears to be used in pediatrics unit at Fairfax Inova.
- Ronald McDonald House - Gail Wentzell, President of Falls Church QU, was approached by Barbara Clarke, House Manager of the Ronald McDonald House in Falls Church, VA. She asked if we would be able to make and donate quilts to be used by families of children receiving treatment. Some children also use these quilts. Beth Suddaby of Falls Church met with Barbara Clarke and then coordinated the effort with chapter presidents throughout the guild. To date the following chapters have produced quilts to donate: Falls Church - 2, Mt. Vernon - 2, Burke - 4, Centreville - 3, Arlington - 1, Fairfax - 1 (with more quilts promised).
- Glories Happy Hats - This past year, members of FC QU made and donated 244 Happy Hats. Glories Happy Hats is a non-profit organization based in Merrifield, VA. The organization donates the hats to hospitalized children. One of the places these hats were distributed to was Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, the Child Life Department. Anyone interested in the project can contact the group at [info@glorieshappyhats.org](mailto:info@glorieshappyhats.org)

### McLean

The Service Committee for the McLean Chapter of Quilters Unlimited provides quilts for babies and seniors in need. These quilts are donated to three organizations within our area. Baby quilts are given to the Arlington County Teenage Program and the Assistance League of Northern Virginia. Seniors receive lap quilts from the Arlington County Department of Human Services on Aging.

Two service bees are held during the year...one in January and the other in June. At our recent bee in June, 62 quilts were finished with labels. We were also honored to have a reporter, Louise Krafft, take photos of us while we worked. She wrote a full page article about our bee, including pictures, that was in the next Arlington Connection newspaper.



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### **Mt. Vernon**

This year, MVQU contributed 22 quilts to the Carpenter's Shelter, a homeless shelter for families in Alexandria. We also contributed 10 quilts to AKHA, a teen residential school and training center in Thailand. One of our members, Marianne Urban, donated two double/queen sized log cabin quilts for the Ronald McDonald House project sponsored by QU this year. In addition, many members have made additional quilts for their personal favorite charitable efforts, including church fund raisers, dog rescue groups, and the ongoing national Project Linus.

### **Reston**

Reston QU is in the final lap of our ambitious "Project 1000". an idea conceived by member Jeanne Culbert who has really run up the mileage on her sewing machine working towards the goal of being able to donate 1000 quilts to those in need. Along the way, Jeanne has been able to recruit the sewing assistance of high school students at a school where a RQU member is on the teaching faculty. This has been a win-win situation since it provides a teaching moment to the students about both how to make a quilt and the value of making something for others. The bulk of our quilts have, however, been stitched by RQU members. Quilts have gone as far away as Africa and many have stayed right here in Fairfax County, along with places in between. Children, the sick, the elderly and the homeless have been the recipients. Jeanne feels sure that by September RQU will have reached the goal of Project 1000.

### **Springfield**

This year's SQU community service projects, under the direction of Diane Henry and Carolina Diez, have centered on making lap quilts for the soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, making baby quilts for the Inova Fairfax Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), making stockings for the children of clients of Ecu-menical Community Helping Others (ECHO); and, new this year, making pillowcases to go inside the ECHO stockings.

We held one-day workshops in October for Walter Reed and March for the NICU. As a result, we have completed over 75 quilts for the soldiers and over 75 quilts for the NICU in an effort to bring comfort and encouragement to the patients and their families. An additional 60 quilt kits were made at the March NICU workshop and expect to be completed this summer.

ECHO's stocking needs were not as great this past year, so we instead concentrated on making pillowcases at our "Christmas in July" Quilting for Others workshops and continued to make them into the fall. We made over 325 pillowcases for these children. This summer, we will again be making stockings on July 14<sup>th</sup> and pillowcases on July 21st.

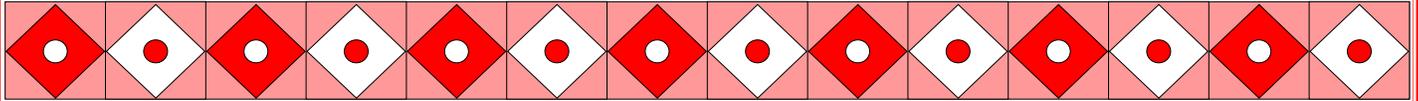
### **Vienna**

- pillow cases - about 225 were sent to homeless shelters
- quilts - 20, and quillows -15 to the homeless
- canned food collection for CHO (committee to help others) in Vienna, Oakton and Dunn Loring churches' food closets for the summer

See page 10 for Arlington's last minute addition.

### **Did You Know.....**

As a member of Quilters Unlimited, you are entitled to discounts at the Virginia Quilt Museum if you show your current membership card. Admission is \$4 and you get a 10% discount in the gift shop on yellow tag items. You are also entitled to use of their reference library.



## Dates to Save

Sully Quilt Show  
September 13, 2009

## QU Fall Speaker

Our fall speaker will be Mary Mashuta on October 29 at NOVA Annandale campus. There will be 2 all day workshops at the Artful Quilter October 30 and 31. For a bio interspersed with pictures of her quilts, go to her website at [www.marymashuta.com](http://www.marymashuta.com)

## 37th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show June 4, 5 & 6, 2010 Dulles Expo Center Chantilly, VA

## Other Quilt Shows

- now-Sept. 7 Quilt National, Athens, OH - go to [www.qsds.com](http://www.qsds.com)
- Jun. 20-Aug. 16 Visions Art Quilt Gallery, San Diego, CA - go to [www.quiltvisions.org](http://www.quiltvisions.org)
- July 1-Sept. 27 Contemporary Concepts & Color Me Wearable, La Conner, WA  
go to [www.laconnerquilts.com](http://www.laconnerquilts.com)
- July 11 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, Sisters, Oregon
- July 10-12 Mid-Appalachian 21st Year Seminar, Emmitsville, MD
- July 22-25 American Quilter's Society Quilting Expo, Knoxville, TN
- July 24-26 International Quilt Festival, Long Beach, CA
- July 30-Aug. 2 Quilt Odyssey, Hershey, PA
- Sept. 17-20 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
- Oct. 15-18 International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX
- Oct. 15-18 Pacific International Quilt Festival XVIII, Santa Clara, CA
- Oct. 28-31 American Quilter Society Expo, Des Moines, IA

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## QU Programs and Events\*

\*Be sure to contact the chapter before attending an event to make sure there have been no unforeseen changes.

### JUNE

Big QU 30 Board meeting  
S 30 Sit and Sew

### JULY

McL 7 Bee at church  
S 7 Sit and Sew  
R 10 Bee at Herndon library  
S 14 Stockings for ECHO 8:30-4  
B\* 15 Speaker Eileen Dougherty-You Be the Judge  
McL 21 Bee at church  
S 21 Pillowcases for ECHO 8:30-4  
R 24 Bee at Herndon library  
R 25 Bee at Great Falls library  
S 28 Sit and Sew

### AUGUST

McL 4 Bee at church  
S 4 Sit and Sew  
S 11 Sit and Sew  
B\* 12 Speaker Debby Kratovil-The Naked Quilter  
R 14 Bee at Herndon library  
S 18 End of Summer at Joan McGowan's  
R 22 Bee at Herndon library  
McL 25 Bee at church  
S 25 Sit and Sew  
R 28 Bee at Herndon library

\*at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Rd.

## Bylaw Change Approved

The following bylaw change was approved by a vote of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting on June 6, 2009. The change is to ARTICLE III. Membership.

3. Dues: Each member shall pay annual dues. A member is dropped from the roster if dues are not paid by *October 1*.

## QU Raffle Quilt

The winner of the raffle quilt is Dotty Eisenhower! She attended the Arlington meeting the day following the show to claim her prize. There were 2067 raffle tickets sold.

If you are getting your QU Quarterly mailed to you, but you have access to the internet, please reconsider. It costs a **minimum of \$2** to have your newsletter printed, folded, label attached and mailed to you. Please circle "yes" to the email option on your membership form. You will receive a link to the website where you can view and/or print the newsletter.

## Chapter Information\*

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### Annandale (A)

3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am  
**Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church**

3435 Sleepy Hollow Road  
Falls Church, VA 22044

President: Diane Cairns  
[virginiastainedglass@erols.com](mailto:virginiastainedglass@erols.com)

### Arlington (ARL)

2nd Monday, 7:30pm  
**Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads**

3440 South Jefferson Street  
Falls Church, VA 22041

President: Janet Little  
[jslittle@venable.com](mailto:jslittle@venable.com)

### Burke (B)

2nd Wednesdays (Business/Show & Tell), 7:30pm

4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm

**Cherry Run Elementary School**

9732 Ironmaster Drive  
Burke, VA 22015

President: Karen Loftus  
[kvloftus@aol.com](mailto:kvloftus@aol.com)

### Centreville (C)

2nd Thursday, 7:30pm

**Colin Powell Elementary School**

13340 Leland Road  
Centreville, VA 20120

President: Barbara Powers  
[barbpowers77@gmail.com](mailto:barbpowers77@gmail.com)

### Fairfax (F)

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10am

**St. Peters In the Woods**

**Episcopal Church**

5911 Fairview Woods Drive  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

President: Sharon Rixman  
[rixmannmom@hotmail.com](mailto:rixmannmom@hotmail.com)

### Haymarket (H)

1st Thursday, 7:30pm

**Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department**

3510 James Madison Highway  
Haymarket, VA 20169

President: Karen Sievert  
[karen.theniftyneedle@yahoo.com](mailto:karen.theniftyneedle@yahoo.com)

### McLean (MCL)

4th Tuesday, 9:30am

**McLean Baptist Church**

1367 Chain Bridge Road  
McLean, VA 22101

President: Suzie Buck  
[Suziebuck@aol.com](mailto:Suziebuck@aol.com)

### Mt. Vernon (MTV)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:30pm

**Hollin Hall Senior Center**

Room 216  
1500 Shenandoah Road  
Mt. Vernon, VA 22308

Presidents: Bert Garino  
[bert.garino@verizon.net](mailto:bert.garino@verizon.net)

### Reston (R)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm

**Armstrong Elementary School**

11900 Lake Newport Road  
Reston, VA 20194

President: Amy McBurnie  
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### Springfield (S)

Every Tuesday of the month, 1st  
Tuesday Business; 3rd Tuesday Pro-  
gram, 9:30am

**Grace Presbyterian Church**

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Springfield, VA 22150

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### Vienna (V)

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department**

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Vienna, VA 22180

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## Arlington Community Service

One of the main events this year for our Chapter was the development and making of the Raffle quilt for the Annual Quilt Show in June. We'd like to thank Diane Herbert for designing the quilt and choosing fabrics and to those who help with the sewing of the quilt and to Lisa Langlis for quilting it. The quilt turned out beautifully!

A group of the Chapter members spearheaded by Kath Heslep, met at a Sit & Sew with scraps of fabrics from stashes and as a result of their talents, 33 beautiful quilts were made and presented to the graduating class from Second Genesis for Women and Children in September 2008 and again in May, 2009. These quilts were featured by Channel 7 news in their coverage of the graduation program. In addition to that, a sewing machine, books, fabrics and thread were donated to the group so they could make their own quilts.

As part of the big QU service projects, Arlington made of two batik queen-size quilts for the Fairfax Inova Hospital's Ronald McDonald House project. They are beautiful and know that whoever sleeps under them will enjoy them too! We'd like to thank Gladys Clearwaters for taking on this project and seeing it through.

In December, Marna Louis was successful in raising \$695 in cash and gift cards for the women's shelter call Doorways for Women and Children. Thanks to the generous donations from our Chapter members.

An ongoing project that the Chapter has been involved with is donating cotton fabrics to Chieko McDowell's prison quilt projects. The prisoners have to make six quilts for others and once they have made those quilts, then they get to make one for themselves. At the Schoolhouse Biennial Quilt Show held June 26-28, 2009, at the Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland, MD 21502 quilts from the Prison Quilters group called Stitchin' Time Quilts, will be on display.

Finally, our last big event, besides the quilt for display from our Chapter at the annual quilt show, was a special exhibit at the Center for the Arts in Manassas, Virginia. The theme for this exhibit was Circular Motion and the quilts that were exhibited had to have a focus of something circular in it. The show ran from June 17 - 28. There were a total of 37 quilts in the show.

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