



# Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

The newsletter for Northern Virginia's Quilters

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## President's Message

What an exciting and stimulating 30th Anniversary year we're having! We began our year on September 8th with the Sully Quilt Show, always a fun time. The Arlington Chapter worked tirelessly over the summer to gather volunteers and demonstrators for this event, where we really get to "*show our stuff*" to the public!

Many thanks to the Mt. Vernon Chapter for their terrific work on the Fall lectures. Those of us who attended heard a very entertaining presentation by Ami Simms - a very talented quilter who shared her quilts and learning experiences with us, on how NOT to make an award winning quilt, and her presentation on Humorous quilts and their makers (I think we have a few members who should submit their slide to be included in her program). The Falls Church Chapter deserves a great deal of credit and many thanks for doing a fine job in coordinating the Fall Workshops.

Our Fall Quilt-in this year was a lot of fun. The Reston and Centreville Chapters have worked really hard on it. We are all indebted to all of the members who worked on these events - much gratitude to all of you!

What a delightful year we're having, and as usual, the holiday season sneaks up on me faster than I can get ready for it. Our quilting year is in full swing, and we've had some wonderful events, with even more to look forward to. Between all your end-of-year chores, your family and work responsibilities, I hope that each of you set aside some time to work on a quilting project that brings you special happiness! All too often, it seems that we spend a great deal of time and effort on projects for others, so don't forget to take care of yourself during the holiday season!

Throughout this issue, you will read about upcoming events we hope will appeal to you. Mark your calendars now if you haven't already, for the Winter Quilt-In on January 19th, with the McLean and Vienna chapters organizing the event. Perhaps, if we are lucky, show and tell at the Quilt-In will be a sneak preview of some of the quilts that will be on display in May/June at our show.

For those who observe special holidays as the year draws to a close, I wish all the best to you and your families. May each of you enter the new year in good health and with peace in your heart.

*Linda*

## Minutes of QU Executive Board Meeting – September 25th, 2002

Gayle Hindle reported that she sent invitations to 36 new vendors after visiting the Fort Washington Show. 12 new vendors and 4 old vendors have signed up for a total of 52 vendors so far. Gayle will put additional information in the newsletter. Gayle has already turned newsletter article in (YEAH for Gayle).

Joan Clemons reported that she has written a check for the deposit for the Dulles Expo Center, and has paid the Webmaster for the year and paid the ISP bill. We are finally down to one ISP. Joan also corrected her phone number.

Pat Alfredson reported that newsletter articles are due October 15th, and the newsletter should come out within the first 10 days of November, and should include the Class teachers that will be teaching at the Quilt show. December 20th is the next deadline for the newsletter for a Jan 10th delivery, and will include the Vendors who will be at the show, Class Schedule, and quilt show application. Next newsletter deadline is March 1st for a March 15th delivery, to include nominations and annual meeting information. Final newsletter deadline is April 20th for a May 10th delivery to include the Quilt Show demo list. Congratulations to Pat on a wonderful newsletter.

Andrea Gribble reported on the quilt show, and that we really need to get the web page updated to include the Quilt Show Application, Photo's from last year, and a list of vendors for the first of the year, etc. Andrea also talked about the volunteers, saying that this is a big expense yearly, and the solution will be to charge all volunteers \$5.00 and give them a three day pass. She talked about the new facility, the teachers, and the articles in the magazines, starting in November. There will be a quilt show meeting the 1st Monday of every month. Presidents were asked to provide the name of the Quilt Show representative to Andrea. Sandra Rees has gotten one Corporate Vendor so far and that is Bernina.

Carla Bower reported on the Artisans and there was nothing to report, but she did talk about Ami Simms, and that she will be picking up Ami, and taking her to the Workshop on Thursday and that Susan Sladek will be coordinating with Ami on the workshop and lectures. Mt. Vernon has confirmed the room at NOVA, and will be there to set up the lectures. Falls Church is ready for the workshops. Carla indicated that there is room available in the Thursday (October 9th) workshop and that are only 11 registered, and that there are 10 registered for Saturday's workshop. She has put a message out on the Digest, and has opened it up to anyone who would like to attend. The Workshop can accommodate a maximum of 25. Linda Roberts will bring the Big QU Projector as a backup.

**Web Liaison** - e-mail address change to [www.quliaison@quiltersunlimited.org](mailto:www.quliaison@quiltersunlimited.org) others items of discussion are under the web master.

**Web Master** - " We discussed that the Web page needs to be updated in a timely fashion, it needs to include the quilt show application, Big QU Newsletters, List of Vendors, and Classes that will be offered, it needs to also have the ability to let people register for classes on line. We need to establish a schedule for the update, since the site has not been updated since June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Sully Quilt Show** - Arlington did a fantastic job - The only thing that was missing were the QU brochures – Linda Roberts received a phone call. Linda did not have a supply of the brochures. The Treasurer reported that the Secretary has the Brochures, and is responsible for having them updated and printed. Pat Alfredson will send Linda list of the Chapter information, and Linda can update it if

Carla does not have PUBLISHER. Carla should get the brochures reprinted and distribute to the chapters, who can pass them out to visitors.

**Fall Lectures/Workshops** - Notes are under Carla Bowers Artisans Paragraph.

**Fall Quilt In** - Everything is ready.

**Winter Quilt In** is scheduled for January 19th at the Falls Church High School. We believe the snow date is February 9th.

**Annual Quilt Show** is scheduled for May 30th, 31st, and June 1st, with the show being set up on May 29th. Andrea to find out if we will be able to feed the volunteers that help set up on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We discussed Old Business of the Newsletter format, and decided that the format was fine, and since we increased the frequency of the Newsletter this year to 5 that the information was not old news.

We continue to discuss Bylaws: The one we are focusing on is Boundaries of Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia. Leesburg, Country Side, and a few others would like to join our organization and have contacted Linda. Linda ask the Presidents at the last meeting to poll the guilds and find out if they were receptive on changing the bylaws to allow additional chapters. The response from the presidents was why haven't we done this before, the last chapter (Centreville) joined 10 years ago. Linda said that she would rework the Bylaw and have it at the next meeting for review.

The meeting concluded at 8:50PM

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## Our Webpage

Did you know that Quilters Unlimited has its own webpage? If you haven't taken a peek, go to [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org) and check it out. Our new QU Webmistress, Mary Brick [C], has made some very nice changes to the site and has been busy updating it with the latest information about our QU and chapter activities and information and links to the quilting world. You will want to be sure and keep watching for updates and class registration information for our May Quilt Show.

Since this is a big job, Marilyn Owendoff [V] has agreed to assist Mary by reviewing information before it is passed to her for inclusion on the site. She asks specifically that each chapter president (or a designated representative) provide chapter information and regularly take a look at the site to make sure everything is current.

However, all suggestions, corrections or additions to the webpage are welcome and should be sent to Marilyn.

## Winter Quilt-In

**Sunday, January 19, 2003 - 1:00-5:00PM**

**(Snow date Sunday, February 9, 2003)**

# Falls Church High School

Mark your calendars NOW for this year's Winter Quilt-In!

## **Newcomers:**

This is a special time to experience the fun and camaraderie as all 11 QU chapters come together. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. We eat, talk, have show and tell, walk around to see what other quilters are working on, and have door prize drawings throughout the quilt-in. Near the end, we have block drawings and a raffle drawing for major prizes.

## **Arrival:**

Check in at the sign-in table so that you will be registered for door prizes. Remember, dues must be paid to attend the Quilt-In. If you arrive before 1 pm, please wait outside until the cafeteria is properly set up.

If there is inclement weather, check to be sure that the Quilt-In is being held. Call Fairfax County at 703-246-2500 or check Channel 21 on the Cox Cable or at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu). Again, the snow date is February 9th.

## **What to bring:**

Bring your own hand project to work on (no sewing machines); a snack, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert to share; your completed blocks for the drawing; any show-and-tell that you might want to share, and any door prize you want to donate.

Chapters and individual members are encouraged to donate door prizes to add to our fun. Quilt-related items are the best! Please no white elephants. Items should be in new or nearly mint condition. Items that do not appeal to quilters should not be donated. Please remember to include your name and address so the winner can send her thanks. Winners, please remember to send a thank you note if you win a door prize.

## **Raffle Prize:**

Don't forget to get to obtain your raffle ticket when you sign in so that you can win big.

## **What to expect:**

Fun, food, friendship, and freebies.

## **Directions:**

Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. From I-495, take Exit 8 East (Arlington Blvd/Rte. 50). Turn right at the first traffic light onto Jaguar Trail. The school is about 100 yards down on your right. The cafeteria is located at the rear of the school.

## **Parking:**

The cafeteria is easiest to reach if you use the parking at either the back or at the right side of the school where the basketball courts are. A church meets in a different part of the high school Sunday mornings and they may be leaving as we arrive.

## **Potluck:**

Bring a dish to share - snack, hors d'oeuvre, or dessert. To make cleanup go quickly, members are encouraged to use disposable food containers and serving utensils. We do not have cold storage or warming equipment. Many people have food allergies, so please label your dish if it has MSG, artificial sweeteners or if it contains nuts or nut oils of any kind.

## **Door Prizes:**

### **Block Drawings:**

This year's Winter Quilt-In theme is QU All-Stars. Each pieced block should be 6½" unfinished. The appliquéd block should be 6½" unfinished. Choose one or both. Make as many blocks as you like; you get one chance to win for each block. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Lynch.

See the insert page for the block designs.

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## Notes from the Quilt Show Design and Layout Committee

Thanks to everyone who gave their time and talent to help design last year's show, we couldn't have done it without you.

The 2002 show provided a huge learning experience, most important was the lack of time to complete the quilt layout, provide that information to the program committee, and complete the floor plan for the fire marshal. So, the deadline for quilt applications will be **March 3, 2003**, that is the day the quilt collectors will need to turn in the applications, no exceptions.

If you are sending your quilt away — for whatever reason (quilting, another show, etc.) — please be sure to take a picture before you send it.

Last year, quilts had to be rejected for lack of a picture (It is still our best form of identification.).

Please note the insurance limits on the application form. If your quilt is valued higher, we need a written appraisal with the application.

Measure your quilt accurately and make sure the quilt collector remeasures it. Last year we had quilts that hung on the floor and some placed too high as a result of inaccurate measurement.

With everyone's cooperation the 2003 show should be our best yet.

Gail Franchi Design and Layout

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## Thanks to All the Sully Volunteers

The Arlington chapter sincerely thanks all the wonderful volunteers that made QU's participation at the Sully Quilt Show this year so successful.

All the lecturers that so willingly gave of

their time and talent were extremely well received, and the ladies that helped out in the demonstration tent did a great job. Many thanks to all of you for making Arlington's job this year so easy.

# Notes from the Vendor Coordinator

Hope everyone is working on their quilt for next year's show. Remember, our theme will be *Back to the Thirties*, to celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of Quilters Unlimited. We've come along way ladies from our humble beginnings. Hope you all are looking forward to next year's show.

Last year we made a giant leap into the "Big" quilt show arena. We will need all of your help in making this show even better and continue to build our reputation.

I now have a total of 71 vendors for next year's show. I've received several recommendations for new vendors from a few of our members. Remember if you have someone you'd like for me to invite, I need to hear from you. They may or may not be able to be in the '03 show but I'll hold their name for the '04 show invitations. I need their names and addresses. If you have an e-mail or web page address that would be great also.

We have over 1,200 members in our Guild and I hope to hear from everyone of you about your favorite vendors. Also, we need the help of our membership with advertising. When you attend shows anywhere in the country we need you to get flyers from our Publicity Chairman, Betty Dietz, to put out at the show. Call or e-mail Betty, a week or two ahead of the show so she can get the flyers out to you.

If you know of website listings where individuals can post up coming events, please post our show.

Remember its May 30 - 1 June 2003 at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, VA. Please reference our website at: [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org). We don't know all the websites you do and need your assistance in advertising our show. Don't wait until the Spring. Go ahead and put our show listing and website information on the sites you visit. Talk about our show in your chat rooms.

When you go and visit your friends and family across the country tell them about our show. Encourage out of town quilters to plan bus trips to the show. We have a travel agent that can offer a four person room at \$17.50/night/person with a continental breakfast that includes pancakes and mini omelets. Almost sounds to good to stay home!

Our January Newsletter will have a listing of our vendors. So start working on your quilts, art-to-wear garments and dolls. Also, start saving your money to buy merchandise at our show. You won't find any better group of vendors anywhere.

So go and visit other shows, bring me back recommended vendors names and addresses but save your money to "buy" at ours. We need your support to make our show and our vendors successful. This is your show, and one we should be proud of. I wish to thank you ladies, in advance, for your enthusiastic support.

Gayle Hindle, Vice President QU and Vendor Coordinator

## Teachers for Qu 30th Annual Show - May 30-June1, 2003

Jinny Beyer  
Susan Brittingham  
Connie Broy  
Eileen Doughty  
Paula Golden  
Lesly-claire Greenberg  
Kathy Gray

Diane Herbort  
Sandy HettlerAnne  
Littleton  
Kathy Lincoln  
Carolyn Lynch  
Bonnie Mccaffrey  
Anne Oliver

Andrea Perkins  
Julia Pfaff  
Gayle Ropp  
Nancy Shriber  
Pat Sloan  
Cindy Simms  
Barbara Zygiel

The class list and supply list for each class will be on the internet by Jan 15, 2003. We are beginning to work on the brochure. We need lots of volunteers to help with the classes in May, as well as set up and clean up. Classes will average in cost from \$30-\$60, lectures \$10, depending whether it is a 3-hour or 6-hour class. We are also negotiating for Bernina sewing machines for one classroom as well as a Bernina team of teachers. Anyone interested in receiving a brochure send \$2 check made out to Quilters Unlimited. Brochures available Jan. 15, 2003.

Quilters Unlimited (QU) is a non-profit organization of quilters, with all chapters and activities in Northern Virginia. Founded in 1972, it has grown to approximately 1,400 members in eleven chapters, unified by a central Board of Directors. Members include women and men of all ages;

traditionalists and contemporary quilters; beginners to renowned experts. Each chapter has its own scheduled events and functions. All chapters come together for Fall and Winter Quilt-Ins, a Fall Seminar, a Spring Quilt Exhibit showcasing members' work, and a May annual meeting with accompanying workshops. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting of any chapter, as well as other QU activities. Annual membership is \$15. Quilters Unlimited Newsletter is published for members quarterly — September, November, January, and April. Our webpage is at [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org). All QU members are welcome to contribute submissions. Contact Pat Alfredson (MtV), 1300 Crystal Drive, Unit 509, Arlington, VA, 22202, 703-416-2718 or [pat.alfredson@verizon.net](mailto:pat.alfredson@verizon.net).

This year we are establishing a new database. If there is a mistake in your address, please let Susan Allbritton know about it.

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