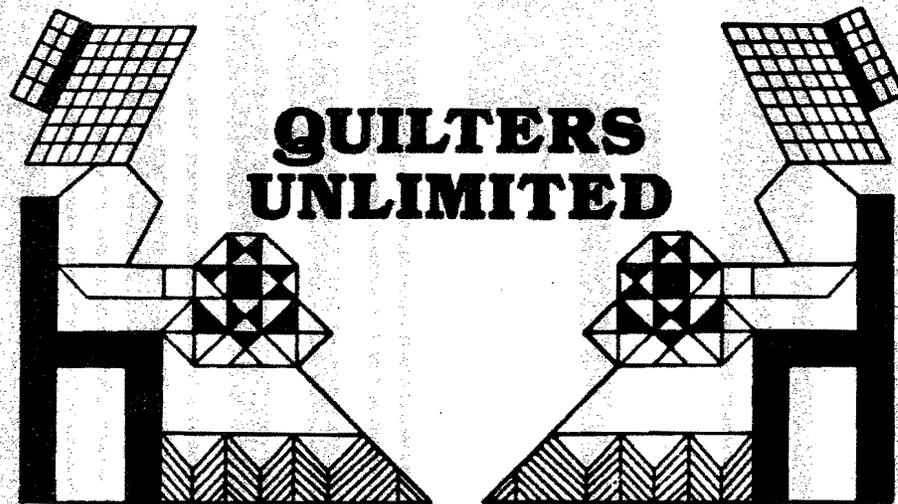


HIGHLIGHTS

OF

20 YEARS



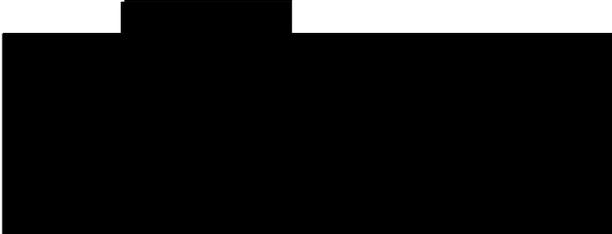
**QUILTERS
UNLIMITED**

MAY 20, 1993

This document represents a 20 Year History of Quilters Unlimited and is being printed in QU's anniversary year of 1993. I wish to thank those who put together the original "Highlights of 15 years" -- we've used all their stories in this 20th anniversary edition. The following women put together their chapter histories of the past 5 years:

Annandale	Carolyn Lynch	McLean	Mary Lou Nelson
Arlington	Sally Brown	Mount Vernon	Marlene Perry
Burke	Barbara Fry	Reston	Karen Goetsch
Centreville	Cindy Manaker	Springfield	Virginia Walsh
Fairfax	Ellen Kelly	Vienna	Sheila Musselman
Falls Church	Judy Shapleigh and Kathy Buschow		

In addition, I wish to thank Carole Nicholas, Barbara Smeder, Hazel Carter, Jinny Beyer, and Katie Pasquini Masopust for their input. This booklet could only be accomplished with the help, effort, and knowledge of my husband, Steve Elliott. I wish to thank him for being in his humble words, "just the computer guy".



Dear Fellow QU members,

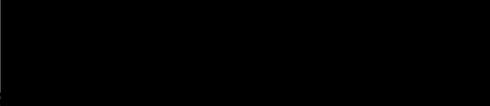
What a pleasure it has been to be president of this group. I salute our founding members and the "original 35", especially Hazel Carter, who has been active for all 20 years. I salute you, the present members with your diverse talents, and all those in between who helped us grow to what we are today.

This past year has seen many milestones:

- membership exceeded 900
- our 11th chapter was formed - the Centreville Chapter
- we were granted 501-C-3 status
- the Virginia Quilt received an Award of Recognition from the FCCA in the category "Visual Arts and the Community" for its merit as an educational tool
- the 20th Annual Quilt Show, held at the Cultural Center Gymnasium at the NOVA Campus in Annandale, drew the largest crowd ever, with 3,500 attendees

Thanks for the wonderful memories! May we continue to grow and share.

Sincerely,

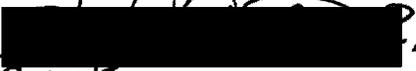


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Current QU President

Quilters Unlimited Members:

Twenty years! Twenty years of fellowships! I knew only a handful of you twenty years ago. How exciting it is that our membership is now nine hundred and growing! The accomplishments of this membership comes to light at our annual quilt show and at milestones such as we celebrate now. *Perhaps the biggest pleasure for me has been seeing the chapters' reports on the pro bono work.* Each of you are to be commended for all of the worthy projects that benefit others. Congratulations Quilters Unlimited! These have been twenty years of rewarding experiences.

Sincerely;


Hazel Carter
1st Director, Quilters Unlimited

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of Quilters Unlimited! It is inspiring to see how a handful of quilters meeting together 20 years ago has become such a large organization which has encouraged the beginner, stressed quality and innovation, produced so many fine quiltmakers, and fostered the love of quilting throughout the entire metropolitan area.

Sincerely;


Jinny Beyer

"I would like to congratulate Quilters Unlimited on their 20th anniversary! That's a lot of years! That says something about quilters."

Love,


Katie Pasquini Masopust

MEMBERSHIP

Quilters Unlimited membership as of May 1, 1993, totals 943 (with 54 associates).

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Associates</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Associates</u>
Annandale	78	11	McLean	92	5
Arlington	64	2	Mount Vernon	37	0
Burke	115	7	Reston	92	2
Centreville	21	3	Springfield	53	3
Fairfax	99	6	Vienna	213	8
Falls Church	79	7			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1973-74

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3rd Vice President
4th Vice President
and Coordinator
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1974-75

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Charlotte Bass
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1978-79

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1980-81

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1981-82

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Kathryn Kahn (Annandale)
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1982-83

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1983-84

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1984-85

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Carolyn Balcom (McLean)
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1988-89

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Newsletter

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1989-90

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Eileen Jennings (Fairfax)

1991-92

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Bunnie Jordan (Fairfax)
Darlene Geboc (Fairfax)

1992-93

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
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Marilyn Cunningham (Springfield)
Barbara Smeder (Vienna)
Janet Gauthey (Burke)
Carol Duesel (Annandale)

HISTORY of QUILTERS UNLIMITED

Twenty years ago on May 17, 1972, a group of sixteen ladies, organized by Bonnie Spathar, met at the Merrifield Village Apartments "to quilt". An article dated June 26, 1972, in the Northern Virginia Sun shows Hazel Carter, Stella Provencano, Billie Tuzo, and Carol Wein working on a quilt frame. Out of this informal assemblage, enthusiasm and plans were set in motion to organize a group of Northern Virginia quilters. By the Fall of 1972, the group was meeting at the Epworth Methodist Church on Sleepy Hollow Road in Falls Church. The group was affiliated with the National Quilting Association. Within a few months, however, NQA suffered organizational problems and was considering actions to dissolve. Our Northern Virginia group of quilters decided that their fellowship and enthusiasm for the traditions of quilting was so strong that the group should go on. Charlotte Bass (well-known needleworker and news columnist) was in attendance and prevailed upon Hazel Carter to organize the group. After many hours of extensive research, Hazel drafted a Constitution and By-Laws, and the organization Quilters Unlimited was born. Original purposes of the organization were:

"Preserve the tradition, culture, and history of quilting.
Promote the knowledge and understanding of all aspects of quilting.
Enjoy, rather than judge, each other's work."

The first meeting of QU was held in January 1973, with Charlotte Bass (Director of Stitchery at the Fairfax Council of the Arts) installing the new officers. A reception followed honoring the following new officers:

President	Bonnie Spathar	4th VP and Coordinator	Valerie White
1st Vice President	Kitty Silsby	Secretary	Polly Moulton
2nd Vice President	Suzanne Spillman	Treasurer	Marilyn Gould
3rd Vice President	Marion Amlong		

A YEAR-BY-YEAR DEVELOPMENT

1973 The Epworth (Annandale) Chapter was the charter chapter, with 85 members listed at the end of its first year. It was founded in December 1972, with Bonnie Spathar as President. Two new chapters were soon established (partially because of gas rationing!): (1) Mount Vernon, on May 20, 1973, with 34 members and Mary Pepe as President, who was reported to have cut out and pieced an eight-pointed star quilt in five days; and (2) Vienna, founded on June 15, 1973, with 52 members meeting in the Patrick Henry Library. This chapter grew from a "Bee" meeting at Hazel Carter's home in Vienna. Hazel was President of the Vienna Chapter, and some of the early members of the chapter were Jinny Beyer, Olive Campbell, Maxine French, Hazel Pesci, Virginia Stevens, and Ellen Swanson. There was a search for a name for a newsletter in mid-August; name tags were encouraged for members to wear; and dues were set at \$3.00 per year, which were to be paid by the end of each September. Quilt shows in the area were publicized, as well as tours for the group to Mennonite and Amish quilt showings. The Fairfax County Council of the Arts announced the "Renaissance of Stitchery" to be held June 3-10, 1973 at Sully Plantation. This event was held in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Authority and was open to residents of Virginia, Maryland, and D. C. All types of needlework were included.

Executive Board meetings were held at officer's homes and concentrated on finalizing the organizational structure, including Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. Three public libraries were decided upon as locations for instructional programs: Patrick Henry, Centreville, and Martha Washington. Other matters considered in 1973 included: a permanent registry of board members to be sent to plantations, museums, crafts magazines, and local newspapers; preparing a general information flier; chapter kits; assistance programs for new chapters; and limiting out-of-state membership to those members moving from the area but wishing to continue membership. The treasury showed a balance of \$78.00 at the end of 1973, with 37 paid members in Annandale, 34 in Mount Vernon, and 52 in Vienna.

1974 The first Annual Exhibit and Annual Meeting were held on March 9 and 10 at the George Mason University. The name was changed from "Quilters Unlimited" to "Quilters of America Unlimited" and some changes were made in the Constitution and By-Laws. Bonnie Spather withdrew as President. Charlotte Bass became the Coordinator of QU and the Executive Board elected Hazel Carter as its first Director. The Woodlawn Plantation announced their Annual Needlework Show to be held March 16 through 24, 1974, and they invited our group to give quilting demonstrations and act as hostesses. Hazel Carter, in her speech at the Annual Meeting, praised the volunteers who had presented programs and had so ably assisted, including Jinny Beyer, Helen Foreman, Jane Harvey, Julie Reynolds, and Ellen Swanson. The Falls Church Chapter was founded on March 29, 1974; the Arlington Chapter, with Anne Grafe as President, was formed on April 8, 1974; and the Springfield Chapter, spearheaded by Ellen Swanson and Arlene Tugel, was formed on September 11, 1974. The membership grew to 141. Plans were started for the nation's Bicentennial in 1976, and a Bicentennial Committee was formed with Jinny Beyer as Chairperson. In October, six members of the QU Bicentennial Committee (Jinny Beyer, Olive Campbell, Hazel Carter, Mary Ann Shindle, Virginia Stevens, and Ellen Swanson -- all from the Vienna Chapter) traveled to Connecticut to show quilts, demonstrate quilting, and to open the Bicentennial events there. They were guests in area homes and were entertained at a banquet provided by the local Grange.

Executive Board activities included: efforts to contact U. S. Congressmen to use their influence with the Smithsonian Institution to permit the showing of their quilt collection; efforts to get the membership list together; and a possible survey of the group (regarding interests, locations, etc.). A newsletter was published with news from each chapter. "Bees" would all be associated with a chapter and a Coordinating Council would be made up of chapter representatives. Other topics covered were: voting on advisors, new chapters, forms, a redesign of the QU brochure, and a summary of various chapters. There were now six chapters: Annandale/Epworth, Arlington, Falls Church, Mount Vernon, Springfield, and Vienna -- and one bee: Franconia.

1975 Through the efforts of Jinny Beyer and the Bicentennial Committee, the first QU exhibit took place at the Athenaeum in Alexandria. Quilters of America Unlimited formally restricted all chapters to be located in Northern Virginia. Teachers of Quilting listed in our 1975 brochure included: Jinny Beyer, Hazel Carter, Bonnie Spather, and Ellen Swanson. QU celebrated its 3rd Anniversary with a Christmas Tea, where members brought quilted items for Show And Tell. Dues were now \$5.00; \$7.50 for family; \$2.00 for seniors; and \$1.00 diamond. The McLean Chapter, meeting in the Dolly Madison Library, was formally organized on December 2, 1975, with Fern Morrison (President), Carolyn Balcom (Vice President), Patt Madlener (Secretary), and Nadine Fuller (Treasurer).

Executive Board minutes indicate a very busy year: another show at the Athenaeum, hosting of the Woodlawn Plantation show, and participation by various chapters in such community festivals as Sully

Plantation. Various newsletter names were submitted by members -- the final choice was "Bits and Pieces".

1976 Executive Board activities included the redesign of the QU brochure by Twyla Dell, Virginia Pennington, and Pat Valente. Our Annual Luncheon honored Charlotte Bass, Louise Hildenbrand, and Edith Weeks. QU worked with Woodlawn Plantation on their annual show as their sole source of hostesses. We also participated in the Sully Plantation "Bicentennial Clothesline Quilt Show" on July 31, 1976, by demonstrating quilting and selling quilted items. Members traveled together by bus to the State Fair. The QU Brochure was redesigned and printed. QU was very pleased that Bonnie Lehman, editor of Quilters Newsletter Magazine, and her husband came to Northern Virginia especially to attend our Annual Quilt Show, held at the Athenaeum. A reception was held in her honor at the home of Jinny Beyer. Dues were raised to \$6.00 per year.

1977 There were eight chapters and one bee now, for a total of 248 members. The Stearns and Foster quilt was on display at our Annual Exhibit held April 29 through May 1, 1977. First Lady Betty Ford was invited, but she was unable to attend. We assisted Woodlawn Plantation with their annual show again this year, with the help of several other quilt groups. New stationery was designed for "important correspondence". Executive Board notes indicate a discussion of having out-of-state members-at-large so that they could receive newsletters and announcements, and regular memberships limited to Northern Virginia residents. A QU "Quilt As You Go" project was worked on all year, for raffle at the 1978 Annual Meeting.

1978 Membership numbered 286. Executive Board meetings were held in public meeting rooms while bees were held in homes. Several amendments were made to Articles in the By-Laws. Plans were made for participation in the Continental Quilting Congress which was to be held October 25-28, 1978, at Stouffers Hotel in Crystal City. Jean Ray Laury's workshops, lecture, and autograph party were coordinated into our Annual Show. Beth and Jeff Gutcheon were guest speakers at our Annual Meeting.

1979 Membership was now 296, and there were eight chapters. The Annual Show, held April 5-8 at the Athenaeum, was a great success. Billy Tuzo edited the Bits and Pieces newsletters (for quarterly mailings) to help all members be informed of activities. Chapter programs continue to be diverse, given by both professionals in the quilt world and those interested enough to share their tips and techniques.

Other Executive Board activities included the discussion of a person holding two offices at one time -- it was decided against. It was also voted that a Nominating Committee should consist of a Chairman and one member from each chapter. The Chairman would submit a list of nominees to the membership at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, where voting would take place. Eugenia Burwell spoke at the Annual Meeting on "String Quilting".

1980 The Reston Chapter was formed. A number of chapters contributed to the community: Annandale worked with the Fairfax County Council of the Arts on a Sampler Quilt raffled at Green Spring Farm; Arlington demonstrated quilting at Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club and Gunston Art Center; Falls Church participated in the first Annual Needlework Show at Cherry Hill Farm; McLean demonstrated quilting at Colvin Mill Run; Mount Vernon sponsored the Fall Luncheon at Gunston Hall (which included a tour of George Mason's home); and the Vienna Chapter sponsored a quilt raffle to purchase a portrait of Patrick Henry for the library. A

"New Decade of Quilting" was the theme for our Annual Show. The program for our Annual Meeting was "Hazel Carter Day" – a tribute. There were 370 members now on the rolls.

1981 There were now ten chapters, with a total membership of 439. The tradition of selling quilt calendars was started this year as a fund raiser. The Vienna Chapter "Butterfly" quilt, made in memory of Olive Campbell, was raffled and the proceeds given to Fairfax Hospital. A memorial plaque in her name hangs in the Hospital. We joined Wolf Trap in putting on a Quilt Show held at the Potomac School. The first Winter Bee (Quilt-In) and Pot Luck Supper was held. "Hands All Around" was the theme of our Annual Quilt Show, held at the Athenaeum. Flavin Glover was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. Her topic was "Using Parts of Old Jeans". The Woodbridge Chapter and Franconia Bee were, because of low attendance, no longer part of our group.

1982 We were now ten years old. Our Tenth Anniversary was celebrated at a dinner held at the Springfield Hilton. Attendance, including a number of husbands, was 149 people. "A Salute to Quilters Unlimited" was the theme of Jinny Beyer's keynote presentation. The Wolf Trap Quilt, coordinated by Judy Spahn (Vienna), was made by members with fabrics donated by the Quilt Patch as a Wolf Trap fund raiser. Quilts in our Annual Show were exhibited at Gadsby's Tavern. Nancy Crow's presentation on "Contemporary Quilt Making: A Personal View" at our Annual Meeting was held at the Barns of Wolf Trap. Membership now totaled 467.

1983 A banner design contest was held in honor of our second decade -- the winner was Elly Dyson of the Fairfax Chapter. Steps were begun for incorporating the group as a nonprofit organization, and a By-Laws Committee was already working on revisions. New QU fliers were printed. The Annual Show this year -- A Decade of Quilting -- was held again at Gadsby's Tavern. Since the Show is such a large undertaking, a Show Committee was formed to coordinate future show activities. Sandy Bard gave a lecture on her Artistic Vests for our Annual Meeting at Tyson's Town Hall, and she conducted workshops at the Goodwin House.

1984 Donations of quilts were made by different chapters to Ronald McDonald House. Due to our growth, the By-Laws were revised and voted on at the Annual Meeting in May. The group name was changed back to the original name, Quilters Unlimited. The "Director" title was changed to "President". Dues were changed to \$10/year general membership, \$15 family, and \$5 for senior citizens. The By-Laws Committee, chaired by Lenore Parham and with representatives from each chapter, spent many hours on this project -- reviewing and revising every word in every Article -- including the printing and mailing (via Bits n' Pieces) to all members. Each chapter now has the job of adopting QU By-Laws into their Chapter By-Laws. Elly's new banner was displayed at the Winter Quilt-In and Annual Show. The Torpedo Factory in Alexandria was the location of the Show this year. The movie "Quilts in Women's Lives" was shown at the Annual Meeting and a quilt donated by the Ben Franklin store was raffled as a fund raiser for QU. It was then decided to donate the \$155 raised to the Hospice of Northern Virginia.

1985 "Airing of Quilts" was the title given to the miniature quilts created by QU members for decoration of one of the Smithsonian Christmas Trees in their annual display at the Museum of American History. This project was chaired by Phyllis Spiker. Members hosted at the Woodlawn Needlework Show held March 2-24. The Vienna Chapter donated 18 quilts to Ronald McDonald House this year.

Executive Board activities included making plans for the Annual Quilt Show, which was held April 19-21 at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria. A QU pin, designed by Lesly-Claire Greenberg, was

made available to the membership at a cost of \$4.00. Members were delighted with an invitation from Jinny Beyer to come to her home on December 9, 1985, for the QU Christmas Tea. The Waterford Quilters invited the club to spend a day quilting, sharing fabrics for charm quilts, and enjoying fine food. The Springfield Chapter voted to sell raffle tickets for a White-on-White Quilt, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society in honor of Jean Cosner, who passed away in August. We received a note from the Smithsonian thanking us for our participation in "Trees of Christmas" and for the 216 miniature quilts, the Sun Bonnet Sue dolls, baskets, etc., which are now a part of their collection. A "Parade of Quilted Fashions" was the program for the Annual Meeting.

1986 A survey was made of the membership regarding the Annual Quilt Show (including location, lectures, teachers, merchants, changes, etc.) by the Show Committee (Chairman and one representative from each chapter) to study the issues and to prepare a five year plan. The four QU Board activities -- Fall Luncheon, Christmas Tea, Winter Quilt-In, and Annual Show -- were very successful. The Board voted to donate \$100 to the Search for Virginia Quilts (date 1788 through 1985) organized by Hazel Carter. Many chapters and members participated in the research of this study, as well as in the final showing of quilts and the book being published in 1987. The Virginia Star block made by Marie Wallace of McLean (at the request of the QU Board) was mailed to the Boise, Idaho quilters for incorporation in the Governors' Quilt. Treasurer Ginny Hall designed and/or revised a number of our forms for better efficiency. As members of the Fairfax County Council of the Arts (FCCA), we were asked to join an "Artisans" group (local area artist organizations) which had been organized to further arts in the county, share space for shows, etc. The Board voted approval of a post office box as a permanent mailbox for QU (which eventually became Box 216, Merrifield, VA 22116). Elly Sienkiewicz gave a presentation based on her book "Spoken Without A Word" (Baltimore Album Quilts) at the Annual Meeting at the Hermitage Retirement Home.

1987 The Show Committee was hard at work making improvements for the Annual Show, including the construction of their own poles. Insurance was, again, an issue ... the rates were continuing to go up and the coverage for their quilts (in the show) was limited. Secretary Debbie Repass was putting in many hours working with the IRS for QU to obtain nonprofit status. It was agreed at a Board meeting that we would make some changes in two of our QU activities which include the total membership -- a Fall Quilt-In would replace the Fall Luncheon and a Harvest Brunch would replace the Christmas Tea. They were both very successful, even though the unexpected snow storm on November 11, 1987, kept a lot of folks from attending the brunch. We continued work with the Artisans group toward their incorporation (which will, hopefully, benefit the member artist organizations as well as the public). Phyllis Spiker (Springfield) agreed to chair the QU Artisans Committee, with the assistance of a member from each chapter. Judy Warren was keynote speaker at our Annual Meeting in May 1987, and also provided several interesting workshops.

15th Anniversary of the founding of Quilters Unlimited. After 15 years, the membership in QU has grown from 16 to more than 625 members in its ten chapters. A contest was held to determine how we should celebrate. The winning idea was to have a 15th Anniversary Pin which was offered to the membership at cost as an anniversary present. Lesly-Claire Greenberg's design was selected from four designs submitted. Ruth Campbell (McLean) was asked to be our Historical Committee Chairperson and to gather information from our records and the chapters for a report to be shared with members at the Annual Meeting.

1988 A study was made of our insurance coverage, which included attending a seminar sponsored by the FCCA and a report made to the Board. Our brochure was updated and made available in April, just in time for our Annual Show held at the Falls Church Community Center,

which was extremely successful. The Show Committee again "knocked themselves out" ... more quilts than any previous show and a merchant mall was included. Plans continued for our 15th Anniversary Year, which included having Jinny Beyer as guest speaker at the Annual Meeting, as well as two days of workshops with Jinny. Her topic "The Magical Appeal of One-Patch and Charm Quilts: Creating Memories" was a wonderful way to end the year ... M E M O R I E S !

1988-89 Newsletter editor Barbara Bockman created a "new face" for the newsletter, giving it a more compact and easy-to-read format. The Falls Church Community Center was the site of the Fall Quilt-In, as well as the 16th Annual Spring Show. Barbara Black, representing the Textile Collection in Colonial Williamsburg, presented a program on quilt conservation at the "Harvest Luncheon" Seminar at the Westwood Country Club. QU again decorated a Smithsonian Christmas Tree with miniature quilts. The Winter Quilt-In took place at Woodson High School. QU became increasingly involved from this time in public service projects, donating hours, funds, quilts, and crafts. Ami Sininis was the guest speaker at the Annual meeting at the Hermitage in Alexandria.

1989-90 Dues were changed to \$15.00 per year. President Carolyn Lynch began organizing the making of "The Virginia Quilt", along with the publishing of an accompanying pattern book. Elly Sienkiewicz was the featured speaker at the "Autumn Luncheon" Seminar. The ever-expanding Annual Quilt Show was moved to the Vienna Community Center. The QU Resource and Reference Library was established at the Fred Packard Center. The Annual Meeting at the Hermitage featured Jan Myers-Newbury.

1990-91 Under the direction of President Andrea Perkins, the Virginia Quilt and the book "Virginia Is For Quilt Lovers" were completed. The Fairfax County Council of the Arts awarded a grant to QU towards publication. It is QU's intention to donate as many of these books as possible to organizations and schools. Joan Knight spoke at the Autumn Luncheon Seminar at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Arlington. Artisans United became a reality and QU is a member group. The Winter Quilt-In was moved to Falls Church High School Cafeteria. The first bus trip to the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Williamsburg was organized. Tina Gravatt spoke on "Heirloom Miniature Quilts" at the Annual Meeting.

1991-92 President Glennda Shriver represented QU at several meetings with the Smithsonian Institute regarding their quilt reproductions made in China. The Community Service projects have been multiplying in leaps and bounds. QU made the backdrop for the play "The Quilters" for Dominion Stage of Alexandria. Proceeds from the raffle of the "blocks" went to the House of Ruth. Pauline Burbidge of Nottingham, England was the speaker for our Fall Seminar. The Virginia Quilt began its "teaching tour" of schools, fairs, and other public places, and was juried into the April Lancaster Show. Judy B. Dales was our keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting.

1992-93 Our 20th Anniversary Year! Susan Risty designed the special Commemorative pin. We had two speakers at our Fall Seminar -- Dr. Ulysses G. Dietz, Curator of Decorative Arts at the Newark Museum, and Darra Duffy Williamson, who also gave workshops based on her book "Sensational Scrap Quilts". Due to the high rental fees for Fairfax County school facilities, our Fall and Winter Quilt-Ins were held in Arlington County at the Kenmore Middle School. Our Reference Library became a Lending Library. We welcomed a new Centreville Chapter and our brochure was updated. Our 20th Annual Quilt Show at NOVA was our most successful ever. Katie Pasquini-Masopust is scheduled as the keynote speaker at our Annual Meeting, and a special quilt show "Then and Now" is planned for our 20th Anniversary meeting. Jo Diggs will come in June to give a lecture and workshops. Here's to the next 20 years!