

# Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

The Newsletter for Northern Virginia's Quilters

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## President's Letter

In case you have been hearing negative rumors about our Quilt Show, not to worry. We still plan to be having a wonderful time on Mother's Day weekend. There is a change of management at the Expo Center and we are working with the owner who has assured us that everything will be in place.

Andrea Gribble and her team from all the chapters are doing a superb job of whipping everything into shape. Special thanks also goes to Gayle Hindle for rounding up all those vendors and dealing with the confusion at the Expo Center. Please take a moment to read up on our Quilt Show in this newsletter.

I hope everyone had fun at the Winter Quilt-In. I certainly did. Show and Tell just keeps getting better and better.

Thank you to the Centreville chapter for setting up and running the Quilt-In and to McLean for handling the food and drinks.

Soon we will be having our Annual Meeting and Seminar. Please make every effort to attend. Besides hearing a wonderful speaker we will be electing our new board. The Nominating Committee has put together a great slate. Take care and hope to see everyone soon either at the Quilt Show or Annual Meeting or both.

--Sandra Rees

## QU Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 2

7:00 p.m.

Annandale High School

4700 Medford Drive

Annandale, VA

## Speaker - Karen K. Stone

A trunk show of Karen's quilts, from the early ones, to works in progress

Karen K. Stone began quilting in 1986, teaching in 1990 and publishing her designs in 1993. Her quilts have won numerous awards, including first prizes in international competitions, and have appeared on covers of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*, and several catalogs. Her Indian Orange Peel received the People's Choice Award at Quilt National 1995, and she has appeared on HGTV's *Simply Quilts*. Karen holds degrees in Piano from Baylor and Indiana Universities, and lives in Dallas with her husband, two daughters, and a menagerie of pets.

## Directions to Annandale High School

From 495 (beltway) take exit 52B, Little River Turnpike East, Rt. 236. Turn right at the first light onto Heritage Drive. Go .6 mile and turn left onto Four Year Run. Go .3 mile to Annandale High School on the right.

The Nominating Committee of Quilters Unlimited presents the following slate of officers for 2002-03

President	Linda Roberts	Vienna
Vice President	Gayle Hindle	Burke
Secretary	Carla Schardt	Reston, McLean
Treasurer	Joan Clemons	Mt. Vernon
Newsletter Editor	Pat Alfredson	Mt. Vernon
Nominating Com. Chair	Lynn Everly	Arlington
Annual Show Chair	Andrea Gribble	Vienna

## QUILT SHOW UPDATE

I'm sure by now many of you have heard that the Capital Expo Center will be closing in April and you're wondering whether this is true, and what effect this will have on our quilt show. I'd like to share with you what is really happening, and what your Quilt Show Committee is doing to handle this information.

Last week we were notified by the Hub Expo Center Company, which is the business enterprise that is currently operating the Capital Expo Center, that it had lost its lease to the Capital Expo Center premises - it was apparently leasing the property from a K-Mart entity which in turn was leasing the property from the owner. Due to the K-mart bankruptcy, their lease was affected by K-mart's actions. The Hub Expo Center people have decided to close down their operations in the DC area by April 9th and vacate the Capital Expo Center as of April 15th. That means that THEY will not be present to help us put on our show. NONETHELESS, the OWNERS of the Capital Expo Center, Pence/Fridell in McLean, Virginia have assured us that our quilt show will be held at the Capital Expo Center as planned.

They are working on making the final arrangements to take over the buildings when the Hub folks leave. We are maintaining close contact with them, and believe they are making every effort to make this come true. They are looking over our contract with Hub Expo and every indication is that they will be able to duplicate the terms.

Our show is bracketed the preceding weekend (May 3-5) by the Sugarloaf Craft Festival, and the following weekend (May 17-19) by the International Gem and Jewelry Show, both of whom will be affected by Hub's withdrawal, and both of whom use the Expo facilities multiple times in a year. We have been in contact with the management of both shows, and they have not cancelled their shows, indicating that they also believe that the owners will be able to take over and put on their shows for them. I also spoke to the parties that operate the Big Flea (another big customer of the Capital Expo Center). Their next show is in July, and they also are not cancelling, indicating that they believe their next show will still be held there. In fact, they announced at their show last weekend that they DEFINITELY would be back at the Expo Center in July.

Because so much work has already been completed in getting this show ready, and because there are so many positive indicators that the Expo Center will be operational at the time of our show, we are going to proceed with the plans for our show. Therefore, in order to be ready in time, we need everyone to meet their deadlines!! Please, please, please, complete your quilts and submit your

applications by March 15. It is critical that we be ready to roll with our design and layout by the time the building is made available to us, and we can't do that without the quilts. After all, it wouldn't be a quilt show without our many, lovely quilts!

So please don't let this unfortunate hitch provide you with an excuse not to finish your piece for the show - we're counting on you! And what's the worst that could happen? You finished that quilted item you'd been promising yourself you would finish.....We will provide updates in the Digest as soon as more information becomes available to us. Stay tuned.....

-Andrea Gribble

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## How to Make a Hanging Sleeve

Thanks to Nancy Fallone (McL) for this instructional reminder: Each quilt entered in our show must have a sleeve this size to ensure that they fit properly on our poles.

1. Cut a piece of fabric equal to the width (side to side) of your quilt by 9". Hem the 9" edges of the sleeve by turning each end under 1/2" twice.
2. Fold the fabric along the short width so the wrong sides are together and the sleeve is now 4 1/4" by the width of your quilt (less hemmed edges). Stitch along the raw edge the entire length of the sleeve using a 1/4" seam. Baste a 1/4" seam along the opposite folded edge (fold and baste a 1/4" tuck). You should now have something that looks like a long tube. DO NOT TURN!
3. Refold and press the tube so that the two seams are opposite each other, going down the center rather than the edge of the tube.
4. Place the raw-edged seam up against the quilt back about 1" from the top edge. Pin and hand stitch along both folded edges of the tube (leave the tube open). Remove the basted seam that faces outward. This extra fullness allows the quilt to hang flat, and any pulling that may be caused by the hanging pole will be taken up by the fullness of the sleeve rather than the quilt.

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 a Fall and Winter Quilt-In; 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. All QU members are welcome to contribute submissions. Contact Susan Allbritton (B), 8934 Bald Hill Place, Burke, VA 22015, 703-323-9037, [susan.quilter@verizon.net](mailto:susan.quilter@verizon.net)

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## QU Chapter Information

Listed below are the meeting times and dates for the eleven chapters of QU, with the programs planned for the remainder of the fiscal year. Please be advised that time, dates and subject of programs can change. **Meetings in BOLD are new.**

### Annandale

Third Wednesday, 10 am, Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Falls Church. Baste-a-Thons: First Wed, 10 am, The Quilt Patch, Bees: Second Wed, 10 am, Packard Center, 4020 Hummer Rd. Contact: Carolyn O'Flaherty, 703-941-5890.

Apr 17 Auction  
May 15 Jane Townswick – Applique lecture and workshop  
Jun 19 Luncheon

### Arlington

Second Monday (Program) 7:30 pm Auditorium (LL) Goodwin House West, 3440 S. Jefferson St, Falls Church (Bailey's Crossroads). Other Mondays are Bees, 7:30 pm, Top of the West (12<sup>th</sup> floor), Goodwin House West. Contact: Elaine Lynn, 703-354-0791.

Apr 8 To be determined  
May 13 Annual Auction  
June 10 Mimi Dietrich and Potluck Dinner

### Burke

Second Wed (Business/Show & Tell), Fourth Wed (Program), 7:30 pm Cherry Run Elementary, 9732 Ironmaster Dr, Burke. Contact: Kathy Lyon, 703-455-7151.

Apr 24 Jinny Beyer – Designing Tessellations  
May 22 Rose Hahn – Floral Realism  
Jun 12 June Social

### Centreville

Second Thurs, 7:30 pm at Centre Ridge Elementary Cafeteria, 14400 New Braddock Rd, Centreville. Contact: Sue Heisler, 703-830-0725.

Apr 11 Ann Littleton and Carolyn Lynch, Hankies Trunk Show  
May 9 Judy Lundberg, Stack & Whack Lecture and Hands on Learning with kit  
June 13 End of year Social

### Fairfax

First Thurs (Business/Show & Tell), Third Thurs (Program), 10 am, St. Peters In the Woods Episcopal Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Drive, Fairfax Station. Contact: Priscilla Stultz, 703-591-5630.

Mar 21 Rachel Brown – “My Journey” Lecture and Landscape Applique workshop  
Apr 18 Diane Yim – Wearable Art Trunk Show  
May 16 Jane Townswick – Applique workshop/lecture

### Falls Church

Third Fri, 7:30 pm, Dulin Methodist Church, 513 E. Broad St., Falls Church. Contact: Carla Bowers, 703-237-7871.

April 19 Carol Miller -- Stash Magic Trunk Show

### McLean

Fourth Tues, 9:30 am, McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean. Contact: Barbara Wynne, 703-893-7814.

### Mar 19 Round Robin – Members demo their skills

Apr 23 Auction  
May 28 End of year Luncheon & Baby Quilt Show & Tell

### Mt. Vernon

Second (Business/Show & Tell/Mini-Workshop), Fourth (Program), Tues, 12:30 pm, Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Bees: Off Tues, Rm 216, 12 noon. Contact: Mary Stauss, 703-765-4859.

Mar 26 Karen Alexander – “Doc. Our Lives as Quilters”  
Apr 23 Silent Auction featuring unfinished proj/food  
May 28 Year End Luncheon

### Reston

Second (Business/Bee/Mini-Workshop) and Fourth Tues, 7:30 pm, Armstrong Elementary, 11900 Lake Newport Rd, Reston. Contact: Vicki Thompson, 703-406-1586.

### Mar 26 First Baptist Church, 681 Elden St, Herndon

April 23 Annual Auction  
May 28 Paula Golden

### Springfield

First (Business) and Third (Program) Tues, 9:30 am, Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St, Springfield. Contact: Jill Redding, 703-866-1436

Mar 19 In House workshops, choice of several  
Apr 16, Martine House – Lecture, Trunk Show and Workshop, “Butterfly Dance,” featuring  
May 14 Jane Townswick – Lecture, Trunk Show and Applique workshop, “Shining Daffodils” Picnic (date to be announced)

### Vienna

Third Tues, 7:15 pm, **(New Location)** Flint Hill Elementary School located on Flint Hill Road in Vienna, Va. Contact: Karla Vernon, 703-281-0738.

Mar 19 Joan Leake  
Apr. 16 Pat Sloan  
May 21 Ray Kock

**QUILTERS UNLIMITED  
BOARD MEETING  
March 6, 2002**

The minutes for the November 2001 meeting were approved. The budget was provided to all attendees and reviewed.

**Quilt Show**--Andrea Gribble announced that she met with the owner of the Capitol Expo Center buildings today. The owner said the show "will go on". We are still planning to have our show there as scheduled and are proceeding as planned. The deadlines will remain the same - entry forms for the quilts are due March 15, 2002. Andrea is preparing a notice for Barbara Tricarico to put in the QU Digest and the newsletter and emailing the vendors. She asks that the Presidents let members know that we are still planning for the show; also Andrea asked that the members not call - she is working it. The ads are currently in *Quilter's Newsletter* and will be in *American Patchwork and Quilts*. There are three bus tours coming for the show. We also have a corporate sponsor. We need one month for layout time and putting the program together and two weeks for the printer. We also discussed the entry forms - each chapter's quilt show representative has copies of them. Susan Allbritton is going to call Mary Brick and get the entry form onto the website.

**Newsletter**--This will be the last one this year.

**Directory**--Susan Allbritton delivered the directory to the printer last week. She has redone the database. She asks for everyone's help in finding/correcting errors - please call or email her directly and she will make the changes. Her email address is to [susan.quilter@verizon.net](mailto:susan.quilter@verizon.net).

**Nominating Committee**--Emily handed out the nominations: President Linda Roberts (Vienna); Vice President Gayle Hindle (Burke); Secretary Carla Schardt (Reston, McLean); Treasurer Joan Clemons (Mount Vernon); Newsletter Editor Pat Alfredson (Mount Vernon); Nominating Committee Chair Lynn Everly (Arlington); Annual Show Chair Andrea Gribble (Vienna).

**Annual Meeting/Seminar**--Carla Schardt announced that Karen Stone is our featured speaker at the Annual Meeting and will be conducting the workshops on Friday and Saturday. Friday's workshop will be 10 - 4. The Saturday workshop will be earlier than usual - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm since Karen has another commitment. The workshops will be held at Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church on Annandale Road.

**Tax Exempt Status**--We are an educational organization - not charitable. We can donate quilts, but cannot give money to charities. There will be a notice in the newsletter regarding this issue.

**Final Meeting**--The final Executive Board meeting will be after the Quilt Show. It has been scheduled for May 29 at 7:00 pm at the Packard Center. Sandy will be checking with Linda Roberts to have the In/Out board meeting at the same time.

**Northern Virginia Quilters Unlimited Executive Board 2001-2002**

Sandra Rees	President	703-250-6407
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**Chapter Presidents**

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### What Are We?

Carol Miller (S) brings us this clarification from QU's legal representative:

Quilters Unlimited is a non-profit organization.

The rules for being a non-profit organization are as follows:

We are not limited as to the amount of money that we can carry over from year to year. However,

we are very limited as to how we spend what we have and what we carry as a balance. It is even suggested that we carry a balance large enough for us to be able to acquire teachers for the coming year(s).

All monies are to be spent on quilting and quilting related objects or education related to quilting.

What this means is that we are not allowed to give to charity. However, we can donate quilted objects or quilting supplies.

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**Karen K. Stone Workshops**  
**Sleepy Hollow Methodist Church**  
**3435 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, VA**

**Friday, May 3 - 10 AM - 4 PM - New York Beauty** - paper foundation piecing, curved piecing, a drafting lesson (for those interested), and an informal lecture/discussion on organization of color in quilts.

**Saturday, May 4 - 8 AM - 2 PM - The Happy Rick-Rack Quilt** - whimsical hexagonal blocks which celebrate the 30's and the 60's and utilize paper foundation techniques and raw edge treatments that are a little out of the ordinary. Suggestions on improvisation for the adventurous. This is fun!

**Cost:** \$30 per class

**Note:** Supply List will be sent upon receipt of check.. Classes will be filled in the order checks are received. If you have to cancel, contact Pat Dews by phone to see if she can fill your spot. Otherwise, the fees are non-refundable. For information, call Pat at 703-631-2288, or e-mail [cowgirl@cox.rr.com](mailto:cowgirl@cox.rr.com)

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**Karen K. Stone Workshops**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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If registering for both classes, indicate first choice:

**New York Beauty**      \$30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday, May 3 - 10AM-4PM

**The Happy Rick Rack Quilt**      \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday, May 4 - 8 AM-2PM

Make checks payable to Quilters Unlimited

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