

# Quilters Unlimited Quarterly

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## President's Letter—Joanne Fitzgerald

### COMING EVENTS:

- March 9 & 10, Cabin Branch Quilt Show, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA
- March 13—16, Lancaster-Quilt Show, Host Resort, Lancaster, PA
- March 16—National Quilting Day
- April 24-27, —AQS Quilt Show, Paducah, KY
- May 31, June 1 and 2, 2013—40th Annual QU Quilt Show
- July 25—28, Hersey Quilt Odyssey, Hersey Lodge & Convention Center, Hersey PA

Hello Quilting Friends. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and that you are now looking forward to Spring. It's in the air. I think the groundhog might be right this year – Spring is coming. And with it is our final push to the 2013 QU Quilt Show. I am so excited. My challenge quilts are done, registered, measured and photographed. Phew! Hope yours are done as well.

I received a very special e-mail over the holidays that it is my pleasure and honor to share with you. Bonnie Spather, our 1st President, sent us a hello from Texas. As we move forward into our next 40 years, it never hurts to look back to see from where we came. I thank Bonnie Spather, Hazel Carter, and the other members of the original group of 16 for taking those first steps – we wouldn't exist without you.

On Saturday, February 9th, a handful of quilt show representatives and members spent a labor intensive

but totally enjoyable day inventorying the storage shed that we use for the Quilt Show supplies – measuring and tagging drapes, hooks, classroom supplies. We actually had a fun time with it. There's a bit more to do in the shed, but knowing we have so many wonderful members that give of themselves to Quilters Unlimited – I know the job will get done.

It makes me reflect on all that we do and all that we are as quilters. I love being part of Quilters Unlimited and so honored to be the organization's President this year. I cannot commend our volunteers strongly enough. There is no Quilt Show – there is no Quilters Unlimited – without our volunteers. Our QU Board, Chapter Presidents and their Boards and Committee Chairs are all volunteers. I wish that I could shake the hand or hug every single one of our volunteers. You all are amazing! You get it done and we laugh and have fun along the way.

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## Letter from Bonnie Spather—First QU President

Hi and happy holidays to you and the membership. It was exciting for me to see how successful the quilting club has become. I remember the week I put the ad in the Annandale Globe in April of 1972. It read— "is there anyone in the Annandale area who wants to learn how to quilt? If so please call me at...." Two weeks later there were 16 ladies at the Merrifield Apartment Social Room and so the group was founded. Shortly after that, Margaret Mason offered us a room at Epworth Methodist Church on Sleepy Hollow Road. At each meeting early birds set to work cleaning the floors suitable for laying tops. Some of these had been stored from families' cedar chests. And what an enthusiastic endeavor as we basted layers on the church floor (bottoms up)!

News got around through the media and soon we were demonstrating at Gunston Hall. There I was with a new long quilting frame still learning but so eagerly pursuing the craft. At that time I was a Chapter Chairman of the Virginia Chapter of NQA but the travel to DC to meetings was a problem so our group left the National Quilting Association to organize our own club. There was a contest to submit names and I offered a \$5.00 prize for the winner and thus was born "Quilters Unlimited of North Virginia".

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## QUILT SHOW VENDORS

Start saving your money now!!!! We have a line up of vendors for this coming show that will make everyone happy! There are 30 + new vendors as well as our all time favorites.

There is something for everyone, so check out the following list. You can then plan ahead for your purchases.

### Our Corporate Sponsors:

Traditions of the White Swan

Sew Batik

Patchwork Plus

Circle Sewing Studios

Memory Lane Quilting

### Vendors:

Beba's Enterprises

Pennsylvania Quilter

Frost Antiques

Schlosser's Quality Quilt Frames

Red Fern

Apple Mountain Quilts

Lancaster Traditional

Kerry's Collectables

Lakadaisies

Gadgets at Thread and More

Early Times Workshop

Just Quilt It

Magnificent Quilting

Sue Pelland Designs

Nine Patch Fabrics

The Cloth Peddler

Del Ray Fabrics

TSC Designs

Cheryl Ann Design Wall

Shakerwood Woolens

Patches n Planks

WEB Fabrics

Quilting Connection

Aurora Quilts

Capital Quilts

Virginia Stained Glass

Virginia Longarm Network

Barbara Lopez Designs

Epicurean Boutique

Cuckoo Quilts

PSGoin Sewin

Shenandoah Moon

Calico Corner of Carlisle

Moonlight Designs

Superior Threads

Hands On Hand Dyes

Country Heirlooms

Hand Loom Batik

King's Treasures

The General Store @ Smith Mtn Lake      Quiltmaker's Workshop

Freedom Star United

Quilter's Confection

Country Christmas

Color By Hand

The Cotton Quilt

Quilter's Rule

The Sewing Studio

Zebra Quilts

The Christmas Shoppe

Primitive Gatherings

Thread Runs Thru It

Schoolhouse Quilts

Martelli Enterprises

Dover Street Books

The Crazy Quilter

Harvest House

Attic Treasures

**The 2013 QU Show Boutique** will be stocked with beautiful hand crafted items for everyone on your gift giving list. You'll find a treat or two for yourself, too! Quilts, bags, jewelry hangers, crayon holding aprons for kids, luggage tags, fabric boxes, greeting cards, taggies, pot holders, golfers' towels, file folders made of fabric, potato bags for the microwave and much, much more. We look forward to seeing you at the show! Be sure to look for the QU Boutique when visiting the show.

## 2013 QU Quilt Show Update—Classes

Registration forms will be on the Quilt Show website in early March. Prices, supply lists and any kit fees will also be included. Your Chapter President will also be able to provide you with this information.

Please take the time to visit the teachers' websites to see their beautiful work and more explicit descriptions of classes. The variety of styles and techniques should provide something for everyone. Be sure to send in your registration ASAP to insure that you have a spot.

### Melody Crust

Three Half Day Classes

[www.melodycrust.com](http://www.melodycrust.com)



#### Friday afternoon: Superfast Piping and Binding

A no fail completely machine-stitched method.

#### Sat. morning: Eye Candy Quilts

Joyfully embellished mini-quilts, quick, colorful, addictive, and instant gratification.

#### Sat. afternoon: Joining the Blocks

A quilt-as-you-go style.

### Brenda Henning

Two All Day Classes

[www.bearpawproductions.com](http://www.bearpawproductions.com)



#### Friday: Mood Swing

A strip therapy class using 2 1/2 inch strips with left-over cuts for a 2<sup>nd</sup> quilt.

#### Saturday: Outside the Box

A fat quarter cu-up class using 14 FGs.

### Jan Krentz

Two All Day Classes

[www.jankrentz.com](http://www.jankrentz.com)



#### Friday: Stone Mosaic Dimensional Diamonds

Strips can be pieced or use striped fabric for a short cut.

#### Saturday: Springtime Hunter Star

A star within a star.

### Rita Verroca

[www.ritaverroca.com/](http://www.ritaverroca.com/)



Applique quilter Rita Verraco is an award-winning quilter. Her quilts have been on the cover of magazines and featured in calendars and quilt books. She has won awards in international competitions and shows.

**Membership Reminder:** There has been some misconception that associate chapter members are not entitled to the same benefits as primary chapter members. The QU board agreed that all members of a chapter are entitled to equal benefits. The reasons for primary and associate membership designations are:

1. to ensure a member only pays dues once a year to Big QU
2. to have a single chapter designation for entering quilts in the quilt show.

## Help Wanted!!!

### The Show Set Up/Take Down Team is hiring!

We're looking for paid workers to help set up this year's show – and we'd like to give family member and friends of QU members first chance to sign up to help. Workers should be between the ages of 18 and 28 and will be paid \$12 per hour.

Those that work on Wednesday to load the truck, a shift on Thursday **and** work Sunday evening to take down and load the equipment back into the storage facility will also earn a \$25.00 bonus. Lunch will be provided on Thursday and cold water will be provided for all shifts.

Specific shifts are:

- Wednesday, May 29 (4:30 PM – approx. 6:30 PM): load the truck
- Thursday, May 30 (morning): unload truck and assemble poles and drapes
- Thursday May 30 (afternoon): hang quilts
- Sunday, June 2, 2013 (2:45 PM – until completion): take down, load truck and unload at shed

Please help spread the word; workers need to sign up in advance with Anne Westerfield at [alw1018@verizon.net](mailto:alw1018@verizon.net)

### Free Admission for Quilt Show Volunteers

We are excited to announce that any QU member who volunteers for at least one two-hour shift at this year's show will receive free multi-day admission.

We will again use Volunteer Spot for volunteer registration. Starting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, simply go to [quiltersunlimited.org](http://quiltersunlimited.org) and click on the Volunteer Spot button found under Quilt Show. You can choose whichever volunteer position and time slot you are interested in, as they are all listed and explained.

If you have any questions contact Anne Winchell at [qu2013volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:qu2013volunteers@gmail.com)

### QU Logo Contest

We have extended the deadline for the logo contest to allow a bit more time. Please submit your design by March 29, 2013

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

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

Please submit your ideas to your Chapter President in an electronic format - a photograph or a scan of your submission. The Board will pick a winning design at the April Board meeting.

**There will be a prize for the winning design.**

## President's Letter—Cont'd from Page One

The Board recognizes how tough it is at times to get volunteers for the various activities that the Chapters have and that Big QU puts on. It is important that we always work to recruit new members to bring fresh perspectives and new energies to our organization. It is my feeling that ultimately, this is the way that we are going to flourish and grow. We need to take whatever opportunity presents itself to us, which is why I encourage you all to participate in our National Quilting Day event on Saturday, March 16, 2013. It won't cost you anything. It doesn't involve driving anywhere. You can even stay in your pajamas if you want. Please take a look at our National Quilting Day article in this newsletter. Thank you to Kath Heslep and the Arlington Chapter for such a great idea!

There are many ways we can volunteer for our Chapters and Big QU. Consider taking on a matrix job or Board position either in your Chapter or at Big QU. Consider encouraging and supporting a friend who might be interested in taking on a job. How about a little job – we are looking to design a new QU logo and have extended the competition for that (Page 4). There are always the jobs at the Quilt Show – set up, take down and white glove jobs let you touch and feel and see the backs of every quilt – the ticket selling jobs let you have a seat and welcome visitors to our great show – the vendor tenders allow you to support participants we love at our quilt show – our vendors. A couple of hours are not that much to commit and I hope that all of our members will consider volunteering.

Can I hug all of our volunteers? Probably not, but I'm sure going to try. Take care of yourselves and remember – what we do and who are is positive, fun, inspiring, helping and nurturing – why wouldn't we want to share that with each other, with our neighbors, and with those who might want to be a part of this great organization.

### *National Quilting Day Saturday, March 16*

National Quilting Day is fast approaching and Quilters Unlimited would like to try something new this year, in celebration. While watching the PBS DVD on Why Quilts Matter, some of our members saw the women in Gee's Bend display their quilts out in the Spring for an airing, and people would walk around admiring all the work on the lines. QU could do something similar - like a giant flash mob only scattered. On National Quilting Day, each of us could display one or more quilts: off a balcony if you live in an apartment or from a tree or clothesline if you have such. No promotion, no newspaper article with a map, just a "spontaneous" show of a quilt (or two) of any size or quality. If you are worried about rain, cover it with clear plastic / use one that needs a freshening up, just display a top that can be dried easily. No name, explanation or address needed; just a free act of art display!

If we continue to do this year after year, not only do we engage in "educating the public" about quilting, but it just might gain momentum and other areas might join in (like the quilts painted on the sides of barns in the Midwest) and make a huge national movement!! Wouldn't that be cool? The QU Board liked this idea because it does not take any money or planning or lists or coordinators. None of our limited people-hours or money is obligated. Just hang out a quilt during daylight hours on National Quilting Day. Have a wonderful National Quilting Day, Saturday March 16.

## First QU President's Letter—Cont'd from Page One

In June of 1972 I had a call from Hazel Carter asking if I knew anyone who could help her with a Christmas quilt she was making for her son Anthony. Hazel was more business orientated and brought in the Roberts Rules of Order. This boosted our club towards the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. My how times have changed!

Before April of 1972 I was given the book "Old Patchwork Quilts and the Women Who Made Them". The picture of "Job's Tear" design on page 102 caught my fancy. After 42 queen size quilts, 1 king and several others I still have not made my lovely "Job's Tear" design, nor the chess quilt I have designed. Yes, UFOs are familiar to many quilters and craftsmen.

I would be pleased to see or read about QU's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt show and even become an out of state member by proxy. I am 86 years old and do not have a computer any longer. On a membership list that I received recently I recognized many names and would enjoy hearing from anyone.

My very best wishes for the future of Quilter's Unlimited.

## News from Haymarket

**Haymarket QU's Live Auction and Buy-It-Now Table** is scheduled for April 4, 2013 at the Evergreen Fire Department Social Hall, 3510 James Madison Hwy, Haymarket, VA. We have yards and yards of fabric of every description – scraps, fat quarters, yardage, and kits; 100% cotton, flannel, fleece, decorator. We have finished quilts, quilt tops, lots of UFOs, quilted tote bags, quilting frames, quilt racks, sewing machine tote with inserts, notions, more than 250 books, and 100s of patterns. There will also be a table loaded with FREE items.

The preview of the Live Auction and sales from the Buy-It-Now Table will begin at 6:15 pm. The Live Auction will begin at 7 pm with Auctioneer, Nancy Firestone, from Annandale QU.

**Did you know that Haymarket is only 27 miles from Fairfax?** You can make it in 35-40 minutes in non-rush-hour traffic and **LESS** than that in rush hour – if you bring a friend and drive the HOV lanes!! Why not make a day of it! Or, at least drive out and have dinner before the auction. We have quilt shops (two NEW ones) nearby, restaurants for lunch and dinner, and loads of other stores and shopping centers. Haymarket now has its own new Wal-mart and Kohl's. The Old Town sections of Manassas, Warrenton, Culpeper, and Leesburg offer many restaurants and marvelous one-of-a-kind shops that are ever so much more fun than big chain stores.

### Quilt shops

Suzie's Quilt Shop – 10370 Portsmouth Rd., Manassas, VA  
 Old Town Needlecrafts - 9752 Center St., Manassas, VA  
 Aurora Quilts – 9100 Church St., Suite 101, Manassas, VA  
 WebFabrics – 116 N. Bailey Lane, Purcellville, VA  
 Daffodil Quilts & Fibers – 13059 Fitzwater Dr., Nokesville, VA  
 Kelly Ann's Quilting - 9 S 5th St., Warrenton, VA  
 That Little Quilt Shop – 212 N. Main St., Madison VA  
 Quilt and Sewing Center – 3940 Plank Rd., Suite Y, Fredericksburg, VA  
 The Virginia Quilter - 3300 Bourbon St., Fredericksburg, VA

### Restaurants

Guiseppe's Italian Restaurant	El Vaquero West
Lion and Bull	Asian Garden
Tony's NY Pizza	Bonefish Grill—dinner only
Volcano Hot Stone Grill - dinner only	Eggspectation
Claire's at the Depot	

### Directions

From I-66, take Exit 40 North toward Leesburg.

Drive about 4.3 miles to Evergreen Fire Department on left at flashing yellow light.

Drive to the right around to the back to park and find the social hall entrance.

Any questions? Contact Bonnie Anderson (BonTomA@aol.com)

**QUILTERS UNLIMITED SHOW PROGRAM AD REQUEST**

**40th Anniversary Quilt Show**

**Dulles Expo & Conference Center – May 31, June 1&2, 2013**

Quilters Unlimited would like to invite you to place an ad in our Show Program for Quilt Show 2013. It is a very effective tool to ensure that your business name and information reach a large community of artisans in our area. If you have advertised with us in the past, thank you! Many of our attendees retain their programs for future reference. Please fill out the form below and submit it, along with your check, disc and hard copy, to: **Sandra Rees: 5902 Fultons Landing Ct.; Burke, VA 22015 ([quiltrees1@cox.net](mailto:quiltrees1@cox.net)) or Gen Meyer: 6108 Emmett Guards Ct.; Fairfax Station, VA 22039 ([dgmeyer2@verizon.net](mailto:dgmeyer2@verizon.net))**. In lieu of a disc, you may submit the ad via e-mail in an acceptable format. Please indicate "Quilters Unlimited Ad" in the subject line. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Ad Sizes and Pricing:**

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**Quarter Page (3.87 in. X 4.85 in.) -- \$100**

**Half Page (7.83 in. X 4.94 in.) -- \$145**

**Business Card (3.90 in. X 2.41 in.) -- \$45**

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**Illustrator (.AI or .EPS)**

**Photoshop (.TIF, .EPS, or .JPEG)**

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