

Quilters Unlimited Quarterly

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President's Letter—Joanne Fitzgerald

What a great 40th year for Quilters Unlimited! The wonderful quilt show capped a year of so many successes. Each chapter worked very hard to make sure that our show was the best in the mid-Atlantic region—and I think we can all agree that our goal was met. Thank you to Cindy Grimord and her committee for a job well done.

The list of community service projects completed by each chapter is too long to list, but there is no doubt that hundreds (maybe thousands) of recipients are enjoying the warmth and generosity of our members.

According to our bylaws, the purpose of QU . . ." shall be to preserve the tradition, culture and history of quilting, and to promote the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting through continuing education services for members and public education activities." The many speakers and workshops scheduled by each chapter throughout the year and at the quilt show clearly met this requirement. Be sure to check the new QU website for the many events scheduled for next year. Most chapters encourage guests—dates, times, and contacts can be found on the website.

Speaking of the website, please go to quiltersunlimited.org to see our new website. It is more colorful and hopefully more user friendly. Contact your chapter president for instructions on how to use the "members only" portion of the site. This website will be updated promptly, so please use it as your best resource for QU information.

My final thank you goes to the many members that took the time out of their busy quilting lives and made a red and white block for my "President's Quilt" that was presented to me at the Annual Meeting.



Notes From Cindy Grimord—Our New President

It is my joy and privilege to continue to serve this great organization next year as QU President. I am excited about the new challenges it will bring. With a big thank you to our outgoing President, Joanne Fitzgerald, we have a brand new and improved website. Beautiful! Joanne has also arranged for our first intro this year into the community – a booth at the Fairfax Fall Festival – more information to come in the months ahead.

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Notes From Our New President—Cindy Grimord . . .cont'd

I want to thank the new and returning Chapter Presidents and elected and appointed Board Members who will be serving the membership this year. I know they will bring a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our QU projects and events!

VP – Linda Keithley (C)	Chapter Presidents:
Secretary – Gen Meyer (B)	Nancy Hoskins (Ann)
Treasurer – Joyce Bounds (Ann)	Cindy Chavez (Arl)
Quilt Show Chair – Anne Westerfield (Ann)	Deborah Bullock (B)
Nominating Chair – Sandra Rees (F)	Galena Seiler (C)
Newsletter Editor - VACANT	Jeanne Coglianese (F)
Membership – Cindy Pedder (Ann)	Pat Widener and Carolyn Fulmer (H)
Artisans United – Diane Cairns (Ann)	Barbara Wynne (McL)
President Ex-Officio and Webmaster – Joanne Fitzgerald (C)	T. Carter and Andrea Gribble (MtV)
	Sarah Entsminger (R)
	Anne Hyde (S)
	Sharon Morris (V)

I know quilters, and in addition to sharing their gifts and talents, they are very open and honest about sharing their ideas and opinions – right!? I will come out again to meet and talk with you; I am looking forward to it. I want to hear about the great things I know you have planned in your chapters: retreats, auctions, guest lecturers and creative in-house programs.

Together you and I will work hard to promote Show 2014 “True Blue” – let’s give Anne and Show Team 2014 our full support! We will work together to promote and support our upcoming Fall Event, hosted by Reston QU. We will work together to promote and support the sale of raffle tickets for our next beautiful raffle quilt, created and produced by Springfield QU. And last, but not least, I will continue to work on promoting ties between Big QU and QU Chapters because this strong and vibrant organization is worth it!

Our first meeting as a board will be held on August 28, 2013 at the Pohick Regional Library.

“So What is Thread Painting All About?”

Join Reston QU in welcoming Nancy Prince as our Fall Lecturer. She will be sharing her thread painting expertise with us on October 13. Her workshops will expand this story: Alpine Rose on October 11 and Thread Painted Landscapes on October 12. Read more about Nancy and her techniques on her website: NancyPrince.com

Be sure to check the new QU website for times and locations later this summer.

QUILT SHOW WRAP UP

-Cindy Grimord, show Chair 2012-2013

Show 2013 – another successful quilt show by Quilters Unlimited! Three cheers for Show Team 2013 who made it happen! Thank you for another year of great memories! We received over 900 exit surveys by our attendees and they were overwhelmingly positive regarding our quilt layout, show floor plan, vendors, education/demos, new and improved signage, chapter end cap collages and yes, the McLean QU calendars in our QU Boutique, which were quite the sensation this year.

Many thanks to our 300+ volunteers who also made this show a success and our QU Board whose support is very much appreciated in this tremendous endeavor. And where would we be without the skill and artistry of our quilt exhibitors – you continue to bring in our show attendees and members who both appreciate your work and are inspired by your talents.

Show Team 2013 salutes Show Team 2014 as they now take over the preparation and planning for another great show next June. As I pass the Show Chair baton to Anne Westerfield, a very capable colleague, I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the membership in this capacity. It is hard to put into words how much these last two years have meant to me; a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your encouragement, support and commitment to celebrating the unique qualities of our chapters in Show 2012 and coming together to celebrate our 40th Anniversary in Show 2013.

Membership Reminder: This year's membership form can be found on page 7. To continue receiving the newsletter and your discounts at local stores, renew your membership now.

Sacred Threads—Exhibition 2013

Please join many QU members and friends at the 2013 Sacred Threads Exhibition. "This biennial exhibition was established to provide a safe venue for quilters who see their work as a connection to the sacred and /or as an expression of their spiritual journey."

This exhibition runs from July 10—28 at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Park Road, Herndon, VA 20170.

To get a real close up look at the quilts, contact Annabel Ebersole at aquilte@gmail.com to white glove.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

-Anne Westerfield, Show Chair 2014

Quilters Unlimited proudly presents our 41st Annual Quilt Show, May 30 – June 1, 2014, at the Dulles Expo and Conference Center. Bill Kerr and Weeks Ringle will be teaching classes (and will also be our speakers at the annual meeting). They are real movers and shakers in the modern quilt movement – now is your chance to find out what it's all about. Don't miss them!

We love quilts...whether it's traditional, modern, or art, we want to see your quilt! Share yours with us at the 41st Quilt Show. Want to be part of our 2014 Guild challenge? It's "True Blue" and open to all Quilters Unlimited members; look for details below, on our website and on our Facebook page.

Thank you to all our members who volunteered at the Show and throughout the year and helped make us Fabulous at Forty. We've already started looking ahead to next year's show...DON'T MISS IT!

“TRUE BLUE” Guild Challenge

41st Annual QU Show, May 30 – June 1, 2014

Blue can be palest sky blue, or deepest sapphire, or brilliant azure. This year's challenge is to showcase **your** blue – either as a monochromatic quilt (only blues allowed), or as blue plus one other color (for this challenge, white counts as a color). You can choose as many different shades, hues, and tints of blue as you like.

Your quilt can be traditional, modern, or fabric art; you can use any construction method, but it must have three layers, a noticeable quilting design, and a finished edge. Maybe this is the year to try a modern quilt: Bill Kerr and Weeks Ringle will be teaching classes (and speaking at our annual meeting); they're in the forefront of the modern quilting movement. Check out their website to learn more: <http://www.modernquiltstudio.com>.

Quilts must follow basic show requirements for size, sleeve, and label. No wearables for this challenge, so we can hang all the challenge quilts together.

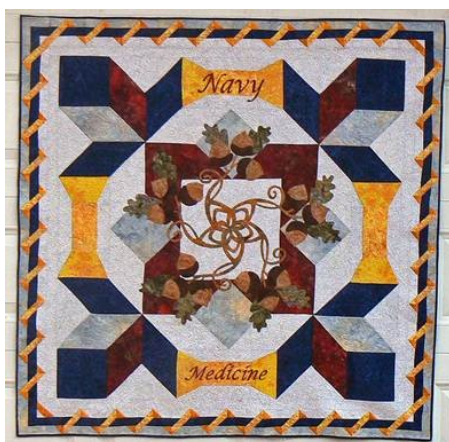
Quilts must be finished and photographed prior to the close of quilt registration for the 2014 show. You may enter as many quilts in the challenge as you like, as long as you do not go over the allowed number of quilts per quilter.

QUILT SHOW CDs STILL AVAILABLE!!—Photo CDs of the 40th Anniversary Quilt Show (2013) are available for \$10. Send your check made out to Quilters Unlimited to: Kay Burnett, 2608 Sir Wade Way, Lewinsville, TX 75056. You can contact Kay at mekayquilter@aol.com.

Quilters Unlimited Community Service

Every chapter of Quilters Unlimited is involved in community service projects. From NICU blankets to wheelchair quilts for the elderly to beds for rescue dogs, our members quilt for others as much and maybe more than for ourselves.

Here is one such story by Jo Moury from Haymarket:



Our daughter was the liaison for the Wounded Warriors when she was on active duty and has remained very active in the program since her retirement. Every year the doctors have a silent auction to raise money to support these guys and she asked me to make a quilt.

All the proceeds from this quilt will go to support the Wounded Warriors at Bethesda/Walter Reed National Medical Center. The deep navy and rich gold were chosen as they are Navy colors; I incorporated the red because red and gold are the

Marine Corp's colors. In the Navy, anyone associated with medicine has oak leafs as part of their insignia. The acorns are specific to doctors. This quilt was machine pieced and appliqued as well as hand embroidered. I extensively free motion quilted this on my Bernina 440 QE using Superior's MasterPiece, as well as Aerofil threads.

I got the fabric in late November and then, pushed it aside to work on my Sacred Threads submission, another great quilting opportunity. In early January, my daughter told me I had plenty of time—it wasn't due until March 2nd—YIKES !!! When was she going to tell me this?

I had planned on hand applique, but with only five weeks to go, it turned into raw edge machine work... I don't think anyone knew the difference. I had originally said I wasn't going to do a great deal of quilting, but while using a magnifier that allowed me to see the threads for the background fill better, I lost track of the scale and ended up doing a LOT more than I had planned.

I don't know who the successful bidder was... but with 30 minutes to go before the bidding closed, one patron parked at the table to make sure that she made the final bid. That is a determined shopper!

Virginia Quilt Museum

Meg Carr, Director at the Virginia Quilt Museum, invites you to enjoy "Designs & Dimensions" in their two new exhibits featuring more than 125 quilts, spanning almost 300 years of quilt making. These exhibits can be seen now through August 24.

"HEXED" showcases amazing quilts made from hexagons. Physically the strongest and most efficient geometric shape, hexagons are preferred by national award-winning Reston QU member Cheryl See. Her exquisite contemporary quilt "Star Struck" is made with more than 12,000 half-inch hexagons specifically cut to show off features in the printed fabrics she used. Cheryl creates her large quilts by hand. Seven other Cheryl See quilts are included in the display.

You will also be seeing the delicate elegance of the Victorian Era's silk hexagons in contrast with the softness of the 1930's "grandmother's flower gardens." You can then compare them to the more contemporary pictorial quilts, such as "Inside the Twister" by Jackie O'Brien of Virginia Beach.

On loan from the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library is a quilt made by his wife Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, a native of Wytheville. You will see the same techniques used in historic antique hexagon and "mosaic" quilts, some never before exhibited.

"VINTAGE REVISITED," rarely seen in its entirety, is a phenomenal exhibit which features 117 small challenge quilts. This collection was originated by Burke QU member Mary Kerr and many of the quilt makers are QU members.

Because a woman's work is never done, many quilting projects have been left in various stages of completion. Over a two year period, 19 talented and brave quilters were challenged to make new quilts from old unfinished blocks. Each quilt maker added, cut up, embellished, improved or recreated a finished quilt measuring 24" x 24". Art quilters, traditionalists, historians and newcomers participated in this quilting journey to add new dimensions to old designs.

The Virginia Quilt Museum is located at 301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Special showings for large groups can be arranged by calling 540-433-3818.

Happy 40th Anniversary

We were so lucky to have ex-QU member Jan Krentz speak to us at our 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting. The room was decorated with many of Jan's beautiful quilts and her quilting journey was very educational, as well as entertaining.



The meeting was attended by over 130 members who were treated to cake and candy, decorated in coordination with our "Red and White" theme. Thank you to the Mount Vernon Chapter for such a lovely evening.



Quilters Unlimited 2013 – 2014 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from July 1 – June 30. A membership form is required each year for all categories. Membership payment must be received by September 30th for inclusion in the Annual QU Directory.

Name		Home Telephone	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code + 4	
Email Address		Birthday (Month/Day Only) optional	
Work phone – optional		Cell phone – optional	
Work/cell phone numbers will not be included in the QU directory.			

Circle “Yes” or “No” for each question below (if blank, YES is the default):

QU may put my e-mail address in the Big QU directory	YES	NO
QU may e-mail the Big QU Newsletter to me	YES	NO
QU may e-mail my chapter newsletter to me	YES	NO

	Renewal		New Member	Date	
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	Membership Categories (check one)	Dues
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular	\$20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior - Age 65+ by June 30, 2013	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life - Age 75+ by June 30, 2013 (Eligible after first year of QU membership)	No charge, but must submit membership form each year.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family - two or more people at the same address Please list names at the top	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate – primary membership in other QU chapter	\$10 (Free to Life members.)
	Name of primary QU chapter:	

\$	Membership Dues
\$	QU Membership Pin @ \$5.00 each, if desired
\$	TOTAL ENCLOSED

Please check the chapter you wish to join. If you wish to join more than one, you must complete a separate registration form and make separate payment for each.

If no chapter is selected, this form is invalid and will be returned to the name listed at the top.

<input type="checkbox"/> Annandale	<input type="checkbox"/> Arlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Burke	<input type="checkbox"/> Centerville	<input type="checkbox"/> Fairfax	<input type="checkbox"/> Haymarket
<input type="checkbox"/> McLean	<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Vernon	<input type="checkbox"/> Reston	<input type="checkbox"/> Springfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Vienna	

Please bring this completed form and payment to a meeting of the chapter you wish to join.

Make your check payable to the chapter you are joining (for example, Reston QU).

Include an SASE, if you wish to have your membership card mailed to you.

Details on meeting times and days are available from our website: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org>