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President's Letter

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! I have so many people to thank. I love my blocks so kindly made by all of you. Getting the bonus fabric to use for borders is such a treat. I have always felt quilters are such generous people, and you've proven that over and over again.

The Annual Meeting was another great opportunity for us to get together and listen to an excellent lecture, sit and catch up with friends and elect our new officers for 2008/2009. Thank you to Haymarket, Falls Church and McLean for all your efforts making this a successful meeting. If you didn't make it to the meeting and would like to see the cakes served in honor of our 35 years as Quilters Unlimited, you can see them on our website at:

<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/Jun08NltrCakes.pdf>

Our quilt show was a smashing success thanks to everyone, but especially to Ann Marie Folsom for her superb leadership, flexibility and guidance. At the quilt show committee meetings all changes and most decisions were handled democratically, with a vote by the quilt show representatives representing each chapter. Having a vote really made the quilt show feel like our own, it made being involved worthwhile. Each chapter had their own assignments (discussed later in this newsletter) to help make the quilt show a success. Even with the leadership Ann gave us, and each chapter representative handling their assignment, without all of you stepping up to volunteer, it would not have been the success it was. Weren't all those quilts spectacular? Great job quilters! I'm already looking forward to our quilt show next year.

There have been a few changes made to the matrix. Carole Marti, next year's QU President, and I got together and worked out what we feel is an equitable share of responsibilities. Please take note of the changes.

Thank you everyone for allowing me to serve as your President this past year and for making me feel welcome as I came to your chapter meetings.

And finally, a huge thank you goes to all those serving on my board. You kept me on track, helped me solve the difficult and not so difficult issues as they arose, and made serving as president a pleasure.

You may have heard that our scheduled date for a May Quilt Show and Annual Meeting has been changed. We have been informed that "Spring Market" will be held the same weekend as our quilt show and would cause major problems for our vendors, as well as our scheduled speaker Mark Lipinski. We are currently working with the Expo Center and Mark Lipinski to firm up the dates of June 5, 6 and 7. Since we would like to continue with the idea of the Annual Meeting taking place at the same time, we will also be working on a change of our by-laws to state that the Annual Meeting will take place in the fourth fiscal quarter.

Remember to keep it fun and keep yourself in stitches.

Diane Kirkhart, QU President 2007/2008

Dates to Remember

Aug. 6 - QU Board Meeting
Pimmit Regional Library
7584 Leesburg Pike

Sept. 7 - Sully Quilt Show

Sept. 8 - Quilt Show Meeting
Calvary Hill Baptist Church
9301 Little River Tpke.

Oct. 23 - Fall Lecture

June 5-7, 2009 - Quilt Show

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QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

Meetings will be at 7PM on the 1st Monday of each month (except for Sept. 8th and Jan. 8th) at:
Calvary Hill Baptist Church
9301 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031

Membership

We have begun a new membership year, and it's important to renew your membership NOW. Please do fill out the membership form again this year (and every year) so that we have accurate information, and turn it in with payment to your chapter's membership person. The form can be obtained online at the QU website or from your chapter's membership person.

2008 QUILT SHOW

Dear QU member,

Thank you to all of the chapter reps who brought ideas and enthusiasm to every quilt show meeting. It is to them that the credit for a very successful quilt show belongs. Thank you also to every QU member who supported the show by allowing us to show your quilts, wearing your 35th annual Quilters Unlimited t-shirt to publicize the show, volunteering to help with the many tasks of the show and coming to the show with all your relatives, friends and acquaintances in tow. From the 2008 show survey results, the most effective publicity for the show is a QU member.

As QU begins to recruit volunteers from each chapter to plan the 2009 show, I wanted each of you to know more about the inner workings of the quilt show so you might become involved. There is truly a sense of pride in planning and implementing the plan that results in a successful QU show. The 2008 chapter reps have written a summary of the job they did for their chapter this year. Their submissions follow my letter.

When I first became quilt show chair, last July, the first question everyone asked me was whether the 2007 quilt show made money. Although the final accounting is not yet finished for the 2008 show, I feel confident in saying the income was about \$117,000 and expenses will be less than \$100,000.

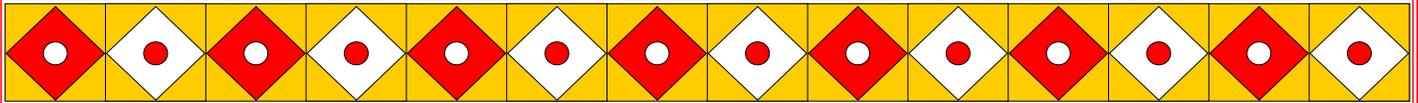
Good Luck,

Ann Marie Folsom
2008 QU Quilt Show Chair

Publicity and Drapes - Annandale Chapter

- Arranged for travel representative to reserve rooms for the quilt show. Classes and Vendor chairmen, in turn, provided the name of the rep to the vendors and teachers.
- Served as point of contact for the graphic artist. The graphic artist provided graphic designs for the ads and brochure, and coordinated the delivery and estimates from the printer.
- Placed ads for the quilt show with the following national publications: Quilters Newsletter; American Quilter, The Quilter Magazine, American Patchwork and Quilting; and The Country Register of VA, PA/WV, MD/DE, NJ, and NC/SC.
- Ads were placed in program of quilt shows scheduled for the spring: i.e. Mid-Atlantic; Quilt Fest of New Jersey; and Friendship Star.
- Local ads were placed in The Washington Post, Washington Times, Times Community Newspapers and The Chronicles.
- In addition, the 2008 Quilt Show was listed on the calendar of the Virginia Tourism website as well as other quilt related websites.
- Designed and mailed 45,000 brochures which included a complete list of classes to our sponsors, vendors, quilt shops, local fabric stores, and area quilt guilds. The list was updated this year to include every quilt shop and quilt guild in Virginia. A brochure was emailed to those that only listed an email address. Brochures were delivered to area shows for distribution: Mid-Atlantic, Cabin Branch, Lancaster, Friendship Star, and Paducah. Brochures were distributed to all County Visitors Centers in the state.
- Placed Quilt Show signs along the street leading to Expo Center and removed signs after the show.
- Made twelve black drapes.

Submitted by Jo Cotter and Darryl Schanke



Design Layout Lead - Centreville Chapter

Our layout committee of 9 people from two chapters refined this year's entry application in December; accepted the entry forms and digital pictures at the end of February; sized all pictures proportionally to be laid out on grids depicting the show display panels; worked with the chapter challenges; decided placement of quilts for the show; sent locations for each item to the programs and cards/ribbons committees; tried to supervise the hanging of quilts; rearranged things when they didn't quite fit or when something with a challenge or other association had been overlooked; and helped with getting all quilts back to chapter quilt collectors. We put in at least 600 hours doing that, more than half of them in the month of March, because we had a 30 -day deadline. We could not have been successful without long hours of help and support from the quilt collectors and their committees, and close cooperation with the cards/ribbons and setup committees, not to mention careful attention to detail on the entry forms when members were filling them out.

The toughest part was getting most of the details correct and worrying about members' disappointment if something was not right. Another tough part was deciding what went where - except that was also the best part, looking at all those beautiful pictures of an amazing body of art over and over for 3 months. Plus we had a lot of fun and reinforced a bunch of friendships while doing it.

I would like to say thank you very much for some very hard, fine work from all of you, and to tell you how much I appreciate the friendship which made this go so well. Thanks!!!

Submitted by Bonnie Wilbur

Volunteers - Mount Vernon Chapter

The Mt. Vernon chapter volunteer subcommittee consisted of five capable members. They helped with logging volunteer information from March 1 until the week of the quilt show; they wrote numerous newsletter and digest articles; they brainstormed ideas to make the volunteer experience a good one; and they wrote job descriptions and conducted orientation for all show day tasks. Confirmations were emailed for 270 volunteer jobs and reminders were emailed for 250 volunteer jobs.

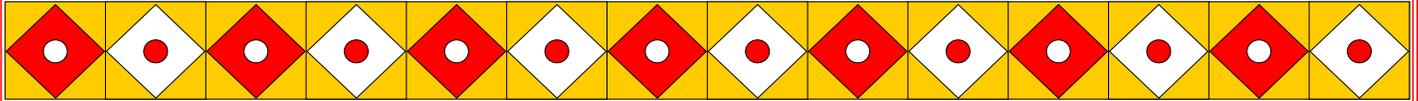
We gathered a list of all show volunteers entitled to an admissions discount and sorted it alphabetically by name. We managed the project with Excel spreadsheets. The chairperson sent a recruiting status report to the committee members every week that provided the volunteer shifts, jobs, how many were required and how many had been filled.

On Thursday and during the show, members of Mt. Vernon QU manned the volunteer room where other committee members came seeking help in solving problems. The classroom coordinator asked that the volunteer room be moved to a new location on Thursday afternoon due to an insufficient number of outlets in a designated classroom. During the show, the vendor tenders were asked to assist with demos; a children's game and prize event was added to the list of tasks for the admission sellers to do; white-gloves were asked to do a last look for show-goers at closing time on Saturday and to move the ribbons onto the quilts before the show closed on Sunday; and sales people were asked to sell raffle tickets.

The volunteer chair coordinated with the QU treasurer and the wristband coordinator throughout each day to ensure that wristbands were in place to sell to volunteers when they arrived for duty. The volunteer chair also facilitated in the delivery of cash boxes, when they were full, between the treasurer and the admissions and product sales tables.

Members trained 35 volunteer room workers and floaters, 92 hosts, 36 vendor tenders, 25 product sellers, and 56 admissions volunteers during the show. We used over 100 pairs of white gloves. Approximately 129 discount one-day admissions and 170 discount 3-day admissions were sold in the volunteer room before the show on Thursday and during the three-day event.

Submitted by Kathy Edwards



Ribbons/Dolls/Wearables/Labels - McLean Chapter

Our job responsibilities this year included setting up the wearables and dolls, making over 300 name tags, about 100 signs, 681 quilt labels (to identify the quilts as having hung in the show,) ordering the ribbons, ordering wristbands and managing their sales. We sold approximately 3,609 admissions to our quilt show! Thursday and Friday we sold a total of 1673, Saturday, 1291 and Sunday 645. There were many 3-day wristbands holders who enjoyed volunteering, taking classes and taking in the show over multiple days.

Several members cut over 700 squares for the quilt labels at a bee. Stephanie Russell helped me out before set up using her valuable knowledge from last year. Stephanie, Peggy Knight, and Jill Halbert helped me set up the wearable section and about 25 easels and signs.

It was exciting to see the warehouse space transform into a beautiful quilt show. It takes a village!

Submitted by Cathy Rees

Products and Demos - Vienna Chapter

Products: The job entailed researching products which could be personalized with the QU logo and that would tie in with the "going green" theme, and stay in budget. Products were ordered, priced, advertised, and arranged attractively for sale near the entrance to the show, with clear signs giving prices of items. The green t-shirts and travel mugs were also sold in advance through Ann Folsom (Quilt Show Chair) at the Annual Meeting in May. The following products were sold: 217 "Virginia Pine" 2008 show pins; 38 "Jamestown Settlement" 2007 show pins; 41 clear tool bags; 9 blue canvas project bags; 65 vinyl mesh project bags; 61 black mesh tote bags; 26 travel mugs; 9 aprons; 116 t-shirts; and 375 QU ballpoint pens (either sold or used to promote the sale of the 2008 QU show DVD of quilts).

At the end of the show, Trudi Sommerfield inventoried the unsold products and passed on the money to the QU treasurer, Robyn Kampf. Throughout the month of June, the few remaining products, including extra show pins, are being made available at the same prices to QU members.

Demos: Miriam Esterrich arranged and scheduled 24 vendors to demonstrate techniques and products during the three days of the show. Each demo lasted about 20 minutes, and the reactions of attendees were excellent. It seemed that vendors who gave presentations saw an increase in sales of the products they demonstrated, so it was a win-win for everyone. Miriam gave the demo schedule to the sign committee so that they could make large signs for the show entrance and for the demo area. Announcements on the PA were also made at the show to draw folks to the demos.

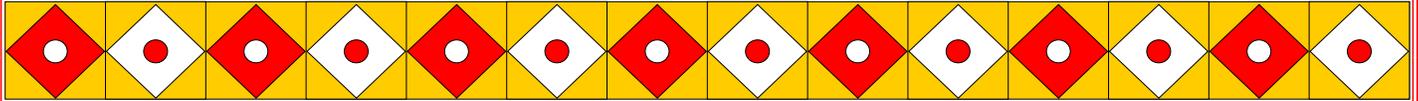
Several Vienna members assisted the vendors in finding the demo area and sat in the vendors' booths to direct traffic and guard merchandise while the vendors were off giving their demos. Diane Kirkhart (McL,FC) set up the speaker system in advance and Heidi Haynes' (R) husband took the system apart and packed it up for storage. I would like to thank Katie Abruzzino, Meg Kophazi, Sallie Flavin, Diane Strahan, Diane Dresdner, and Kathy MacNabb for their cheerful help in this area.

Submitted by Janet Marney

Vendors - Reston Chapter

Thank you for supporting our vendors! We had 61 returning vendors, 13 brand new ones, and one, Country Lore Designs, who had to cancel on Thursday due to illness. Our vendors brought new and diverse products from 27 different states including CA, WA, TX, MT, ND, OR, WI, VT, FL, MO, NH to name a few. The Reston Chapter supported our commitment by generously volunteering many hours. We had 19 members plus two loyal husbands who covered 38 hours from 10 AM Thursday until 7:30 on Sunday evening. This includes the 10 hours it took vendors to set up their booths and the 4 hours it took for take down. We would like to thank the Reston members who worked at the show.

Submitted by Heidi Haynes and Sue Graham



Quilt Cards - Fairfax Chapter

Three people from Fairfax QU shared the "behind the scenes" work for the quilt cards committee. Roz Johnson went to the meetings. Pat Dews and Dana Hancock took copies of the entry forms (almost all without pictures of the quilts) and typed information into spreadsheets to make the cards that were pinned next to the quilts in the show. Emails flew thick and fast as Roz kept the others up-to-date on decisions made at meetings, and Pat and Dana contacted quilters with questions about their entries. Time was spent deciphering handwriting, correcting grammar and spelling, looking up book titles and authors' names, correcting errors, filling in missing gaps, and mind reading. Paula Sarli joined the group for a couple of long afternoons of proofreading. Punching the holes and attaching the ribbons went quickly. We had a little army of "pinners" to pin the cards next to the quilts at set-up. Our last duty was to move the cards to the quilts before the show closed and many white-glove ladies assisted us with that. After preparing the cards prior to the show and being very familiar with what the quilters said about their quilts, it was wonderful to see what the quilts actually looked like!

Submitted by Dana Hancock

Show Programs - Arlington Chapter

To support the 2008 show theme of "going green," a great effort was made to eliminate redundant and ineffective information from the quilt show program. Last October, the 2008 quilt show committee reviewed previous programs and determined that the important information that should be included was about Quilters Unlimited, the quilts displayed, the vendors at the show, the layout map and demo schedule. QU chapter ads were eliminated because they duplicated information in the chapter listing; this also saved the expense of a complicated layout of partial page ads. Advertising to other than quilt shops and fabric stores that compete with show vendors had had little success, so all ads were eliminated. This left the Arlington chapter available to do the program while the Fairfax chapter did the quilt cards.

The program committee was able to produce a streamlined program that included information about a record 681 quilt show entries, a record 75 vendors, the show layout and the demo schedule using only 16 pages versus 36 pages in the 2007 show program. **Many trees were saved by not printing 70,000 pages.** Kristy Dolbear and Suzanne Langsdorf compiled the information, edited entries, proofed the product, negotiated with the printer and chose the cover design. If you'll notice - the show program, using the QU dogwood logo in green ink on cream background, is consistent with the design of the show brochure produced by the publicity committee (Annandale). The cost was approximately \$1 per program.

Healing Garden Invitational Quilt Exhibit

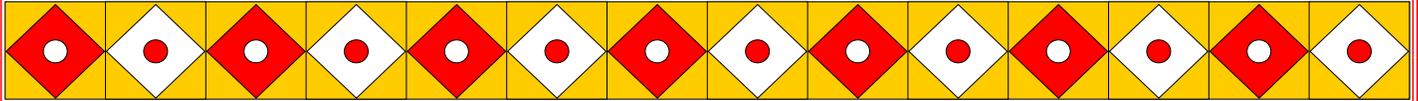
I was in charge of the Healing Garden Quilts exhibit for this year's show. I was able to secure the collection for this year's show in 2006. The owner of the Healing Garden Quilts is Walter Parham, the husband of Lenore Parham. I met with Wally early on to photograph the quilts and filled out the appropriate paperwork to get the quilts in the show. Then, in mid-May, I picked up the quilts and checked each one to be sure the sleeves were all sewn in place. These quilts have been traveling all over the country for many years, so a close inspection was needed to be sure they were ready for hanging at our show.

I prepared a "to scale" paper layout with the dimensions I had been given by the committee to help me with the positioning of the quilts, both by size and color. I had some "s" hooks of my own so only needed to borrow four more to hang all the quilts. I used fish line to hang the top quilt and then ran the fish line through the hole at the end of the wooden bar in the sleeve in the lower quilt in that group. This worked perfectly for each grouping.

Identification cards were made for each of the quilts so everyone could read who made them. There was a poster made to identify the quilt collection, with information about the quilts, and to thank Mr. Parham.

Take down was so easy. I was finished in about 30 minutes. The quilts were turned over to the head of the Blue Ridge Quilt Festival in Blacksburg. She will be displaying the quilts at that show on June 20 -22, 2008.

Submitted by Gayle Ropp (McL,V)



Special Children's Game

When my daughter and grandchildren accompanied me to the Cabin Branch Quilt Show, the children were delighted to play their (Cabin Branch's) "find it" game. I realized the children who come to our show didn't have anything to do and I thought maybe they would like to play a "find it" game, too. I asked the Cabin Branch ladies if we could use this idea and was given the go-ahead. I felt that this would give the children at our show something to do while their parents or grandparents looked at the quilts; maybe they wouldn't be bored just walking along. Since I was helping Bonnie Wilbur and the rest of the layout committee, I had a chance to see color pictures of all the wonderful quilts. I started writing down some things I was seeing on the quilts, i.e. monkeys, dragons, flowers, etc. and compiled a list. There was something from each chapter on the list. I ordered some small "prizes" from Oriental Trading Co. and had about 100 copies of the form printed. We purchased a box of golf pencils from an office supply store and a nice box to put the "prizes" in. As each child came in, they were invited to participate in the game and were told they would receive a "prize" when they came back to the ticket table. Approximately 180 children participated. They seemed delighted with their "prizes" and very proud that they mostly completed their games. I had many nice compliments from parents who also seemed to have fun finding the things with their children.

Submitted by Kathy Nagle (C,F)

2008 Survey Questionnaires

The 2008 Survey Questionnaires were completed, in some part, by 486 of the 3,609 show attendees. Of those, 104 were at a QU show for the first time. Below are the actual numbers of responses to the questions.

How did you hear about the quilt show?

148 - QU members

95 - a relative or friend of a QU member

31 - show brochure at my quilt guild

51 - show brochure at a fabric-quilt store

9 - show brochure was mailed to me

7 - show brochure at other quilt shows

4 - an ad in The Quilter

2 - an ad in American Quilter

12 - an ad in Quilters Newsletter Magazine

6 - an ad in American Patchwork and Quilting

6 - an ad in Country Register

11 - an ad Washington Post

22 - found quiltersunlimited.org in web search

8 - found show on Dulles Expo Center website

6 - another website (class instructor or show vendor)

At anytime since learning of the show have you visited our website?

212 - Yes 105 - No

In the past, the quilt display was in the middle of the hall surrounded by vendors. How do you feel about the change? Do you have a preference and why?

114 - prefer the new layout with vendors on one side, quilt display on the other side (63 were QU members)

33 - prefer the quilt display in the middle of the hall surrounded by vendors (18 were QU members)

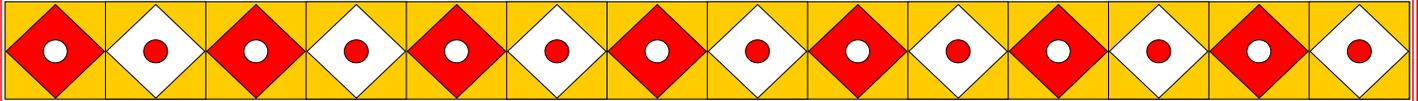
50 - had no stated preference (25 were QU members)

3 - were not sure (all QU members)

212 non-QU members provided contact information: phone numbers (155); email addresses (57); or street addresses (4) so that they might be notified of the 2009 show details.

Silent Auction - Annandale Chapter

The Silent Auction went very well. The new location near the exit and the "Buy It Now" feature were very well received. Overall, we earned over \$5,700 on 88 items. We had so many things we couldn't display them all properly. And they were all so beautiful! It was a wonderful display of our talent as quilters and the generosity of our members. All of our chapters donated at least one item and most of those chapters are getting some money back. The chapter presidents will be getting details on that within a few days. Thanks to everyone who donated their time, talents and money to making the silent auction such a success!



ANNANDALE Community Service

Annandale has made and distributed nine quilts of valor in the past year. We have chosen to distribute them locally through contacts in the Veterans Administration. We feel honored to give back to the community of men and women serving in the military. We hope to expand the number of quilts we complete and distribute next year. We also donated 40 quilts and 2 baby quilts to Residential Youth Services (Fairfax County contracts with them to "safe house" abused children) and 23 baby quilts to Marih Center (who help at-risk teens who are pregnant). It is rewarding to be able to keep our donations in the immediate area and feel that we make a difference.

ARLINGTON News and Community Service

Even though Arlington held its last program on Monday, June 9th, the bee will continue to meet throughout the summer on the top floor of Goodwin House. Sit & Sews will also continue to meet on the last Saturday of each month in the Auditorium.

Arlington continues to share our love of quilting in a variety of ways. Our chapter has supplied quilters for Pioneer Days at the Gulf Branch Nature Center where children (and their parents) are taught basic piecing skills. Members have helped children create their own story cloths at Bailey's Crossroads Elementary School. We have supported, with fabric and cash, the Prison Quilting Project. We have also supported Doorways for Women & Children, Quilts of Valor, Caps for Premies, & Project Linus.

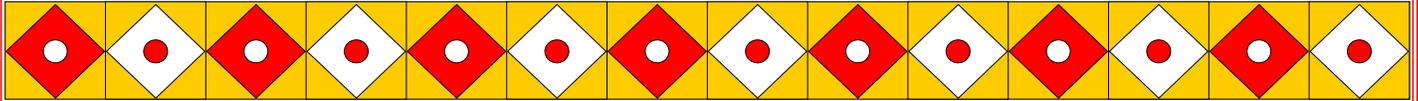
BURKE Summary of Service and Educational Projects

- This year Burke set a goal of 150 charity quilts (baby/child, lap robe, or soldier) to be finished by the June Social meeting. As of May 14 we had 138 and know we will meet our goal by June.
- National Quilt Day was celebrated with 16 Burke members hosting 60 Girl Scouts for a full day of learning about the history of quilting and being taught quilt-making techniques. Each participant had a project to work on and take home.
- 8 members donated 102 hours sewing time to Project Linus at the Quilt Patch.
- 42 knitted baby caps were donated to hospitals.
- 4 quilts or tops went to the Grace UMC (Manassas) Prayers and Squares group.
- 1 quilt was donated to raise funds for a youth mission trip at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield.
- 12 Gingher scissors and 5 yards of fabric were donated to UMC sewing mission in Cuba.
- 2 quilted purses were donated to Fairfax UMC for fundraiser for Appalachian service project.
- A car-load of batting, fabric, thread and supplies were delivered to Stitchin' Time Prison Ministry at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, Maryland, to assist them in their outreach program of teaching men to quilt. They then donate the quilts to others in need.
- 150 pet carrier pads and pet beds made from fleece and batting were made for Fancy Cats (a non-profit cat rescue organization).

CENTREVILLE Community Service

As the guild year draws to a close, we are thrilled to report a huge success for the Centreville Community Service efforts. Scrappy Sew & Sew Bee has chaired CS for the last two years. After a great deal of planning, it was decided to make up kits for quilts, recovery bags, and bears. What a hit these seemed to be! Since September, over 40 members of CQU have made and donated over 570 items. These included 1) baby

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quilts and caps, and bears that went to Fair Oaks Hospital; 2) recovery bags and pillows that are given to those recovering from cancer surgery; 3) quilts for women and children who are rescued by NOVACO, an organization that provides transitional housing and support for victims of domestic abuse; 4) quilts for our wounded service men and women; 5) quilts for the homeless in DC; and 6) quilts for the families who live at the Kate Hanley Shelter House. Because of the generosity and cooperative efforts of our members, our guild has been able to serve the community in ways beyond measure.

FAIRFAX Community Service

Fairfax QU this year contributed 50 completed (with 10 more to be completed this summer) quilts to the National Foundation, Quilts of Valor. We also contributed one quilt, 8 quilt tops, 2 baby afghans and assorted fabric to Project Linus at the Quilt Patch. Members contributed 14 items to be auctioned to benefit Special Love, a group which helps sick children.

Fairfax QU members completed twelve quilts to be presented to the local Habitat for Humanity. These quilts will be presented to twelve families that are residents of the new homes built for them this year. We will continue to help this worthy organization next year, hoping to complete nine more quilts.

FALLS CHURCH Community Service

FCQU has made teddy bears for Fair Oaks Hospital Auxiliary's program for the pediatric ER, which gives small and hurting patients a teddy bear to comfort them, for more years than members can remember. In the last several years, we have also been knitting hats for the preemies and all babies delivered at Fair Oaks Hospital. Since October 2004 we have delivered 519 baby hats and 468 teddy bears for these two programs. Pit pillows are used by the Inova Fairfax Hospital surgical unit for patients who have had breast or abdominal surgery. They are small, 8x12 inch pillows that a patient can place in her armpit or hold against the tummy when one coughs or sneezes. We made about 40-50 this year, including a bundle of festive ones around the Christmas holidays. It involves a very small effort, which provides so much relief for those in pain. They are made from cotton and are filled with polyester stuffing.

In 2007, FCQU began supporting Quilts of Valor Foundation, whose mission is "to cover ALL war wounded and injured service members and veterans from the War on Terror, whether from physical or psychological wounds, with Wartime quilts." This year, Catherine Roberts, the founder of QOV, came to speak to our chapter. We will be giving this wonderful foundation 25 quilts in 2008.

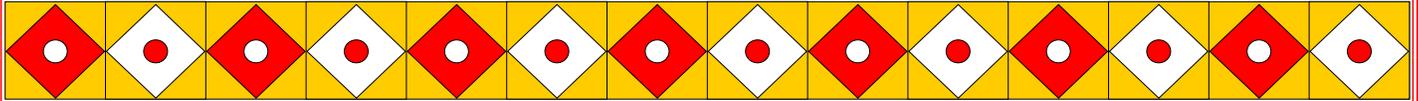
FCQU also supports Hope House for pregnancy support, located on Park Avenue in Falls Church, by making baby quilts as gifts for expectant families.

HAYMARKET Community Service

This year the Haymarket chapter of QU has taken on two community service projects. The first effort is to continue our ongoing support for the Transitional Housing Barn, Inc. in Bristow, Virginia. It is an organization that offers temporary housing and supportive services for women and their families. In addition to donations of clothes and household supplies, we provide the Barn with quilts and pillowcases to give comfort to its many residents. Last December we delivered over 30 quilts. Thanks to the hard work of our community service committee and our generous members, so far this spring we have completed 10 more quilts and 11 pillowcases with many more to be finished for a June delivery.

The second project we've been working on is a commemorative quilt to honor our local Evergreen Fire Department where we hold monthly meetings. Our members have been hard at work throughout the year completing pine tree blocks that were then assembled at a retreat in March. Appliqué work is currently underway on the center medallion. This quilt will be hung in a place of honor to be enjoyed by all those who use the Evergreen social hall.

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MCLEAN Community Service

The service committee for the McLean Chapter of QU provides quilts for babies and lap quilts seniors in need. These quilts are donated to three organizations within our area. Baby quilts are given to The Arlington County Teenage Parenting Program and the Assistance League of Northern VA. Seniors receive lap quilts from the Arlington County Department of Human Services.

The Teenage Parenting Program provides schooling for pregnant high school girls in Arlington County. In order for the young girl to receive a baby blanket she must stay in the program for one month and not miss one day. This has been an incentive for the girls to stay in school. The Assistance League donates the baby quilts to Fairfax Hospital for mothers in need.

This January we held our service bee and, in one day, finished 75 quilts. At our recent service bee in June, we completed 65 quilts.

MT VERNON News and Community Service

This year was an exciting one for Mt Vernon. We were "Wild and Free" with Pat Sloan; went "Back to School" with some of our more experienced members; learned about how quilting is a good way to make friends with Aby Dolinger; found out that "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" was not just a movie from Lynda Poole Prioleau; looked at "Symmetry and Surprise" with Paula Nadelstern; were able to Jump Start Our Creativity with Barbara Olson; and learned what to do with orphaned blocks in "Motherless Quilts" by Mary Kerr. We also met the challenge of "What's Black and White and ???? all over"; had a Blog of the Month; exchanged bow tie blocks; made our second annual retreat to Bird-In-Hand, PA; and met our goal of increasing the number of quilts for the show with a record of 82 items.

We donated fabric and quilting supplies to the women's prison in Cumberland, made Quilts of Valor and donated more than 20 quilts to "For Children's Sake", a group home for abused children.

After our "Tea Party" on June 3rd, we are continuing with our regular bees every Tuesday beginning at 12:30 in room 216 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. We will also have our first evening bees in the 2nd floor Conference Room 2 at Sherwood Hall Library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the months of June, July and August, 6:00-8:30 PM.

RESTON Community Service

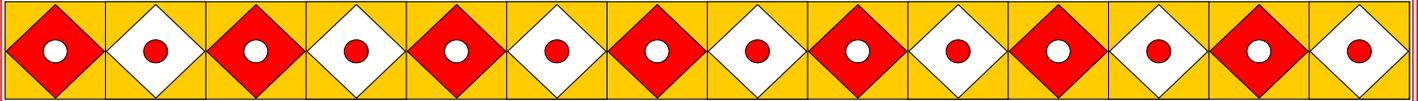
Reston QU members continue on with their ambitious Project 1000 - having a very basic goal of making and donating 1000 quilts to charitable causes. Good news! We passed the halfway mark some months ago and are now well into the 600's. Our quilts have been welcomed by Project Linus, FISH, Kids R First and several individual churches. A handful of our quilts have gone overseas to Africa.

Currently we have a collection of approximately 55 quilts, many twin bed sized, awaiting pickup by a volunteer from CAUSE, a group who work with wounded veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. We have requests to produce quilts for sick children going to camp. Our project leader is hard at work producing kits for handout to members so these quilts will all be similar. We continue to welcome donations of fabrics for Project 1000 - most particularly sought are pieces of at least 1 3/4 yards in length that will make colorful backings. Won't you contact us if you feel the need to clean out your stash? restonqu@gmail.com

Approximately 200 bears were donated to the Fairfax County Fire Dept.

The Reston Chapter used the date of Saturday March 15, National Quilting Day, as an opportunity to raise their profile in Reston. Prior to the day, using many fabric squares donated by members, two quilters created an "I Spy" quilt which was donated to the Reston Public Library for permanent display in the Children's Department. The library was thrilled to receive the quilt and had it hanging in time for March 15.

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Articles about our chapter appeared in the Reston Times, The Reston Connection and an online newsletter produced by the Fairfax County Library.

On the day we had members in attendance all day in the meeting room where they worked on their own projects and were available to meet and speak with library visitors curious to see what we do. We handed out information leaflets for QU as well as the QU Show Flyer. Children's story time that day featured stories about quilting and two members led a craft project for the children to create a paper quilt.

We used our budgeted money from QU to donate to the Fairfax County Library with the request that the money be used to purchase books with a quilting theme, both fiction and non-fiction, and for both the children's and main collection in the Reston library. All of these activities were intended as a way to fulfill the QU mission of "promoting the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting through continuing educational services for members and public education activities."

SPRINGFIELD Quilting for Others

Our SQU community service projects, under the direction of Diane Henry, have centered this year on continuing to make lap quilts for the soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. We held one-day workshops in October and April and, as a result, have completed over 80 quilts for delivery to the soldiers. One of our quilts was pictured in the March issue of the State Department magazine when the quilt was handed to a recovering soldier.

Last fall the members of Springfield QU rose to the challenge of producing, at the last minute, hundreds of stockings for ECHO volunteers to fill with gifts for children and families at Christmas time.

In January we held a workshop to sew pillow cases for several dialysis centers in the area and produced close to 300 colorful cases. Some of the cases were taken to a local Ronald McDonald house.

This spring SQU added making small quilts for the patients at the Fairfax Hospital Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit to our "Quilting for Others" repertoire. These small quilts grace the infant incubators of the babies and bring comfort to the infants and their parents.

VIENNA Community Service:

- Several hundred animals were made for the Children's Emergency Room at Fairfax Hospital.
- 100 animals were donated to an elementary school for their project to fill bags for children staying at Walter Reed's Fisher House (a place to stay for families visiting military patients at the hospital).
- 27 stuffed animals were donated to the Annandale Volunteer Fire Dept.
- 6 pillow cases were made for hospices.
- One quilt and one quilt top were donated to Walter Reed Medical Center.

Raffle Quilt Winner

The winner of this year's raffle quilt is Frances Hart (FC), on the left. The quilt was pieced by Jo Cotter (Ann), on the right, and machine quilted by Stover Quality Quilting. It is based on Marsha McCloskey's pattern "Golden Splendor" which appeared in the October 1996 issue of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. You can learn more about Marsha McCloskey at www.MarshaMcCloskey.com.



QUILTERS UNLIMITED EVENT	QUILT SHOW JOBS	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Fundraising/raffle quilt/silent auction	Publicity/drapes	Arl	F	R	V	MtV
Bye	Design Layout Lead	A	Arl	F	R	V
Annual Meeting Program/Nat'l Quilting Day	Design Layout Mentor	C	A	Arl	F	R
Bye	Classes	H	C	A	Arl	F
Sully Quilt Show	Ribbons/Dolls/wearables/labels	FC	H	C	A	Arl
Annual Meeting Lead/Food	Set Up Lead	McL	FC	H	C	A
Fall Lecture Lead/Nat'l. Quilting Day	Set Up Mentor	B	McL	FC	H	C
Fall Lecture Workshops	Volunteer	S	B	McL	FC	H
Fall Lecture Program	Demos/order merchandise	MtV	S	B	McL	FC
Bye	Vendors	V	MtV	S	B	McL
Quilt-In "National Quilting Day Celebration"	Programs/cards	R	V	MtV	S	B
Bye	Advertising/food	F	R	V	MtV	S

Fundraising: Obtains goal amount from QU Board budget, chooses fundraising activity or approach for that year. May include raffle quilt and/or silent auction items for the quilt show. Volunteers working at the show will receive the same reduced rate as offered to other volunteers working the quilt show.

Annual Meeting Programs: Coordinates with the Fall Lecture Programs chapter to find and engage speaker for one or two years ahead, as directed by the Board. Takes care of current year's speaker by arranging travel, lodging, food, etc. as needed.

Annual Meeting Lead: Provides publicity and promotion for event, arranges for food, drinks, set up, and clean up. This event will be held the Thursday the quilt show is set up in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (pending by-law changes).

Sully: Arranges demos and Sit & Stitch area, obtains water for our volunteers, coordinates with Sully contact person.

Fall Lecture Lead: Finds venue for previously engaged speaker, provides publicity and promotion for event, arranges for food, drinks, set up, and clean up.

Fall Lecture Workshops: Arranges location, promotion, registration, set up and clean up, etc. for the workshops. Coordinates with Programs and Lead.

Fall Lecture Programs: Coordinates with Annual Meeting Programs chapter to find and engage speaker for one or two years ahead, as directed by the Board. Takes care of current year's speaker by arranging travel, lodging, food, etc. as needed.

Quilt-In "National Quilting Day Celebration": Selects date in March, plans event including venue. In charge of publicity, food (set up, maintain and clean up) and purchase drinks (sodas, diet sodas, water), ice, plates, napkins, utensils and tablecloths. Also in charge of theme (may include block exchange,) if desired. Welcome everyone; periodically ask for show and tell, if there is a block exchange, award blocks.

National Quilting Day (2 chapters): Third Saturday in March. Plans and implements outreach to the community to promote quilting among non-quilters. Coordinates with other chapter assigned to the duty or not, as they wish.

Bye: These chapters will have no Quilters Unlimited event assignment due to the extensive requirements of their quilt show jobs.

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QU Programs and Events*

**Be sure to contact the chapter before attending an event to make sure there have been no unforeseen changes.*

JULY

(McL) 8 bee at church
(B)* 16 Betsy True Lecture - Use All the Colors
(R) 19 One-day retreat at Great Falls Library
(McL) 22 bee at church

AUGUST

(McL) 5 bee at church
Big QU 6 board meeting at Pimmit Regional Library (7:15)
(B)* 13 Morna Golletz lecture-A Peak Inside Quilters' Studios

(R) 16 One-day retreat at Herndon Fortnightly Library
(McL) 26 bee at church

SEPTEMBER

(McL) 2 bee at church
Big QU 8 quilt show committee meeting (7PM)

*The Burke summer meetings will be at Messiah United Methodist Church, located at 6215 Rolling Road.
Gathering 7:00 - Meeting 7:30

ARTISANS UNITED

Here is an opportunity to display the work of our wonderful quilters. In conjunction with Artisans United and Lorrie Herman of Fairfax County, we have space available in the Mason District office of County Supervisor Penelope A. "Penny" Gross. Her office is in Annandale, on Columbia Pike, a couple of miles from Little River Turnpike. She is in the Mason District Governmental Building (police station).

The areas we have available to hang quilts will accommodate about 5 small pieces, 2'x4' vertical, and 6 larger pieces, approximately 6' x 5' in size. The display is scheduled for July 12 through September 29. I would love to have you display your work. I will pick up your quilts and return them to you after the show. Please contact me if you are interested. Lorraine Heady, 703-620-0444, cchlah@verizon.net

Subscribe to the QU Digest!

Since 1995, the QU Digest has been an informal way for members to network and share information between official newsletters. It's sent electronically via email. Once you subscribe, you will receive news about QU members, quilting tips, interesting websites, and pleas for missing books or fabric. There is also ongoing news on workshops by QU & other guilds, bus trips, members' news, job announcements, quilt shows, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't even have to be quilt related! The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. At the QU Digest website, you'll be able to see QU Digest archives for the last seven years, an email directory of subscribers, quilting tips, quilting websites, and other pertinent files. You must be a subscriber to the Digest in order to access the information.

If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, contact Barbara Tricarico (MCL, V) at QUDigest@cox.net

Chapter Information*

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Annandale (A)

3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am
Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church

3435 Sleepy Hollow Road
Falls Church, VA 22044

President: Diane Cairns
virginiastainedglass@erols.com

Arlington (ARL)

2nd Monday, 7:30pm
Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads

3440 South Jefferson Street
Falls Church, VA 22041

President: Kerry Britton
kbritton001@comcast.net

Burke (B)

2nd Wednesdays (Business/Show & Tell), 7:30pm

4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Cherry Run Elementary School

9732 Ironmaster Drive
Burke, VA 22015

President: Barb Sherwood
bsherwood@cox.net

Centreville (C)

2nd Thursday, 7:30pm

Colin Powell Elementary School

13340 Leland Road
Centreville, VA 20120

Presidents: Polly Monica and Susan Boyle

Pollyporch@aol.com
susan.boyle74@gmail.com

Fairfax (F)

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10am

St. Peters In the Woods

Episcopal Church

5911 Fairview Woods Drive
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

President: Sharon Emory
stemory@aol.com

Falls Church (FC)

3rd Friday of the month, 7pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

3022 Woodlawn Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22042

President: Gail Wentzell
daniel.wentzell@verizon.net

Haymarket (H)

1st Thursday, 7:30pm

Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department

3510 James Madison Highway
Haymarket, VA 20169

President: Karen Sievert
karen.theniftyneedle@yahoo.com

McLean (MCL)

4th Tuesday, 9:30am

McLean Baptist Church

1367 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22101

President: Carla Schardt
wychwood@his.com

Mt. Vernon (MTV)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:30pm

Hollin Hall Senior Center

Room 216
1500 Shenandoah Road
Mt. Vernon, VA 22308

Presidents: Lynne Miller and Carol Kunkel
philiplakier@msn.com
cakunkel@verizon.net

Reston (R)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm

Armstrong Elementary School

11900 Lake Newport Road
Reston, VA 20194

President: Dorry Emmer
restonqu@gmail.com

Springfield (S)

Every Tuesday of the month, 1st Tuesday Business; 3rd Tuesday Program, 9:30am

Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street
Springfield, VA 22150

President: Sue Galasso
suegalasso@hotmail.com

Vienna (V)

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street S.
Vienna, VA 22180

President: Kathy MacNabb
kmmacnabb@aol.com

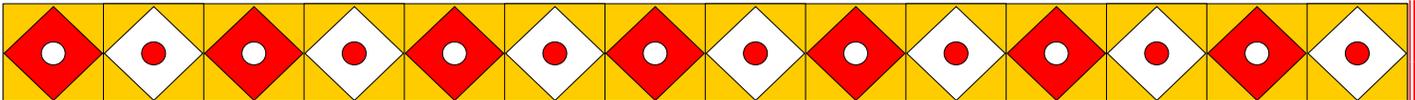
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Connie Doberenz, qnewsletter@gmail.com

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