

## *Arlington QU* **Newsletter- Late Winter, 2017**

The festivities of the holidays are distant memories and the dark and cold of January has faded as well. The longer light and warmer days are welcome even if more chilly days remain. The coming months are full of quilt shows and quilting activities everywhere.

**Sit N SEW** this Saturday, February 25- Beth Richardson has found us a nice meeting room at Beatley Cental Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria from 10-2. We will be organizing things for the Quilt Show Boutique. If anyone is good at making those iron caddies, I am sure they would sell. Our last one sold last year for \$24 to someone who came from Baltimore for it! Everyone is welcome to bring their own projects to work on as well.

**Last Chance** for photographing your quilt for the June show will be Monday night, the 27th at Bee at Glen Forest Elementary School. Carol James will be taking pictures from about 7:45-9 pm. Questions? carolvjames@gmail.com.

Sheryl Sims will be taking the charity quilts we made in February to

Alexandria Hospital for the Nicu. They were thrilled that they would be receiving the quilts. Sheryl will have more information for us when she meets with Christine Spencer there.

**Pat Sloan** will be the speaker at the March meeting.

The block of the month exchange is a monkey wrench in the flower bed.

Directions are attached I hope.

Barb Leupold and Kerry Britton are forming a slate of new officers. Please do not hide when you see them coming. We need your enthusiasm and new ideas to keep the group happy and flourishing.

Big QU has the new website up and running. It is easy to navigate and interesting. Class registration for the Quilt Show is there as well. Find it at [quiltersunlimited.org](http://quiltersunlimited.org).

**Thanks to Jodie Flakowicz and Laura Savage** for so graciously hosting Bees and Sit N Sew during the erratic holiday closings.

A reminder that auction items are being solicited and collected for the May meeting. Donated fabric needs to be washed and ironed. Baskets are available to hold donated items in a group. Donations can also be lessons, trips, meals or whatever your imagination offers. The May auction and Show Boutique are our main money makers that fund our programs.

Diane Herbort sent information about Esterita Austin's classes at the Quilt Surface Design Symposium in Ohio this summer. Kerry Britton's much admired quilt in September was based on work started in those classes. More information is at [www.qsds.com](http://www.qsds.com).

We will all miss the enthusiasm, wisdom and laughter we shared with longtime member Sally Brown. Kath Heslep has shared information on her Memorial Service which will be on Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 am at The Simpson Garden Park reception room in Bowling Green, OH. It is a large park that Sally enjoyed, walking the trails and admiring the gardens. Contributions to the park in Sally's name can be made to the park. A brick in the Memorial walkway with Sally's name on it would be \$150. Kath has offered to collect the funds if desired. Another donation could be to the hospice that helped her in the last weeks. Kath says she is planning on driving to Bowling Green that weekend so that Sally's family will know how much Sally was loved and continues to be part of our community.

### **Announcements of upcoming shows-**

Baltimore Heritage Quilter's Guild, Biennial Quilt Expo, 2017, March 18 and 19, 10-5. [www.baltimorequilters.com](http://www.baltimorequilters.com).

Haymarket QU, Haymarket, VA, auction on April 6th starting at 6 pm with the preview. Check the big QU website for more information.

Quilt Festival and Show, Fayetteville, NC, April 7-8. Show entries will be accepted until March 15. [tarheelquiltersguild.org](http://tarheelquiltersguild.org)

Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show, Berryville, VA, April 21-23. [www.NSVQuiltShow.com](http://www.NSVQuiltShow.com).

Quilt National 2017, May27-Sept.4, Athens, Ohio. [www.DairyBarn.org](http://www.DairyBarn.org).

March calendar-

Bees on March 5, 20 and 27, Mondays at Glen Forest

March 13- business meeting and Pat Sloan

April 3- Birthday Bee

April 10- looks like a school holiday week.....announcements to follow

Happy Birthday to all members celebrating in February and March.

Have a good month enjoying the coming Spring and all the quilting opportunities.

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