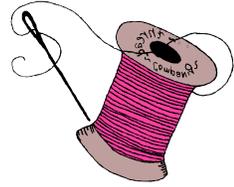


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited March 2017

Our 2016-2017 Volunteers

President—Rachel Childress	VP—Donna Kellam
Treasurer—Nicki Brown	Secretary—Judy Bell
Nominating—Loretta Spittle	In-House Programs—Patrice Mull
Newsletter—Kim Fess	Door Prizes—Nancy Karpowicz
Quilt Show Rep—Patrice Mull	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Nancy Karpowicz	Web Page Contact—Julia Renken
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Barb Sherwood
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Quilt Camp—Dotty White	Sunshine—Ann Littleton
Membership/Welcome—Robin Cary	Photographer—Lynn Munch
Coffee—Carol Valent	Quilting for Others—Diane Henry
Quilt Donation Liaison—Loretta Shinol	Pillowcases—Corrie Grumman
Auction/Yard Sale—Kim Fess	Quilt Collectors—Chris Prestenbach
Social Media—Lisa Langlais	

My dear quilting friends,

This has been a crazy month for weather! It feels like spring. But, lucky for us, we were able to have quilt camp as planned. It was fabulous! I can't thank Dotty White and her team enough for putting on such a great time. We all enjoyed the demos and classes. It was so much fun to get together. We have some fabulous lectures and workshops lined up for the next three months. There is no slowing down in this guild! First up in March is Virginia Walton who will present a lecture on using color, patterned fabric and balance. The workshop will be a kaleidoscope. If you have never made one, here's your chance! Also a reminder to still be making those items for the boutique for the quilt show. We are in charge of that again this year. I look forward to seeing you all on March 7. Don't forget to do your block of the month. We were short a week in February. It is a real beauty!

Happy Quilting,

Rachel

NEWSLETTER NEWS

The next three issues of the newsletter (April, May, June) will be done by **Julia Renken**, who graciously volunteered to do the job in my absence. So, unless she tells you otherwise, send your input to Julia at julia.renken@att.net on the normal deadline date of the Friday after the third Tuesday (program meeting date) of each month. The deadline for the April newsletter will be March 24.

And, in case you're wondering where I'll be...Ken and I (retired Army) and another couple (our "besties"—retired Navy) have purchased an RV and we are taking off on March 21 for a 10-week cross-country trip. We will be visiting friends, family, national parks and everything in between. If you would be interested in following our travels, we are in the process of setting up a blog. The address is:

armnavtravels.wordpress.com.

Kim

SQU BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2017

President - Rachel Childress called the meeting to order at 0945. Rachel welcomed everyone with a humorous discussion of Valentine's Day Fun Facts. She read two thank you letters. ECHO appreciated the 450 pillowcases we donated and VQM thanked us for hosting the very successful Stash Blast that raised \$2,500. She also thanked the Quilt Camp Committee for putting on a very fun Quilt Camp.

The **minutes** of the January 2017 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer - Nicki Brown announced that as of 1/31/17 we have a balance of \$18,978.38.

Vice President - Donna Kellam, Discussed upcoming programs. We need to decide which NY Beauty workshop we want Linda Hahn to present on April 19. On Wednesday, March 22, there will be an all-day workshop for Kaleidoscope Star, costing \$40. Signups are starting now. In May, Donna Lynn Thomas will present two workshops. Donna encouraged members to consider filling her position as VP next year. She has already filled the programs, including having Maria Spetalnik present a class on organizing your quilting space.

Committee Reports

Fall Retreat - Joan McGowan emailed payment reminders. Payments are due today and the April and June business meetings.

Newsletter/Spring Retreat/Yard Sale - Kim Fess stated that the newsletter deadline is February 24. After this, Julia Renken will prepare the newsletter for the rest of the year as Kim will be traveling. Spring Retreat is full, with a meeting today. She needs someone to take over the minor responsibility of organizing the Yard Sale.

Quilt Donation Liaison/Library - Loretta Shinol said she took 7 quilts to Fort Belvoir Hospital since the last meeting. Four library books have been donated.

Membership/Welcome - Robin Cary said we had one new member, Suzanne Starling.

Web Page Julia Renken wasn't present, but the web page is back up

Social Media - Lisa Langlais not present

Farewell Blocks - Cynthia Johnson-Daily said to notify her if anyone is leaving and she is still collecting blocks.

Coffee - Carol Valent Nothing today

Refreshments - Barb Sherwood and Alice Richbourg thanked those who brought goodies today without a reminder. Still need signups for March

Quilt Camp - Dottie White and Debbie Dishmon Quilt Camp was great! Dottie thanked everyone who contributed food, demos, and other help.

Quilting for Others - Diane Henry thanked everyone for making the VQM Stash Blast such a success. If you want to donate to the Stash Blast, you need to contact the VQM. Diane is still collecting red, white, blue and gold fabric for soldier quilts.. She asked for volunteers to help her cut and assemble kits at the off-Tuesday next week.

Quilt Show Rep - Patrice Mull said she will have a list in the newsletter of items that sold well at last year's boutique in preparation for this year's. She encouraged members to make again anything that sold last year. Classes are up on the website.

Quilt Collectors - Chris Prestenbach said photos and measurements will be taken today, February 21 and 28. Twenty-two quilts are registered for SQU so far. Rachel would like to see everyone submit at least one.

Sunshine - Ann Littleton thanked everyone who lets her know that someone needs sunshine.

New Business -

Barb Sherwood said there are openings for a Zentangle Quilting workshop on Sat, February 26.

Loretta Spittle announced that emails are going out to those on the bus trip to the quilt show. If you do not know where the meeting place is, do a drive by.

Maria Spetalnik needs help finishing off some donated shawls.

General Announcements - none

In-House Programs - Patrice Mull

Block of the Month- Patrice and Rachel drew 3 names for the 33 blocks submitted . The March block was shown. Dark blue, medium blue, medium green and a light batik should be used

UFO Challenge - The project numbers for February are #8 and #10.

Star Quilt Alongs - Patrice asked those participating to bring their WIPs to the March meeting

My Small World - Patrice showed an anonymous member's organization notebook

Door Prizes were handed out.

Lynn Munch presented a talk on Organizing Your Scraps

Show and tell was held.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1140.



SPRINGFIELD QUILTERS UNLIMITED 2016-2017



THEME: Reach for the Stars!

Tuesday	3/7/17	9:30 Business Meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Monday-Friday	3/13/16-3/17/16	Spring Retreat	Massanetta Springs Conference Center Harrisonburg, VA
Tuesday	3/14/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	3/21/17	Program: Virginia Walton	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Wednesday	3/22/17	Workshop: Kaleidoscope	TBD
Tuesday	3/28/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	4/4/17	9:30 Business Meeting *YARD SALE	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	4/11/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	4/18/17	9:30 Program: Linda Hahn PM Workshop	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Wednesday	4/19/17	Workshop Linda Hahn	TBD
Tuesday	4/25/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	5/2/17	9:30 Business Meeting Election of SQU officers	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	5/9/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	5/16/17	9:30 Program Donna Lynn Thomas	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Wednesday	5/17/17	Workshop: Donna Lynn Thomas	TBD
Tuesday	5/23/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	5/30/17	9:30 Quilting for Others	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Friday-Sunday	6/2/17-6/4/17	Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show	Dulles Expo Center Chantilly, VA

Tuesday	6/6/17	9:30 Business Meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	6/13/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	6/20/17	End of the year picnic	Joan McGowan's house
Tuesday	6/27/17	9:30 Sit-n-Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall

PROGRAMS

Virginia A. Walton is the inventor of the rulers for the CREATIVE CURVES QUILTING SYSTEM, which substitutes curves for half-square triangles (circular curves) or half-rectangle triangles (oval curves). The following rulers have been designed by Virginia: the CREATIVE CURVES RULERS, the CREATIVE CURVES ELLIPSE RULERS, the KALEIDOSCOPE RULER, and the MULTI-ANGLE, WEDGE RULER. In addition there are numerous BOOKS, PATTERNS, and DVDs that include patterns for the different rulers.

We are hosting Virginia on March 21, 2017, for a lecture: **HOW TO BALANCE THE USE OF COLOR & PATTERNED FABRIC**. This Lecture shows through examples how to combine fabrics to create a wide variety of quilts. From Traditional to Modern, approximately 100 quilts, tops and other 'pieces' are shown to illustrate how color along with the value or depth of color will effect patterns. The following is a listing of some of the examples that are seen and discussed during the Lecture: Amish, Country, Appliqué, Samplers, Scrap, Pictorial, Animal and a wide variety of other quilt styles. Our meeting starts at 9:30 am with the lecture starting around 10 am.



On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, we are having the workshop, Madagascar Star, Kaleidoscope Quilt. I have a sample of the quilt. The completed quilt is 36x36 minus the borders. The workshop will be held at the Quilt Patch, 10 am - 4:30 pm. This workshop costs \$40 plus the cost of the Kaleidoscope Ruler, approximately, \$25. You will need to buy the ruler on Tuesday as Virginia is not selling items in the store. She is staying in the area for a couple of weeks and if you want any of her books, DVDs or rulers, we can make arrangements.

Other items of interest, Linda Hahn, New York Beauty will be with us on April 18, 2017. Her lecture is called New York State of Mind. The workshop will be on Tuesday, 12-3 pm \$20, Fire Island Fiesta.

Donna Kellam
Vice President



SUNSHINE CORNER



Let's bring some cheer to our members!

If you know of any SQU members in need of a Get Well or Sympathy card, please let Ann Littleton know at ann.littleton@DSALLC.net or by phone 540-659-8938.

“We don't have to light up the whole world, just our little part of the world.”(Unknown)

QUILTING FOR OTHERS

Talented ladies of SQU, we are well into a new year and with generous fabric donations by chapter members as well as Stash Blast acquisitions, I am creating more pillowcase kits for our donations to ECHO. I would love to go home empty-handed from the meeting on Tuesday so please stop by and sign out your kits! As always, donations of cheerful, juvenile and Christmas fabrics are appreciated as well as completed pillowcases created with your own fabrics. Questions? Contact Corrie Grummon, grummon@gmail.com.



Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who are celebrating their special days in the month of March:

Denise Racz 3/1

Francine York 3/5

Suzanne Beavins 3/11

Naomi Causey 3/29

Jill Redding 3/1

Nancy Schriber 3/7

Lynn Munch 3/15

Ginny Hall 3/3

Vicki Rall 3/9

Diane Murtha 3/21

MEMBERSHIP



We welcome our new members:

Kathy Miller

7204 Gulfhill Court

Alexandria, VA 22315-4210

703-971-1049

Email: kmiller1221@aol.com

Suzanne Starling

6 Whetstone Court

Stafford VA 22554

650-996-7209

Email: suzanne.starling88@gmail.com

DOB: 6/3

Elizabeth (below) is not a new member, but her contact information did not get into the directory.

Elizabeth Saunders Morris

603 Fauquier Street

Fredericksburg, VA. 22401-3745

540-371-1893

Email: elizabeth7227@gmail.com

DOB: 12/7

A Note of Thanks!

Thanks to all who participated in our bus trip to Quilt Fest in Hampton. Everyone was on time, in good spirits and wholly agreeable. There were lots of smiles and bags of goodies as we boarded to return home.

Our first time use of Saratoga Park and Ride was a positive experience and best of all many people (and locals at that) discovered it for the first time!

Loretta



PROGRAM AD REQUEST
QUILTERS UNLIMITED 44th QUILT SHOW
DULLES EXPO & CONFERENCE CENTER
JUNE 2 TO JUNE 4, 2017

Quilters Unlimited wants your ad in our 2017 Quilt Show program. Advertising in our annual event is a very effective way to ensure that your business name and information reach a large community of fiber artists in our area. ADVERTISEMENTS DO NOT HAVE TO BE QUILT RELATED - ANY TYPE OF PRODUCT OR SERVICE CAN BE ADVERTISED.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FORMATS:

- Printer ready pdf files (please ensure fonts are embedded)
- If photographs are scaled in your artwork, make sure they are scanned at 300 dpi or higher and included on your disc in .tif, .eps, or .jpg format. Our program is printed in black and white so please use grayscale.
- Your ad may be sent with this form or via email to qushowprogram@quiltersunlimited.org
- Please print when filling out the form below and submit it along with your check by March 31, 2017 to:

Anne Beebe 8301 Silverthorn Rd. Fairfax Station, VA 22039

BUSINESS NAME:			
BUSINESS ADDRESS:			
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE IN FULL TO: <u>QUILTERS UNLIMITED</u>		AMOUNT REMITTED	

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SIZE	DIMENSIONS	PRICE	Adobe .PDF (Preferred)	Illustrator .AI or .EPS	Photoshop .TIF, .EPS, or .JPEG
Full Page	7.83 in. X 9.91 in.	\$200			
Half Page	7.83 in. X 4.94 in.	\$150			
Quarter Page	3.87 in. X 4.85 in.	\$100			
Business Card	3.90 in. X 2.41 in.	\$ 50			

Please contact Anne Beebe for questions or clarification at (703) 690-8414 or qushowprogram@quiltersunlimited.org no later than March 31, 2017.

Cabin Branch & Stone House Quilt Guilds' 13th Annual Quilt Show

April 1-2, 2017 Prince William Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
 Adults & Seniors \$8/Under 12 Free Over 200 Quilts Merchant Mall Silent Auction
DON'T MISS IT!

Springfield QU Basics

If you are new to Springfield QU, here is the lowdown on SQU meetings...it's easy—we meet EVERY Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.!

- The **first** Tuesday of each month is our business meeting. It sounds like something you might want to miss, but believe me, you don't. Besides business, there is always a lot more...block of the month, meet the quilter, or whatever. "Stay tuned" to your monthly newsletter to find out what will be taking place at each business meeting.
- The **third** Tuesday of each month is our program meeting.
- The **second** and **fourth** Tuesdays of each month are known as "off-Tuesdays" and are Sit 'n Sew. Come to the firehouse bingo hall; bring a quilt to baste; bring sewing; bring knitting, or just bring yourself. Sometimes our "special interest groups" also meet on these days. Whatever is going on, since Springfield QU is "where the fun is," you can be sure that there will be lots of laughter on these days. **During the summer EVERY Tuesday is an "off-Tuesday." We have no formal meetings in July and August.**
- **Fifth** Tuesdays are the days that we devote to Quilting for Others—our on-going charitable efforts. Usually working in assembly-line fashion, we make quilts for wounded and ill soldiers or pillowcases for needy children or Christmas stockings for ECHO. The newsletter will always give information about upcoming fifth Tuesday projects.

Our schedule is designed to make your calendar planning easy! Just don't ever plan anything else for any Tuesday morning; you already have plans! Yes, if you want the full "Springfield Experience," come to a meeting every Tuesday.

Organizing Scraps

As promised, here is the handout from my talk on February 14. I'm not sure I really gave my conclusion at the end of the talk, so here it is:

If you have just a few scraps, it is probably best to just sort them by color. If you have a lot, cut them into sizes you will use. If you have a whole lot, start with a project - it will inspire you (and don't forget those containers of project leftovers). Once the scraps are cut into usable sizes, press and store flat in a labeled container.

Lynn

Organizing Scraps - Helpful hints and websites

“The secret to using (scraps) instead of just saving them is to cut them into usable sizes and keep them organized. Once you've done that, you will be surprised at how many scrappy happy projects you can make”

beinmybonnetco.blogspot.com/2013/08/from-my-quilty-studiohow-i-save-my.html?

Organize scraps in the manner most useful to you

Cutting and sorting by size is most commonly recommended. However, some sort by color, fabric line, type (repros, batiks), value (light, medium and dark), temperature (warm colors or cool).

Most common cut sizes are:

- 1 1/2" strips
 - 2" strips
 - 2 1/2" strips
 - 2 1/2" squares
 - 3" strips
 - 5" strips
 - 5" squares
 - Larger pieces
- Strings (narrower than 1 1/2")

<http://www.quiltville.com> Scrap User's System! Bonnie Hunter at Quiltville says:

“So, how to start? Do you need all sizes of strips all at once? NO!

Find a pattern...any pattern...something that calls you, something that says MAKE ME! And start taming your scraps with that pattern in mind. And plan to have LEFTOVERS!

If your scraps overwhelm you, try this....set your timer for 15 minutes and just trim for that long! Then reward yourself and go sew something :c)

If you don't like a fabric, donate it, or cut into even smaller pieces”

<http://www.diaryofaquilter.com> Amy Smart, "Diary of a Quilter" saves scraps between 2x2 and 10x10 by color. She only cuts 2.5x2.5 squares and 2.5 strips. She has a good point in saying to figure out your needs and what you'll use and DO. She also says to get rid of the fabrics you won't use where Bonnie Hunter says just cut it up smaller!

thesewingloftblog.com · September 8, 2015, has a lot of storage ideas

Press the cut pieces!

Store in clear bins, or labeled.

Cover if possible.

Use scraps to make baskets for more scraps.

<http://www.aquiltinglife.com> Sherri at "A Quilting Life," September 22, 2016:

5 Tips for Organizing and Storing Project Leftovers

1. Keep project fabrics together in a container until you're finished with it.
2. Decide whether project leftovers will stay together for future projects in the same color story or if you'll move leftovers into storage with your other scraps.
3. Cut the scraps into your most commonly used sizes.
4. Find a container to store your fabrics in.
5. Label, label, label!

<http://www.aquiltinglife.com> Sherri at "A Quilting Life," January 14, 2016:

How to Sort & Organize Scraps

She sorts her scraps by designer and cuts them into sizes she uses.

<http://www.aquiltinglife.com> Sherri at "A Quilting Life," September 29, 2014:

Tips for Scrap Quilts

- Choose a variety of scrap quilt projects so you can best utilize scrap fabrics.
- Organize specific scrap bins by project to make it easier to work on the projects at any given time.
- Use simple scrap sewing as "leaders and enders" for regular sewing. I've been using my postage stamp 9-patches and my scrappy log cabins as leaders and enders this week.
- Realize that it's okay for scrap quilts to be longer works in progress. Don't rush scrap quilting.
- Take time on a regular basis to organize and separate scraps into appropriate containers.
- Enjoy quilting with those scraps!

For organizing entire sewing room, Sherri did a series of blogs starting Monday, June 2, 2014.