Is it February already? Our BQU year is half over, but the fun is not!

We had a good turnout for Back to School Night. Thanks to Delores McGlynn, Teresa Bristol, Sandy Kretzer, and Jean Taylor who joined me as instructors to teach some new-to-you techniques. I hope you learned something new, and enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

January 28th brought our Quilting for Others event. I was unable to attend, but have been told that nearly 40 of you showed up to sew quilts for various charities. What a great turn-out! I’m sure you all enjoyed the camaraderie, the quilting, and, of course, the soup, salad and desserts. We do know how to turn out a good meal! I’m constantly in awe of the generosity of this group. Good job, quilters!

Marisela Rumsburg will visit us on Feb 22 to tell us about her zentangle quilts. I’ve seen them, and they’re awesome! She’ll have a workshop on Saturday, Feb 25 to teach her techniques.

Good news! The Quilter’s Unlimited website is now up and running! Check it out at www.quiltersunlimited.org. Lots of information about the show is there, as well as past newsletters and info about what’s happening with the other chapters. You can register your quilts for the quilt show, too. Just follow the links.

Let’s stay cozy and warm during this cold winter month, and keep on quilting!

Piecefully,
Barb

President’s Letter

Burke QU meetings will take place at:
Sangster Elementary School
7420 Reservation Drive
Springfield, VA 22153
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7pm

Except as noted in Upcoming Events/
Website
February Birthdays

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Upcoming Burke QU Events

February 22, 2017
- Speaker Marisela Rumburg
- Workshop

February 25, 2017
- Speaker Paula Harr
- Burke Centre Library

March 22, 2017
- Ways & Means
- Sunshine
- Welcome

March 24, 2017
- Days of Service

April 5, 2017
- Auction

April 26, 2017
- Speaker Debby Kratavil
- WRSU Annual Meeting

April 27-30, 2017
- Spring Retreat
- May Run Run Run Workshop
- May Sale

June 2-4, 2017
- Big QUILT Quilt Show
- June Social
Please gather your auction able items and make them look lovely. Turn them in at the four meetings in February and March, or call Diana Hoefke (703-978-3992) to deliver them directly to her house. Please attach an auction ready inventory list of the items in your bundle (see below). Remember we’ll have a verbal auction, silent auction, and a bag auction and we need items for all!

Bag Auction tickets will become available starting at the meeting on February 8th, so bring your cash or checks! Prices are: 10 tickets for $5.00, 20 tickets for $9.00, 30 tickets for $12.00, 50 tickets for $20.00. Purchasing your tickets early is a good idea, so you can get your name on them before Auction Night.

Thanks for helping us keep Burke QU going in high style for another year by supporting your local BQU Auction!

**Auction Ready Inventory List:**

- **General Description**
- **Suggested Price/Value**
- **Quilt Top – description and size**
- **Quilt Blocks – Description, # of Blocks and size of blocks**
- **Yardage – Description and # of yards**
- **Donated by (Name/Bee Name)**

The Auction Committee is forming now and we’re still looking for volunteers to join the fun. Please contact Diana Hoefke at dhoefke@verizon.net to volunteer.

Diana Hoefke
2017 Auction Facilitator
Charity Sew-In Draws Large Crowd! 36 Attendees!

On Saturday, January 28th the Fellowship Hall at the Burke United Methodist Church was filled to capacity with our members who turned out in large numbers to sew charity quilts for neonatal and sick babies at Children’s National Medical Center, wounded or disabled soldiers, and/or those in need through the FACETS program in Fairfax County. Many quilts were begun using donated fabric that had been fashioned into precut kits ready to sew. Thank Five baby quilts were finished on Saturday and ready for CNMC. I know in the coming weeks that the quilts started will find their way back to our meetings ready to be loved by someone in need. Thank you to everyone who made soup to share, brought bread, salads or dessert and your sewing expertise to give to those less fortunate. Thank you to Pat Price our phenomenal Property Chair whose amazing organizational skills makes any endeavor so easy. And a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped to make the day a pleasant way to spend time with good friends.

A special thanks to Renee Castro for setting up the quilt photography at the Sew-In!

From the bottom of our hearts, THANKS!

Libby Fritsche and Debbie Bullock
February Speaker

Marisela Rumburg will be our speaker on February 22. The title of her lecture is "Zentangle is yoga for your brain"!

Attached is her website, please look at her fantastic work! She is recently certified to teach "Zentangle", an amazing machine quilting technique.

She will be providing a workshop on the Saturday following her lecture, February 25. The cost will be $50 for a 6 hour workshop. The time will be 9-3, at Burke United Methodist Church.

Please see Marianne Hooker to sign up for this workshop.  dmhkr@verizon.net

Marisela's website:  http://www.quiltsbymarisela.com/zentangle.html

Needed! Baby Quilts!

Neonatal quilts (24”x24”) and/or crib quilts

Kits will be available at all guild meetings. We want 100% participation. You can piece a top, quilt the layers, sew the binding, or make the labels. All help is needed and appreciated! Please contact Debbie Bullock and make sure that you sign our Charity Quilt Thermometer Chart when you finish a quilt.

Please contact Debbie Bullock (dbullock@verizon.net or 703-971-6618) with any questions or if you need a piece of batting for soldier or baby quilts.

Debbie Bullock
Baby Charity Quilts Chair

The photo shown above was taken at the Children’s National Medical Center over the Christmas holidays. It was taken in a patient’s room where the parents had created a Christmas corner for their child who has been in the hospital for several months. The quilt depicted is one from our Burke Guild. Thanks for making someone’s Christmas just a little more special.
Soldier Quilts

Midnight Madness will be held on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 5:30 pm to midnight at the Quilter’s Studio, 9600 Main St., Suite L in Fairfax. Come join us for an evening of sewing and socializing with friends. Cost of $25 will include dinner, drinks, room rental and a *surprise*. Signups will be held at the February and March meetings. Hope to see you there! Organizer: Karen Brewster (703) 732-6283/kgbnv@gmail.com.

A soldier quilt top completed from blocks from the chapter this year.
Spring Retreat 2017

Spring Retreat is Coming! April 27-30, 2017 at the Hampton Inn on Berryville Ave. in Winchester. Look for extra sewing hours on both ends! Registration opens on January 11 before the Business Meeting. Watch for everything to be Just Ducky! Brought to you by the Bumbling Block Party Bee.

Thanks again to our Back-to-School presenters at our last meeting. They did such a great job and I learned something new from each.

Delores McGlynn- Stack and Whack Magic
Teresa Bristow- Layering fusible Applique
Sandy Kretzer - Machine Turned Applique Techniques
Jean Taylor - Quicker, Safer, More Accurate Tips for Better Quilting
Barb Sherwood- Inserting Circles

We'll see you at our next business meeting, Feb 8 at Sangster Elementary school. Don't forget your name badge and show-and-tell. You might win a prize!

Linda Cooper
Kathy McCrea and Susan Price are members of Virginia Consortium of Quilters, which holds meetings around the state 4 times a year. They are inviting you to the March 11th meeting which will be held in Annandale at the Little River United Church of Christ. VCQ will offer 4 classes with teachers and Come Quilt with Me, an opportunity to work on your own projects. The March meeting registration deadline is February 17.

The teachers for this meeting are:

- Julie B Booth: Experimental Hand Stitching
- Mary Grogan: Quick Projects
- Shannon Shirley: Bottles and Blooms with Shannon Shirley Workshop
- Marisela Rumberg: Free Motion Quilting: it is more than straight lines

More details about the meeting can be found in the VCQ newsletter which is posted on the website:

www.vcq.org

You do NOT need to be a member of VCQ to attend the meeting. Kathy would love to see many of you there. Please feel free to contact her at Kathy.mccrea@cox.net if you have any questions. The May meeting will be held in Richmond, the August meeting will be held in Newport News and the November meeting is in Manassas.

Thanks,
Kathy McCrea

Sometimes I’ve believed in as many as six impossible things before breakfast!
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 gushowprogram@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: |  |
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| CONTACT NAME: | QU CHAPER |
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Please contact Anne Beebe for questions or clarification at (703) 690-8414 or gushowprogram@quiltersunlimited.org no later than March 31, 2017.
It’s hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about our board for next year (2017-2018). Many of us still have holiday decorations up; there are probably the remains of delicious treats that need to be finished off; belated greeting cards are still arriving in mailboxes. Getting back into the regular routine can be hard sometimes.

But some folks are thinking about new activities or actions (okay, let’s call them “resolutions”) for this new year. If you are wondering about trying something new or different, please give the idea of serving on the board of the Burke Chapter of QU some thought. Right now we have openings in almost every position: President, First Vice President (Admin), Secretary, Treasurer and Nominations. Marianne Hooker has agreed to stay on as Second Vice President (Programs) but she needs a shadow—someone who will assist her through the next board year and then take over as 2nd VP for 2018-2019.

The Burke QU board is a great way to give back to our guild, and as a board member you have an active say in how the year goes and what kind of activities we get involved in.

If you have any questions about the various job descriptions or what the time commitment is for any of them, please talk to the current officer or to Sharon Thompson (Nominations). You can contact Sharon by phone (703-366-2939) or email (thompies5@comcast.net).
Burke QU Business Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2017
Sangster Elementary School

President Barb Sherwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone.

Minutes:
Minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting were printed in the November newsletter. A motion was made by Jean Taylor and seconded by Diana Hoefke that the minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:
News from Big QU
Barb Sherwood reported on information from the January 4, 2017 big QU meeting. A Quilt Show Chair for 2018 is still needed. If there is not a show chair by April 1 there will not be a 2018 show. The board voted to pay the Quilt Show Chair a stipend of $2,000 in recognition of the amount of work in taking on the job.

The current Vice President is moving out of the area and the slot is now open. A replacement is being sought for remainder of this year and next year.

Quilt Show:
The matrix of jobs for the quilt show is back and the assignments will be for two years. It was decided this way the second year puts to use all the knowledge gained. Burke’s assignment is the Boutique. Chapters can switch jobs if each chapter is agreeable. Centerville has reached out to Burke and asked for the Boutique. They have been assigned Show Financials. Barb read the job description for Show Financials. She reminded everyone that the forms and processed mention have already been done. There was discussion but no decision was reached.

A new job for the show has been added – Outreach and will be board appointed. The cost of the show is increasing and entrance fees have been raised for the 2017 show. There is still a need for paid workers for the setup and take down. If you know anyone over 18, able to climb ladders and hang quilts who is interested, please have them contact Betsy Stone. The pay is $12 per hour.

Classes for the show have been set. You can register at quiltshowentry.com. There are five instructors. Barb reminded anyone that ads for the quilt show program are available. It does not have to be quilt related. For rates and other information contact Anne Bebee.

It was determined that the membership list for big QU will no longer be mailed with a mailing fee. A show of hands on how many would prefer an electronic version only was requested. Barb will take information back to big QU.
Burke QU Business Meeting Minutes, cont.

**Other News**
- Quilters Studio donated 100 yards of fabric for charity quilts. Thank you Kathye Gillette.
- There is a new fabric store opening – Fabric Place Basement in Alexandria. They have a small but nice selection of quilting fabric.

This is the year to review our by-laws. We need a volunteer to review the existing by-laws, compare them to big QU and to our current practices.

Barb asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer to audit Burke’s accounting records at year end. Judy Gula volunteered.

A discussed followed about possible additional fund raising opportunities. Our budget each year is not balanced and we eating away at our reserves. Options included participation in the Quilt Show Boutique, a per member addition due that would stay with our chapter, quilt raffle and others. Nothing needs to be decided yet, but consider options. There was some discussion about a ruling from the state of Virginia on how many fundraisers a non-profit could have and not pay taxes. This needs to be clarified. A vote at the next meeting will be scheduled.

Barb reminded the membership about the inclement weather policy. Please look at the Fairfax County Public School announcements. If schools are closed or evening activities are cancelled then we will not be meeting.

**Announcements:**

**Charity Quilt Sew-in:**
We will hold our annual Charity Quilt Sew-in on January 28th at Burke United Methodist. It is from 9-4. Soups and bread will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. You don’t have to bring a machine. There are plenty of non-stitching tasks.

**Baby Quilts:**
Debbie Bullock made a delivery of quilts and hats to Children’s Medical Center on December 23rd.

**Spring Retreat**
Rita Rivlin announced the theme of this year’s spring retreat is Just Ducky. Sign up is under way and we have 37 so far. Room reservations are also available at $90 per night. Mention Burke Quilters when making reservations with Hampton Inn to get our discounted rate.

**Nomination:**
Sharon Thompson is looking for volunteers for next year’s officers. She read a brief account of hours outside of the meeting attendance required by each office based on input from this year’s officers.
Burke QU Business Meeting Minutes, cont.

Treasurer:
Kathy McCrea reported we have about $16,000 in the bank but have not year paid for Fall Retreat.

Quilt Collector:
Renee Castrop announced she has reserved Pohick and Burke Center Library for Quilt Show entry photos. A listing of date and time will be in the newsletter and an e-blast.

Midnight Madness:
Karen Brewster announced that Midnight Madness will be Friday, March 24th at Quilters Studio from 5:30 pm to midnight. Dinner will be ordered from Panera. Signups will start at the February business meeting.

Auction:
Diana Hoefke reminded everyone the auction is scheduled from April 5th. Items need to be auction ready. She is asking you have a card with a description of items, who donated them and estimated value. Magazines and books need to be 2010 or later. Volunteers are needed for setup. We are doing bag, silent and live auctions again this year.

Program:
Our speaker at the February 22nd meeting will be Marisela Rumberg. She will also have a workshop on Saturday, February 25th. Fee for workshop will be $50. Location will be determined.

The meeting took a break and will resume at with Show and Tell.

Show and Tell with prize drawings and name tag prize drawings. The Challenge UFO quilts also had a prize drawing. The next number for the UFO Challenge is 4.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Brewster
Secretary
Welcome to Connecting Quilters  
Retreats, Seminars and More

Connecting Quilters is dedicated to providing quality retreats with extensive sewing time and a chance to socialize in a friendly and spacious environment.

Our retreats include:
- Extensive sewing time from the retreat’s start on Friday morning to its close on Sunday afternoon.
- A dedicated 5’ to 6’ work table for the entire weekend.
- Four cutting and ironing stations for use by guests, along with design walls.
- Complimentary dinner on Friday, lunch & dinner on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday.
- Complimentary breakfast for guests staying overnight at the hotel.
- A featured pattern tutorial, with patterns available for purchase where possible.
- A featured charity block where participating guests will earn a chance to win the Charity Block Raffle prize for each block donated.
- A featured retreat block where participating guests will earn a chance to win all the retreat blocks submitted.
- Demonstrations of quilting tools and techniques.

Dates and Locations:
Our 2017 retreats will be hosted in large conference rooms at the below locations. Dates and details are located on our website at www.connectingquilters.net

- **Best Western Leesburg Hotel & Conference Center**  
  726 East Market Street  
  Leesburg VA 20176  
  703-777-9400  
  March, June, September, December

- **Hampton Inn by Hilton**  
  1204 Berryville Avenue  
  Winchester, VA 22601  
  540-678-4000  
  May, July, August, November

Website: www.connectingquilters.net  
Email: info@connectingquilters.net

We hope you join us!  
Bonnie & Lessa