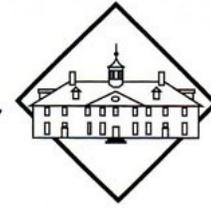




*Mt. Vernon Chapter  
Quilters Unlimited*



February 2018 Newsletter

## Mount Vernon Chapter Officers 2017-2018

President - Rickie Frost

Vice Presidents Committee - Nancy Barkume, Jim Melton, Ruth Roush

Secretary— Cynthia Johnson

Treasurers—Veronica Abrams and Sandra Kennedy

Nominating Chair— Libby Dudley



## President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you wonderful members of MVQU.

As we begin the second month of 2018 we are reminded of how fragile our lives can be. In a very short time our group has lost three wonderful ladies. We will keep them in our hearts and in our prayers. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

We are continuing to be very active as a group. The choices of speakers that our vice-presidents made have been excellent and we all look forward to a full year of interesting and instructive presentations.

It was wonderful to have Beth Smith back with us, even for a short while. Her 'quilting journey' was most interesting, her use of her color palette showed us a remarkable talent for pleasing the eye and even the quilts she 'didn't like' were truly lovely. Hope she will continue to keep in touch with us and come join us in the future whenever possible.

The upcoming charity event will be a lot of fun. Ginny brought some of her wonderfully creative 'fidget' blankets to show us at the bee and we are hoping for a big turnout and the creation of lots of interesting 'fidget' quilts.

I want to thank again all of you wonderful people who continually make my 'life' as the president a breeze.

Fondly, Rickie

## February Fat Quarter Giveaway! Red!

When you bring a fat quarter to the business meeting, you will be given a ticket. You can bring as many fat quarters as you would like, and will be given a ticket for each fat quarter. There will be a drawing and the owner of the winning ticket will be given the fat quarters. For February, members are asked to bring a red fabric. The winner will get to choose next month's color.

## Quilt-In February 27

Come for a relaxing day of sewing and socializing at MVQU's annual Quilt-In at Temple Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria on Tuesday, February 27 from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch, bottled water, and dessert will be provided. The deadline to sign up with Ruth Roush ([ruthnva@comcast.net](mailto:ruthnva@comcast.net)) or Nancy Barkume ([nancybarkume@cox.net](mailto:nancybarkume@cox.net)) is Saturday, February 17. We have one slot left for someone bringing a sewing machine, but we can accommodate more hand sewers. If you have signed up to bring your machine, please bring an extension cord. We will provide ironing boards, irons, and power strips. To allow enough room to accommodate everyone please do **not** bring in magazines or fabric to give away.

Preview - Our March 27 program speaker is local quilt artist Lauren Kingsland. Her lecture is titled The Inspirational Quilts of Gee's Bend.

## Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

Libby Dudley needs two volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to recruit chapter officers for 2018-19. Please contact Libby if you are interested.



## QU Quilt Show News

If you are entering a quilt in the QU show, please bring your quilt to the February business meeting, February 13 to be photographed. Photography will start at 11:30 am. The quilt must have a sleeve and label (see the QU web site for instructions, [www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org)). Bring a completed application with the quilt. Zoe Ann Brown ([zoeann.brown@gmail.com](mailto:zoeann.brown@gmail.com)) and Ginny Mayes ([ginny\\_mayes@yahoo.com](mailto:ginny_mayes@yahoo.com)) are available to assist you if you have questions.

Other QU Show news: MVQU's T Carter will be teaching a class on binding. QU will be calling for Ginny Beyer quilts to be displayed. Stay tuned for details.

The theme this year is inspired by Donna Hosek, our Show Chairperson, and her love of puzzles. For the Just Piece It! challenge, just about anything goes: strip piecing, English paper piecing, foundation piecing, hand piecing, etc. Any completed quilt where the top has been pieced together can be included in this challenge.

Challenge quilts must measure no larger than 40 x 40, and must be show ready, measured and photographed by the end of February 2018. So dig into your stash and start piecing together your own interpretation of Just Piece It!

## Charity Quilt News

From Susan Crowe: Charity is moving along. I will be bringing quilt labels to most bees and meetings. The batting is at Diane Tippin's house. If anyone needs some, just drop her an email and she will cut it and leave it on her front porch in a bag. The first few quilts cut up with the GO are in ziploc bags that will be available in Room 216. They are simple 8" squares of a focus fabric alternating with contrasting four patch blocks. Now that it is up and running, I will have more available soon. We also have some more charity stash that is building up and will be available at the February business meeting. If you have any special charity cutting requests just let me know. I expect to be making a few more deliveries soon. I'll keep trying for pictures.

At the bee on February 20, Lucy Look will talk about the sleeping bag project for the Family & Youth Initiative. She will show samples and some photos of the program.

## Inclement Weather Policy

The weather policy for cancellation of MVQU activities will follow the Fairfax County Schools guidelines. When the Fairfax County schools are closed, there will be no MVQU meeting. When the school opening is delayed, MVQU will meet. The HHSC phone number is: (703)765-4573.

## February Calendar

February 6: Bee - Sit and Sew, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 216.

February 13: Business Meeting, 12:30 pm, Room 112 – Fat Quarter Giveaway – Red; Bring quilts to be photographed for the quilt show, starting at 11:30 am.

February 20: Bee – Sit and Sew, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 216. Lucy Look will talk about making sleeping bags for the Family & Youth Initiative.

February 27: Quilt-In – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – Temple Beth El - 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

### **Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**

**Hollin Hall Senior Center**

**Call to Order:** President Rickie Frost called the meeting to order. There were 24 in attendance.

**President's Report:** The weather policy for cancellations will follow the Fairfax County Schools guidelines. When the Fairfax County schools are closed, there will be no MVQU meeting. When the school opening is delayed, MVQU will meet. The HHSC phone number is: (703)765-4573.

Rickie reported on news from the QU board meeting:

--QU is in the process of finalizing all the paperwork for non- profit status. The budget line for insurance has been increased. Director and officers have \$1,000,000 liability coverage.  
--The QU annual meeting will be June 2, 2018. Jinny Beyer will be the speaker and she will teach two classes.  
--Jeanne Farmer is the MVQU representative to the QU show committee and she is working on the class schedule. Sign up for classes will begin in early February.  
--Quilt registration has begun. Zoe Ann Brown and Ginny Mayes are the MVQU quilt collectors.  
--QU would like to borrow two wireless microphone systems to use at the quilt show. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that MVQU would not lend their microphone system.  
--The QU Fall Event is September 27, 2018.

**Vice President's Report:** Beth Smith will present the program on January 23. The Quilt-In will be held on February 27 at Temple Beth El. There is a sign- up sheet. Lunch, water and dessert will be provided.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as published in the January newsletter.

**Quilt Collectors:** Zoe Ann Brown reported that registration for entries for the QU quilt show is open online on the QU website. She also has paper registration forms. The registration deadline is February 28. Quilts need to have a sleeve, a label and a zippered pillow case for storage. When a decision is made about who is going to photograph the quilts, she will let members know the schedule.

**Treasurer's Report:** Veronica Abram's reported there was income of \$3015.55 and expenses of \$3502.28.

**Announcements:** Ginny Mayes will talk about fidget quilts at the bee enhancement on January 16.

Susan Crowe has quilt labels available to sew onto charity quilts.

There is a sign-up sheet for refreshments for upcoming meetings and programs.

**Fat Quarter Giveaway:** Ro Coller, the winner of the January drawing, picked the color red for the February fat quarter giveaway.

Rickie presented a program on Japanese vintage textiles.

There were many Show and Tells.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Cynthia Johnson, MVQU Secretary

## February Birthdays

Carol Conahan Joan Dwyer Sonia Gondol  
Lucy Look Mary Stauss



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Our next newsletter deadline is February 22. Send your articles to [mvqu.news@gmail.com](mailto:mvqu.news@gmail.com).

