

# The Pieceful News

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<p><b>President's Message</b> from Glenda Finley</p>	<p>What a summer of excitement for many of our members with travels to various stateside and foreign countries. I am not sure how much quilting was done during the summer, but I am certain there was much inspiration going on as we collected our new ideas from new sites. I know travels to Stonehenge, singing in concerts at Gloucester Cathedral, Ely Cathedral, the Keble Church in Oxford and the Temple Church in London and then a trip to Croatia on a 26 passenger boat provided experiences I will never forget. For those of you who are Friends through Facebook, I am continuing to post pictures as time allows. Ok. Enough of that, now back to quilting.</p> <p>We have quite a line up of programs this year. I have seen some of the new creations coming together and while we are still challenged by Barb and Nancy's challenge and I might say, some of us are continuing to work hard to get ours all finished. We have presenters, Cheryl Lynch, our own Jenny Emery and Barbara Hollinger, and M.J. Kinman and Kathy Gillette from The Quilter's Studio. And we always have inspiration from our own members. You never cease to amaze me.</p> <p>It is time to make sure that you have renewed your membership with Marge Hughes. One of the pluses of getting your renewal is that you are eligible to attend the QU Fall Meeting for free at Northern Virginia Community College Annandale September 27 at 6:30. Karen Combs will be lecturing and presenting a trunk show of "Quilts of Illusion."</p> <p>Happy Quilting ins 2018-2019</p>
<p><b>Calendar</b> Note: Bees and meetings begin at 10 am</p>	<p>September 4 - Bee at St. Peter's Church, Arlington  September 11 - Bee at the home of Mary Pace; Food Volunteers: Suzie Buck &amp; Barbara Wynne  September 18 - Bee at the home of Diane Kirkhart; Food Volunteer: Lura Alsalam  September 25 - Annual Kick-Off Meeting at McLean Baptist Church  September 27 - QU Fall Meeting at NOVA Annandale (<a href="http://quiltersunlimited.org/home-2-2/fall-event/">quiltersunlimited.org/home-2-2/fall-event/</a>)  October 2 -Bee at St. Peter's Church, Arlington  October 9 - Bee at the home of Pat Blood; Food Volunteer: Joan Hannas  October 16 - Bee at the home of Sarah Bidigare; Food Volunteers: Suzie Buck &amp; Mary Pace  Oct 23 - Auction at McLean Baptist Church  October 30 - Bee at the home of Betsyellen Yeager; Food Volunteers: Lenda Finley  November 6 - Bee at St. Peter's Church, Arlington</p>
<p><b>Programs 2018-2019</b> from Carole Marti</p>	<p>McLean Members! Here's the list of programs for the upcoming year. As the dates drew closer, more details - promotional material - and general hype - will be coming your way. As always, please let me know of any suggestions or requests you might have for future programs.</p> <p>September 25 - Annual Kick-Off: Budget Approval, Committee Chair Review, Summer Show and Tell  October 23 - Auction: Live and Silent Items  November 13 - Cheryl Lynch - "Turn Travel into Treasures"  December 18 - Holiday Lunch  January 22 - Jenny Emery - Trunk Show  Feburary 26 - Barb Hollinger - "Every Quilt Tells a Story"  March 26 - M.J. Kinman - "Diamond Divas &amp; Drama Queens"  March 27 - M.J. Kinman - Workshop "Creating a Small Facetted Quilt" (St. Peters Episcopal Church)  April 23 - Kathy Gillette - "Owning a Quilt Shop"  May 28 - Challenge Reveal, Luncheon</p>
<p><b>Auction</b> from Barb Wynne and the Auction Committee</p>	<p>I hope everyone has had a great summer. Hopefully you are going through your stash getting donations ready for the auction. It will be held at the October meeting. At the September meeting we will be passing around a sign up sheet for volunteers to make it run smoothly. We will also be collecting items to auction off at the September meeting and at all of the bees. We are also in need of pretty, fun, or interesting containers, such as baskets or boxes to display items in. Keep those ideas coming!</p>



<p><b>Refreshments</b> <i>from Suzie Buck</i></p>	<p>Board and Committee Leads: Remember you are responsible for providing food for our September meeting. We hope you provide us with some goodies!</p> <p>I will also have sign up sheets for later meetings available for everyone to sign. Please look at your calendars and be generous with your savory and sweet items for the upcoming meetings too.</p>
<p><b>Chapter Challenge 2018-2019</b> <i>from Nancy Fallone</i></p>	<p>In my 20 years as a member of McLean QU, I must say that my favorite thing about this group is the wonderful and diverse women I have met. I've come to know women from across the country and around the world, from various walks of life, from a generation before me and a generation after. So many have become my friends. You have taught me much about quilting and also about life but one thing we all have in common is quilting. So in honor of this, our theme for the coming year is based on this:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Birds of a feather flock together. </p> <p>You may interpret this in any way you want whether it is images of birds, blocks named after birds or feathers or even something which simply represents a common bond.</p> <p>As always, I ask that you have at least a completed top to share at our May meeting. I am continually impressed with the work of this group and I can't wait to see what you do with this. And, finally, thanks for letting me be a part of this fabulous group of women for the past 20 years.</p>
<p><b>Service</b> <i>from Karin Avil, Cheryl Rounds &amp; Marge Hughes</i></p>	<p>Over the summer McLean QU participated in two Love Quilt quilt-ins with Arlington at St Peter's church. There was a great turn out and a number of quilts were completed for this great cause. If you have a Love Quilt top finished and would like help having it quilted please see Karen Avil. </p> <p>Remember that each month at the St. Peter's bee there will be a service project as long as other activities are not scheduled. Instead of tying baby quilts, these quilts will be pinned and basted and machine quilted and bound later. This will allow the quilts to be more durable for young children.</p> <p>Our project right now are Love Quilts, baby quilts for Operation Home Front, quilts for military and Veterans, and heart pillow for Sibley Hospital. If you know of a worthy project, please let us know and we will try to participate. Also, please pick up a Service kit for a quilt - there are many available.</p>
<p><b>The Navajo Quilt Project</b> <i>from Cindy Wilson</i></p>	<p>Thank you to all who have donated to the Navajo Quilting Project. I have sent a box and am ready to send 2 suitcases full of fabric and notions. Please, no more donations at this point. I did not hear back from the Community Center I sent the first box to, so in the next mailing I have included a self addressed post card (to two different Community Centers and names) that they just have to drop in the mail back to me. If I get a response and feel that the donations are still needed I will let you know.</p>

<p><b>Getting To Know Our Members</b> from Sarah Bidigare</p> 	<p>I had a recommendation to feature one of our members in each newsletter so we could get to know each other a little better. For this issue, Sue Sladak graciously agreed to be our first member spotlighted. Here is a little introduction and pictures of some of her fabulous quilts. </p> <p>Sue Sladak joined the McLean chapter of QU in the fall of 2016, although she has been in the Vienna chapter of QU since 1994. Sue started sewing on her 4th birthday when she received a little sewing machine and ironing board as her birthday present. She loved playing around with her sewing machine and putting little patches of material together. At age 9, the wife of her father's boss told her that in order to be a respectable lady, she needed to learn to appliqué. She taught Sue to appliqué by putting together a Sunbonnet Sue and Farmer Bill quilt out of old fabrics. Sue still has the pieces for that quilt and hopes to finish it someday. Sue then sewed garments until the late 70's or early 80's when she started quilting. She has found her niche in piecing contemporary quilts. She has done the quilting part primarily by check, but recently has been learning to use a HandiQuilt Sweet Sixteen for free motion quilting.</p> <p>Growing up, Sue lived her first 6 years in Wheaton, Illinois. Then, her family moved all over the country because of her dad's job. It wasn't until high school that she would live in a house for two years. However, the Chicago area was home and that was where they would go to be with cousins for every Christmas. Sue has two older brothers, a sister 6 years younger, and a brother 16 years younger than her. They had an aunt and uncle living with their family for 2 years and she also had her grandma living and moving with her while growing up. Sue lived in Arlington for 20 years, and now lives in the City of Fairfax in a two-story townhouse with two storage rooms, one of which is just for fabric!</p> 
<p><b>QU Digest</b></p>	<p>The QU Digest is published about once a week, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events and members, quilting tips, and other quilting news. Subscribers can log onto a website to see digest archives download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access quilting tips, and see photos of workshops and events. To subscribe, send an e-mail to QUDigest-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and in the comment section, please include your full name, the chapter you belong to. Yahoo will send you an e-mail confirmation request for you to respond to. Send questions about the digest to Cindy Grisdela at cpgrisdela@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>General Meeting and Bee Information</b></p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting:</b> The McLean Chapter typically meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September through June at the McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA. All are welcome. Members should wear their name badges and bring a mug (you may win something!). If you need a badge kit, contact Gayle Ropp. We have show-and-tell at all meetings.</p> <p><b>Bees:</b> Bees are on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. except on the days of our monthly meeting. Locations are posted in the Calendar (see page 1 above), and an e-mail reminder is sent to members. All are welcome. For more information or to sign up as a hostess or food volunteer, contact Nancy Fallone.</p> <p><b>Policy for Cancellation of Quilt Meetings:</b> McLean QU follows the Fairfax County School Guidelines. If school is cancelled or delayed our McLean Quilt Meeting is cancelled. Always use your own best judgment if there is inclement weather in deciding whether to get out on the roads.</p>
<p><b>Box Tops for Education</b> from Jan Fuoto</p>	<p>Jan Fuoto is collecting box tops for education. They are found on packaging of products such as General Mills cereals (box tops), Cottonelle, Ziploc bags, and Hefty bags. For a full list, visit: <a href="http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/brands.aspx">www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/brands.aspx</a></p> <p>If you are not already saving them for someone else, please bring them to Jan at bees or meetings. At the chapter meetings, there will be a basket on the Welcome Table to drop them in, or you may give them to Jan or to Peggy Knight. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Newsletter</b> from Sarah Bidigare</p>	<p>Newsletter publication takes place every two months with a break during the summer. Please send news articles to Sarah Bidigare (sarah@bidigare.me). If you do not have e-mail, and need a printed copy sent to you via regular mail, please contact Cathy Eckbreth (703-534-4402).</p>

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**Quilting quote of the month:**

*Friends are like fabric - you can never have enough!*