



*Mt. Vernon Chapter  
Quilters Unlimited*



## February 2019 Newsletter

### Mount Vernon Chapter Officers 2018-2019

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## President's Message

Dear MVQU Members,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our program on Tuesday.

Cindy Grisdela presentation was inspiring. So many new ideas to incorporate into our work and so little time..... Her quilting journey was amazing to see and to admire. Great programs as usual.

I have requested a display area at the QU Show and am waiting on a reply. We hope to display some of our charity quilts as a special group.

Check the various deadlines for registering and photographing the quilts you wish to display at the quilt show. Cynthia sent out the information as an eblast and it is also posted on the Big QU site.

Before we began discussion on the funding of our June Luncheon, I confirmed that the use of our general funds to subsidize an activity did not in any way jeopardize our non-profit status. We can also use our funds to reward members of MVQU who have worked extra hard for the benefit of the group. We can purchase equipment for the use of the membership. With the permission of the maker, donated quilts can be sold and the funds placed in our general treasury. The only pending "legal" question deals with our ability to fund a scholarship. When the QU lawyers answer that question, I will inform you.

Should there be other questions regarding the spending of our treasury, please forward your inquiry to me or to the board and we will make sure that we clarify the issues with the legal 'gurus' of Big QU.

Hope that everyone is staying warm. The Frost household just had to replace one of the two heating systems in our home. Luckily it was done in an efficient and timely manner requiring no stay in a hotel to keep warm.

T graciously agreed to order more fabric with our printed labels, she also donated the yardage. Thank you so much T. I have the labels for the charity quilts and Dianne Tippins has a roll of batting also available for your use in making charity quilts.

Please remember that we have limited storage space upstairs at HHSC and that it is not a place to just 'dump' items you can no longer use. We constantly monitor that space and it is a full-time job to keep the area organized. We love the ability to look in there and maybe find that one special cut of fabric, but we do need to have some control. Please treat the storage area as you would treat the same space in your home!

Looking forward to the rest of the year filled with wonderful programs and lovely friendships.

Stay healthy and enjoy life.

Fondly,  
Rickie

### Fat Quarter Giveaway – February 12 – [Blue!](#)

Kathy Watson has volunteered to coordinate the Fat Quarter Giveaway. When you bring a fat quarter to the February business meeting, you will be given a ticket. You can bring as many fat quarters as you would like, and you 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. The winner will get to choose next month's color.

### Shoebox Project

Reminder! Please bring your shoebox to the business meeting and pick up your next one! Thanks.

### Inclement Weather Policy

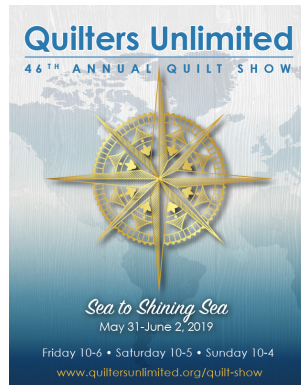
The weather policy for cancellation of activities at HHSC follows the Fairfax County government guidelines. When government is closed, then HHSC is closed. If there is a delayed opening policy by FCG then there is a delay in opening at HHSC. The HHSC phone number is: (703)765-4573. The inclement weather policy stated in the January newsletter was in error.

### Quilt-In

February 26, 10 am – 3 pm

Please join us for a fun day of sewing and friendship at our annual Quilt-In on Tuesday, February 26 at Beth El Hebrew Congregation from 10 am until 3 pm. The address is 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. Please park in back, and use the back entrance. Lunch, including bottled water and dessert, will be provided. Ironing boards, irons and power strips will also be provided, but if you sign up to bring your sewing machine, please also bring an extension cord. To allow enough room to accommodate everyone, please do not bring in magazines or fabric to give away. Please sign up at the February 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting or at the bee on February 5<sup>th</sup>, indicating if you intend to bring a sewing machine (there are limited spots) or if you will

be doing hand sewing. The Quilt-In is always a fun experience, and sometimes we even get some sewing done!



## 2019 QU Quilt Show News

It's time to register your quilts for the QU Show. Use this link, [qushowentry.com](http://qushowentry.com) to register.

**MVQU photography session:** February 12, starting at 11:30 in Room 112. A photographer hired by QU will take photos of quilts to be entered in the QU Show.

**MVQU charity quilts display:** In the upcoming QU Quilt Show, Mt. Vernon will have a special showing of charity quilts made in either the Tumbler block or the Drunken Nine-Patch pattern. The quilts will be hung together, apart from the usual Mt. Vernon quilt display, along with a short write-up describing MVQU's charity work. The quilts will be pinned to black backings and hung together. We are trying to get an estimate of how many of these quilts will be in the show, so we know how many backings we will need.

There are many lovely Tumbler and Drunken Nine-Patch quilts in the charity donation bins in the closet at the senior center. Some have MVQU tags that have the quilter's name on them. The makers of these quilts have already been contacted. But some quilts don't have a quilter's name on them. We also suspect that many of you have finished or almost-finished quilts in these categories that you may be willing to share in the show before the quilts go to charity recipients. If you were the maker of one of the unsigned quilts, or have one or more that you would like to hang in this special category at the show, please let Rickie Frost ([enricam@verizon.net](mailto:enricam@verizon.net)), Zoe Ann Brown ([ZoeAnn.Brown@gmail.com](mailto:ZoeAnn.Brown@gmail.com)) or Ginny Mayes ([Ginny\\_Mayes@yahoo.com](mailto:Ginny_Mayes@yahoo.com)) know.

Please note that we are only seeking quilts in these patterns that will be donated to charity. Also, these quilts will count against the limit of four entries per quilter (in addition to the QU Show Challenge Sea to Shining Sea).

**Registration is open for classes** at the QU Show on the website. Instructors include:

[Karen Eckmeier](#)

[Margaret Mew](#)

[Judy Newman](#)

[Petra Prins](#) and Judith Ebbelaar

[Teri Berrier](#)

## Quiltmania Exhibit – Membership Participation/ Challenge

These quilts will hang near Quiltmania's International exhibit titled "The Sewing Sisters" featuring quilts by some of their top designers from around the world. This is NOT a juried challenge exhibit. However, we will only accept 1 quilt per member due to space limitations.

This membership portion of our International Quilt Exhibit will be displayed with the following criteria:

1. This special exhibit will consist of quilts that our members have made from patterns, quilts or designers that have been promoted and/or published in past issues of Quiltmania Magazine. All issues and Editions of Quiltmania magazine qualify such as Quiltmania, Simply Vintage and Simply Modern.
  2. Due to space restrictions we are only accepting 1 Quiltmania entry per member.
  3. The quilt submission will count as 1 of the 5 maximum entries allowed per member.
  4. A previously shown quilt will be accepted for consideration of this special exhibit.
  5. The submission must be a quilt, table runner, miniature piece and a hanging sleeve is still required. 3 dimensional items such as bags, toys & clothing will not be accepted.
  6. The maximum size of quilt entries are not to exceed 80" in width or length.
  7. Deadline for entry submissions: online registration by 2/28/2019. Pictures by 3/07/2019
- Additional questions can be submitted to Doreen Johnson and Judy Impellizzeri, exhibit coordinators for the Quiltmania Membership Challenge.

## CROCK POT CANDY

At the January business meeting we were treated to a delicious candy. Ro provides the recipe:

- 16 oz. dry roasted peanuts
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- 12 oz. chocolate chips
- 4 oz. bar German chocolate
- 2 planks white almond bark (3 lbs.)

Put all in crock pot in order given. Heat on low for 3 hours. Remove cover, stir to combine. After 10 minutes, add caramel pearls or brickle bits if desired. Plop into candy papers using tiny ice cream scoop. Cool. This recipe makes over 150 peanut clusters and is great for distributing to all your friends.

## Raffle Quilt Opportunity

Rickie received information about a Trip Around the World quilt that Boys Home of Virginia is raffling. Boys Home, in Covington, VA, houses and educates nearly 50 at-risk young men whose lives have been negatively impacted by poverty or family instability.

To help support their programs, Boys Home is raffling off a beautiful blue quilt, done in a modified Around the World pattern. The quilt measures 90.5" x 99" and fits a queen-sized bed. All proceeds will help provide education, housing, and basic living expenses for the young men in our care.

Tickets are \$5 each, or 10 for \$45. Tickets can be purchased at [boyshomequiltraffle.eventbrite.com](http://boyshomequiltraffle.eventbrite.com).. The winner will be drawn on May 7, 2019.



Scrappy Scarf Workshop participants, led by Cindy Grisdela

## February Calendar

February 5: Bee – Sit and Sew, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 216

February 12: Business Meeting, 12:30 pm, Room 112; Photography of QU Quilt Show Entries starting at 11:30 am in Room 112

February 19: Bee – Sit and Sew, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Room 216

February 26: Quilt-In, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Beth El Hebrew Congregation

### **MVQU Business Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019**

President Rickie Frost called the meeting to order. We welcomed a new member, Pat Condie. There is no special project for next week's bee, but members who attend always enjoy the time together.

The minutes from the last business meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Income of \$840.25 and outgo of \$3861.16.

Kathy Watson volunteered to head the fat quarter exchange. Next month's color is blue.

QU Annual Show: The website is open, go to [qushowentry.com](http://qushowentry.com) to register. Each member may enter four quilts and one challenge project. There is no qualification to enter. The professional photographer will be at our chapter on January 29, please have your sleeve attached and registration number. Rickie questioned the hanging numbers, Jeannie will work on this. Rickie will request consideration for our charity quilts display so we may enter the entire group as one entry. T will make a poster about our charity projects.

Cindy Grisdela's workshop will be at the Unitarian Church on the morning of January 22 before she gives the group presentation in the afternoon.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Charity Event will be on January 29 from 11:30 to 3:00. An Eblast will be sent with instructions.

The Quilt-In at Beth El Hebrew Congregation will be February 26 from 10:00 to 3:00. A few irons will be available, lunch will be provided.

Rickie shared a nice letter she received from Lynne Fishburn, who now lives in Maine.

Madeline Shepperson, who owned the local shop Quilt-N-Stuff, has died.

The Cardinal Quilters' auction will be held on April 12 from 10:00 to 12:00 at Trinity Methodist Church on Cameron Mills Rd.

Refreshments were provided by Ginny, Lynn, Cynthia, Ro, and Jeannie.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 and we enjoyed seeing Show and Tell.

Barbara Zygiel, Secretary

## February Birthdays

Carol Conahan   Joan Dwyer   Sonia Gondol  
Lucy Look   Cathy Marciano   Mary Stauss



This Is Your Newsletter!

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

