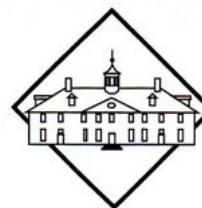




*Mt. Vernon Chapter
Quilters Unlimited*



March 2019 Newsletter

Mount Vernon Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President - Rickie Frost

Vice President - Ginny Mayes

Secretary - Barbara Zygiel

Treasurers - Veronica Abrams and Sandra Kennedy

Nominating Chair - Zoe Ann Brown



President's Message

Dear MVQU Members,

Often, we remember things that were said to us a long time ago.

Perhaps something our Moms told us, or our friends or something we read. Some things we immediately forget, others are filed in our subconscious, others are always remembered.

I would like to remember something that I heard as a young child. We were vacationing in the Italian Alps, my Dad trying to get a bit of skiing in and my Mom complaining of the cold wind and me just cavorting in the snow and being annoying to all who wanted to enjoy some quiet time on the terrace of the hotel.

"Quando la neve e' sul prato, la Primavera si avvicina!"

"When snow is on the ground, Spring is coming close!"

I know that there is a comparable American saying, but that is the direct translation from Italian.

Therefore, I choose to believe that Spring is just around the corner. Crocus, tulips, daffodils, jonquils, and many other bulbs are ready to pop up and decorate our beds and make us look forward to the awakening of our gardens.

I can barely wait for that first sign of Spring.

As I write this, there is a forecast of snow, but I plan to ignore it and just look pleasantly ahead not just to Spring, but to lots of fun activities and great programs with our MVQU crowd.

By the time this newsletter goes into our website, we will have enjoyed a grand day at Beth El Hebrew Congregation working on our various and varied quilting projects and we will be looking forward to the March activities.

Our plans to display some of our charity quilts are progressing. Photos have been taken of the quilts we plan to display at the Quilt Show. Signups for the June Luncheon are going to start and, most importantly, Zoe Ann will be contacting you to set up the Elected Officers' Slate for 2019-2020.

I hope you will seriously consider taking an elected position or heading one of our many chair positions. MVQU is a wonderful organization and its success is due to all the hard work that our members are willing to do to make certain that everything runs smoothly.

Hope to see all of you at the March activities.

Fondly,
Rickie

Updated Report from the Nominating Committee

MVQU Candidates for 2019-2020

President: Dianne Tippins

Vice President: ?????

Secretary: Jeanne Farmer

Co-Treasurers: Carol Allen and Zoe Ann Brown

Nominating Chairperson: Susan Crowe

The slate of candidates remains open for nominations from the floor, as noted in the bylaws, until the elections which should take place in April.

The position of the VP should be filled by a committee of volunteers who will be coordinating programs and workshops for the upcoming year, 2019-2020. We need at least 3 or 4 volunteers so that each committee member will take responsibility for arranging at least one speaker or workshop. (Many hands make the workload light.)

We need to present the slate of officers at the March business meeting in order to follow the bylaws to allow the election to take place in the 4th quarter which is the Business meeting in April.

So do we have anyone willing to step up for the chair of Vice President?

And also, any other members interested to be on the committee of VP?

Please contact any of us on the nominating committee if you would like to ask questions or to be nominated for **Vice President**.

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Zoe Ann Brown 703-310-4486 zoeann.brown@gmail.com

Roberta Hartley 858-531-9798 roberta.b.hartley@gmail.com

Fat Quarter Giveaway – March – Yellow!

Kathy Watson has volunteered to coordinate the Fat Quarter Giveaway. When you bring a fat quarter to the March 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

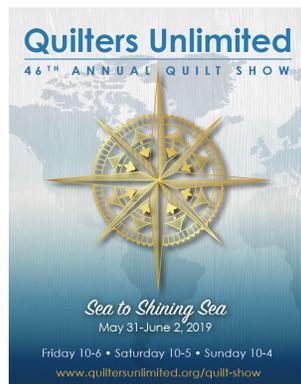
Please remember to turn in your shoebox and pick up another one at the business meeting! It is magical to open each one and see the delightful pieces everyone one is making!

Geraldine "Dena" Wilkins Program Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 12:30 p.m.

Geraldine "Dena" Wilkins, the Living Water Quilter, a former photojournalist, a JUKI America Educator, Westalee Design Accredited Teacher and a 2018 Island Batik Ambassador, will share her quilting passion and love of free-motion quilting in her presentation "From Frustration to Fabulous; Taking the Fear Out of Free-Motion Quilting". For more information, check out her website: www.livingwaterquilter.com.

June 11 Luncheon

Please come join us at our June luncheon to be held at Mount Vernon Inn, Tuesday June 11, 2019. Lunch will consist of salad, entree, dessert and drink. The cost for each member for lunch is \$15 when you sign up. The guild will be paying the additional cost, which includes tax and tip and room rental. We will have a sign-up sheet available at the April business meeting and at meetings and bees thereafter.



2019 QU Quilt Show News

From Jeanne Farmer: Classes are filling up fast. *Happy Villages* and *Wool Applique* are full and *Playing with Dutch Tiles* is very close. *Quiltmania* will be advertising that three international instructors (Petra Prins, Margaret Mew, and Judy Newman) are teaching at the show. Registration for their classes should increase when the ads are published. If you are thinking about taking a class, sign up now. If the class is full, send an email to qushowclasses@quilters.unlimited.org and I will contact you if there is a cancellation.

Volunteer sign-up goes live in April. I need help with the classes at the Holiday Inn and will bring my laptop to a meeting in April to assist you in signing-up. I may need help collecting vendor donations for the annual

meeting. I will definitely need 3-4 people to assist with the annual meeting on Saturday evening (June 1st) at the Holiday Inn.

Charity Report

Animal bed report!

MVQU has donated 104 beds, some small dog clothes, and dog leashes.

Thanks to Veronica Abrams who took five lawn leaf bags filled with beds to the Humane Society of Fairfax.

Currently, I have no fabric or stuffing. This project is a useful way to recycle our scraps for a worthwhile cause.

I will continue until we get "tired" or can no longer find a destination for our goodies!

Dianne Tippins

Woodlawn Needlework Show

The show dates are March 1 – 31, 10 am – 4 pm; closed on Tuesdays. Lunch is available at Nelly's Café. If you would like to volunteer at the show, contact Susan Fournier, fourniersusan@gmail.com or (202)321-4863.

Sandy Barrett Hassan – “My Journey with Fabric – Stitching Stories Through Quilts”

Quilt Lecture at Woodlawn Needlework Show

March 13, 4:00 pm

Come see and learn about extraordinary quilts by Sandy Barrett Hassan! Hassan greets the day early, sometimes at 4 AM, eager to be among her quilting fabrics and patterns and colors—the bolder and more ebullient the colors, the better. What began for this native Washingtonian as gift-making for friends in the 1970s, has now blossomed into a serious art form. Her quilts are exhibited in museums, featured in books, and are currently for sale in the gift shop of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. The District of Columbia Historian commissioned Sandy to create a quilt celebrating the District's Bicentennial. A former member of the African Heritage Dancers and Drummer troupe, Hassan no longer dances in the traditional sense of the word. Instead, she says, “My quilts do the dancing for me.” (from The Alexandria Times)

The lecture is included in the ticket price. **An RSVP is required for the lecture.** Tickets for the show can be purchased online at www.woodlawnpopeleighy.org. Woodlawn is located at 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Quilt Club – Fabric Place Basement

Quilt Club has begun at Fabric Place Basement at Beacon Mall on Richmond Highway. The club will meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 11:00. BOM, refreshments, door prizes. No cost but you must buy a 1/4 yd. of fabric. Come and have fun!

Haymarket QU Auction

The auction begins on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 am for the Auction Preview and Buy-It-Now. The Live Auction starts at noon and concludes by 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase quilts, wall hangings, bags and quilting related items, such as fabric, notions, patterns and services. The auction will be held at Alvey

Elementary School, 5300 Waverly Farm Drive, Haymarket, VA. Contact Julia Graves, Juliagraves82@gmail.com for more information.

Quilt Exhibition at DAR Museum

“A Piece of Her Mind: Culture and Technology in American Quilts”

From the DAR website: “Today’s culture makes it easy for American women to engage in the world around them, thanks to advances in both women’s rights and technology. But between 1820 and 1920, many women chose to respond to current events and trends creatively, through one of their prescribed activities: needlework. Quilts allowed women to engage in the world while conforming to their era’s gender roles, which restricted middle-class women to the private, domestic sphere. This exhibition will present quilts that reflect their makers’ interest in their world.”

Exhibit runs March 1 – December 31, 2019. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. The museum is closed on Sundays and federal holidays. Located at 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC.

March Calendar

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

March 12: Business Meeting, 12:30 pm, Room 112

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

March 26: Program, 12:30 pm, Room 112, Geraldine “Dena” Wilkins

Mount Vernon QU Business Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

29 members were present

President Rickie Frost called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

The board approved the purchase of a new quilt stand.

Rickie asked members if they would use an Accuquilt if the group bought one. A majority said they would.

The Woodlawn Needlework show runs through March, volunteers are needed.

The Haymarket QU chapter will have an auction on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Our next program meeting will be the Quilt-In at Temple Beth El.

The January charity workshop was postponed until the next fifth Tuesday, April 30.

The Senior Center weather policy follows the decision of the Fairfax County Government.

Chair reports

Nominating – Roberta Hartley and Carol Allen have joined Zoe Ann Brown on the committee. They seek volunteers to serve as officers next year.

Storybook Quilts – Mary Mazzuchi will give a program at the Columbia Pike Library on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m., celebrating Black History Month.

Annual Show – Photos of entries were taken during the meeting. See Ginny for the dates of photo sessions at other chapters. Jeanne says classes at the show are filling fast, don’t wait if you wish to sign up.

Hostesses – Refreshments were provided by Nancy, Carol, Dianne, and Kathy Watson.

Announcements

The Senior Center office has been remodeled and they do not have room to hang quilts at this time. Hangings are still needed for the Sherwood Hall Library.

Kathleen Shaw informed us there will be a Quilt Club at Fabric Place Basement beginning on Feb. 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Sharon won the fat quarter exchange; next month's color is yellow.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55, we then enjoyed Show and Tell and refreshments.

Barbara Zygiel, Secretary

March Birthdays

Veronica Abrams Carol Allen Blanche Carpenter
Eleanor Carter Sharon McAuliffe Susan Skypeck



This Is Your Newsletter!

Our next newsletter deadline is March 26. Send your articles to mvqu.news@gmail.com.

