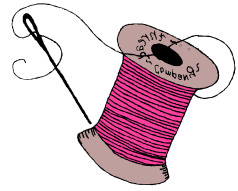


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## Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited

March 2019

### Our 2018-2019 Volunteers

**President—Lisa Langlais	**VP (Programs)—Sandra Israel
**Treasurer—Nancy Moore	**Secretary—Tonda Hunsinger
**Nominating—Penny Boyanton	In-House Programs—Lynn Munch
Newsletter/Hot Flash—Kim Fess	Door Prizes—Nancy Karpowicz
Quilt Show Rep—Robin Wilson	Library—Loretta Shinol
Holiday Party—Carol Valent	Sunshine—Ann Littleton
Quilt Camp—Barb Hall	Web Page Contact—Julia Renken
Farewell Blocks—Cynthia Johnson-Daily	Refreshments—Barb Sherwood
Fall Retreat—Joan McGowan	Spring Retreat—Kim Fess
Membership/Welcome—Scotte McElwain	Photographer—Carol Valent
Coffee—Nancy Vogel	Pillowcases—Cindy Niles
Yard Sale—Jill Redding	Quilt Collectors—Chris Prestenbach
Social Media—Lisa Langlais	Outreach Coordinator—Lisa Langlais
Auction—Nancy Karpowicz & Judy Bell	
Quilting for Others/Donation Coordinators—Julia Renken & Lisa Langlais	
** Elected and voting members of the SQU Board	

Greetings Springfield Quilters!

I hope you're staying warm and quilting as you can. The time is just flying by and I see we're almost into month three of 2019. I had actually set up a quilting commitment schedule for the year and found I was a bit ambitious—even in the winter where it's been too cold to go out and do much. Quilt Camp was fun which helped me refocus on the FUN part of my time. Thank you Barb Hall, Denise Racz and Bonnie Ruetenik for all of your time and effort to plan and host Quilt Camp. So many quilters showed up and shared what they were working on and helped each other out. Mini-classes were fun too! Thank you Barb Hall, Denise Racz, Bonnie Reutenik, Lynn Munch and Barb Sherwood for teaching and sharing your talent.

By press time, you should have had your 2019 quilt show quilts registered for the QU quilt show in June. Thank you Chris Prestenbach, Sue Baker and Beverly Pontius for keeping the ball rolling and working through our quilts AND registrations. I'm not sure of just how many we've entered, but I do know that we're going to have a very good showing of quilts. Be proud of what you've accomplished!! There are still come quilt show classes available on the [quiltersunlimited.org](http://quiltersunlimited.org) web site. PLEASE register for them as soon as possible. Big QU has contracts with the instructors with cancellation deadlines if we don't have the minimum number of students enrolled. The process is very much like what we do for Springfield QU's instructors. Sign up, or you might miss an opportunity to take a class you're interested in.

I'm going to focus on what I WANT to quilt on and how I'm going to get it done. Quilting makes me happy and when I'm happy, everyone in the house is happy. ☺ I can't wait to see show and tell from Quilt Camp at our business meeting in March. Because of you and what you're working on, I am always inspired by Springfield Quilters.

Yours,

*Lisa Langlais*

President SQU

## *SQU Weather Cancellation Policy*

If Fairfax County schools are closed due to inclement weather, SQU will NOT meet. If Fairfax County schools announce a delayed opening due to inclement weather, SQU will meet at its usual time. Hot flashes will not be sent out for weather cancellations.

### **Springfield Chapter Quilters Unlimited 2018-2019**

Tuesday	March 5	9:30 Business meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	March 12	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	March 19	9:30 Marisela Rumberg trunk show	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Wednesday	March 20	10:00 Marisela Rumberg workshop	The Quilters Studio
Mon - Fri	March 25-29	Spring Retreat	Massanetta Springs
Tuesday	March 26	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	April 2	9:30 Business meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	April 9	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	April 16	10:30 AUCTION	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	April 23	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	April 30	9:30 Sit and Sew, Quilting for Others	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	May 7	9:30 Business Meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	May 14	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	May 21	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	May 21	9:30 Bus to VA Quilt Museum	Harrisonburg, VA
Tuesday	May 28	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Thursday	May 30	9:00 Quilt Show set up	Dulles Expo Center
Friday	May 31	Quilt Show Opening Day	Dulles Expo Center
Saturday	June 1	Quilt Show	Dulles Expo Center
Sunday	June 2	Quilt Show Last Day	Dulles Expo Center
Tuesday	June 4	9:30 Business meeting	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	June 11	9:30 Sit and Sew	SVFD-Bingo Hall
Tuesday	June 18	10:00 End of Year Picnic	Joan McGowan's Pool

## **programs**

### **March Events**

#### **March Lecture:**

Speaker: Marisela Rumberg

Date: March 19, 2019

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Bingo Hall

Lecture: Zentangle and Quilts **ONLY 5 SPACES LEFT!!!!**

#### **March Workshop:**

Zentangle and Quilting Full-Day Workshop

From Marisela: The Zentangle® Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It is an empowering and uplifting experience. This creative process develops confidence and accomplishment, self-esteem, stress-reduction and well-being.



I am a Certified Zentangle® Teacher (CZT) and in this workshop I will teach you how I translated the Zentangle Method® into stitches to create Zentangle® Art Quilts or what I call Quiltangles®. (Some free motion quilting experience is desirable but not required.)

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Time: 10 am-4:30 pm

Place: The Quilters Studio Classroom, 9600 Main St., Fairfax, VA 22031

Cost: \$50 (checks made out to Springfield Quilters Unlimited)

Materials fee: \$10 (payable to instructor on day of class)

*15 student limit-sign up early!* Sign up any Tuesday in the Bingo Hall.

Sandra Israel

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## **Minutes of the Springfield Quilters Unlimited Meeting 5 February 2019 Loosen Up!**

- **9:45 Welcome, Lisa Langlais, SQU President (Big QU newsletter)**
- **Welcome New Members, Welcome Visitors, Scotte McElwain** – We now have 150 members!!!! Also, membership fees for new members for the remainder of the year are half price.
- **Approval of the minutes for January 8, 2018 business meeting in the February 2019 newsletter.**
- **Treasurer report-Nancy Moore** – Current balance is \$16,207.74
- **Vice President/programs – Sandra Israel**
  - Quilt Camp is 12-14 February
  - Marisela Rumsberg – Zentangle lecture 19 March, Workshop 20 March at Quilter's Studio – Price for class is \$50 and you must purchase supply kit at the lecture for \$10.
  - President's Gift – Traditionally we thank the president with a gift. In lieu of a gift, Lisa has asked anyone who would like to participate to give donations to the Virginia Quilt Museum in her name. Sandra Israel will collect donations. They can be cash or checks. Please write checks made out to SQU. Last day to donate is 7 May. Nancy Moore will write a single check to the museum. Lisa will be able to present the donation to the Quilt Museum on the SQU bus trip on 21 May.
- **Nominations - Penny Boyanton** – In progress
- **Committee Reports**
- Fall Retreat – Joan McGowan – First payments due today; retreat is still full.
- Newsletter – Kim Fess – Deadline is 22 February; need a new Newsletter person for 2019
- Spring Retreat – Kim Fess – 25-29 March; Masanatta, VA; there is 1 space open
- Library – Loretta Shinol – Working to downsize the library
- WEB Page Contact, SQU to Big QU – Julia Renken – Up to speed
- Outreach / Social Media – Lisa Langlais, business cards, Sandra Israel
- Farewell Blocks – Cynthia Johnson-Daily – Sally Bustamante donated 48 blocks – Thank you! The pattern is a white and blue, 9 patch, 3-inch squares
- Coffee – Nancy Vogel
- Refreshments – Barb Sherwood-- Please sign up to bring snacks.
- Quilt Camp – Barb Hall and the quilt camp committee – 12-14 February, Thanks for all the hard work – Looking forward to the fun!
- Pillowcases – Cindy Niles – 2019 total so far – 78. We are also looking for additional prints/florals for families, and teens.
- Quilting for Others – Julia Renken, Lisa Langlais, Batting Cutting party, April 30, 2019, Julia and I will have patterns that we will distribute in March, bring your sewing machines
- Quilt Show Rep/Layout Chris Prestenbach is our QU Quilt show Rep. Robin Wilson Proctor and Chris Prestenbach will do the Layout again this year. See the QU Show newsletter for great details about the show.
  - Photographing Quilts: 1. Register your quilt on the show website. Registration closes on 28 February.

- Print the registration form and bring to a photo shoot. You can use any of the other guild's photo shoot times that were published in the show newsletter.
- SQU photographing dates are February 19 and 26, 2019. Quilts must be complete, with sleeves, registration, and pillowcase.
- Advertising forms are on QU website and went out in your newsletter.
- Registration for classes at the show is now open. There will be fabric kits available.
- QU Boutique – Tonda Hunsinger – Will have Boutique sewing at the 19 February Sit and Sew. There are materials and supplies available.
- Auction – Nancy Karpowicz and Judy Bell - April 16, 2019. There is a sign-up sheet for committees that need work. If there are things that you want to donate now, please see Nancy and Judy. They are assembling baskets now. 9 April will be an assembly day for additional baskets.
- Sunshine-Ann Littleton - Updates on members
- Virginia Quilt Museum Bus Trip, Harrisonburg, VA – 21 May – Loretta Spittle
  - Still working on the details.
  - Agenda will include the Museum, Lunch at Traditions, and 2 additional quilt shops in the area – Patchwork Plus and Shenandoah Farmers' Market
- **BREAK 15 minutes**
- **New Business**
- **In-house programs –Lynn Munch**
  - Churndash BOM winners – Norma Cianciotti and Sandra Israel
  - Modern --The next two months are focused on modern quilting. Use of bold colors and open/negative space.
  - BOM is a coral and gray half square triangle – fabric provided
- **Show and tell – More fabulous quilts!!!! Keep up the great work!**

#### Door Prizes – Judy Bell

Submitted by Tonda Hunsinger

## IN HOUSE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Currently, we are looking at MODERN. Since we had a tech issue with the handout, I promised to put the definition in this newsletter. Here it is: According to the Modern Quilt Guild, "Modern quilts are primarily functional and inspired by modern design. Modern quilters work in different styles and define modern quilting in different ways, but several characteristics often appear which may help identify a modern quilt. These include, but are not limited to: the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. "Modern traditionalism" or the updating of classic quilt designs is also often seen in modern quilting." There is plenty more to explore at their website, <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/modern-quilting>

Just a reminder to update your BINGO Card and Progress Report. We still have lots and lots of fat quarters to give away. I will have copies of these available for new members at the March business meeting.

--Lynn Munch



## SQU AUCTION

The auction is scheduled for Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 9:30AM and we are starting to plan now!

This is the SQU's largest fundraiser and it is only successful with your help and generous auction quality donations. Here is a list of ideas to help get your creative juices flowing!

- Completed Quilts – Do you have a quilt you can donate? These typically make the most money in the live auction.
- UFO's – do you have something you've started and don't want to finish? Donate it, along with the fabric to finish the project.

- Table Runners, tote bags, purses, etc.
- Quilt Tops
- Kits – Quilts, Bags, etc.
- Sewing machines, rolling tote bags
- Furniture (does not need to be quilting related)

Donations of services are also welcome! Quilting, binding, organizing, meal preparation, house cleaning, etc.

Do you have a vacation rental? Can you donate a weekend getaway?

Do you have a designer handbag in good condition you'd like to donate? We are hoping to have a fun "Money Bag" item in the live auction which includes the designer bag and any money we can collect in the bag during the live auction.

Quilting Themed baskets or other clever containers such as:

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| ➤ Colors (Black & White,<br>Green & Yellow,<br>Neutrals, etc. | ➤ Baby Fabric | ➤ Text Fabric's    |
| ➤ Asian   | ➤ Patriotic   | ➤ Civil War        |
| ➤ Seasonal Fabric's   | ➤ 30's        | ➤ Masculine Fabric |
|   | ➤ Landscapes  |                    |
|   | ➤ Animals     |                    |

The baskets can also include non-fabric items, quilting markers, seam rippers, rulers, pins, quilting books, buttons, charms, specialty threads, etc. Other creative container ideas: Garden themed fabric in a watering can, fabric in a nice storage container, etc. It doesn't have to be a basket!

Non-Quilting Themed baskets/container ideas:

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| ➤ Fiesta Basket – Mexican food theme                                     | ➤ Picnic basket / Items for a picnic   | ➤ Pet Basket – filled with treats and toys for either dog or cat |
| ➤ April Showers / Rainy Day Puzzle/games in an open upside-down umbrella | ➤ Treasure Chest – filled with books, beads, fabric makers, trims, buttons, etc. | ➤ Wine/cheese  |
| ➤ Doll/Doll Clothes  | ➤ Movie Night Basket   | ➤ Food Themes  |
|  |  | ➤ Chocolates   |

Please send Nancy Karpowicz ([Nancy.Karpowicz@cox.net](mailto:Nancy.Karpowicz@cox.net)) an e-mail with the subject line "AUCTION" to give her your ideas and include pictures if possible. Please hold on to your larger items until early April. We encourage individuals and groups to coordinate and assemble auction items. If you'd like to donate fabric or quilting items, please bring these to Nancy Karpowicz (or any member of the committee) at the Business or Program meeting.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS IMPORTANT SQU FUNDRAISING EVENT!!!**

Auction Committee: Nancy Karpowicz (Chair), Kim Fess (Auctioneer), Nancy Moore & Cheryl Blum (Registration), Sandra Israel (AuctionSupport)

*Quilting for Others Sit and Sew... AND lunch potluck  
April 30, 2019, 9:30 until 3:00*

I love a good potluck. SQU will provide a protein dish and drinks. Sign-up sheets to follow at the March meetings. Julia Renken and I are organizing a Quilting for Others sit and sew. We will be working on three different quilts for Main Street CDC 40 x 60-ish, and Operation Homefront 40 x 40-ish. There will be a disappearing nine-patch pattern, a rail fence pattern and then vortex blocks made of all of the scraps. Please hold on to those juvenile fabrics. Good news..Julia and I will share the patterns through Facebook. Or you can use any pattern you want.

We will also have pillow case kits from Cindy Nile to support ECHO. Loretta Shinol is a great Fairfax County volunteer and is our point of contact with ECHO. One of the primary volunteers let Loretta know that she felt that the pillow cases were the best gifts they have for the families because it's not something that can be bought for any amount of money, and each pillow case is made especially for them. WOW! Last year we donated just over 600. How many can we make in 2019?—Lisa Langlais

# SUNSHINE CORNER

Let's bring some cheer to our members!

If you know of any SQU members in need of a Get Well or Sympathy card, please let Ann Littleton know at [ann.littleton@DSALLC.net](mailto:ann.littleton@DSALLC.net) or by phone 540-659-8938.

“We don't have to light up the whole world, just our little part of the world.”(Unknown)

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## Quilt Show Boutique

Ladies, your lovely work is needed for the quilt show boutique! We are looking for your great ideas for items that would be good sellers – gift items for other quilters, sewers, pet owners, etc. If everyone could make just one item, we will reach our goals. Scotte and I will have materials for items that you may want to make for the boutique. We also plan to host “Boutique Bees” to make items for the boutique at Sit and Sew events.

--Tonda Hunsinger

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## quilt show/quilt collecting

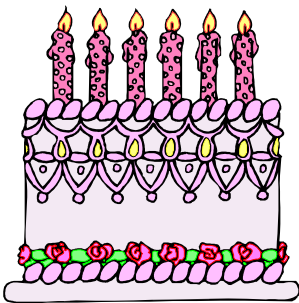
Thank you for all the quilts registered! Photography went great and there are so many beautiful quilts!

We will be collecting the quilts in May (tentatively 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>).  
More information to come.

Thank you to everyone who helped with photographing and measuring the quilts!

If you have any questions, please let me know. Chris Prestenbach at [cmpquilt@gmail.com](mailto:cmpquilt@gmail.com)

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Happy birthday and congratulations to all of our SQU members who are celebrating their special days in the month of **March**:

Denise Racz 3/1

Francine York 3/5

Lynn Munch 3/15

Naomi Causey 3/29

Jill Redding 3/1

Norma Cianciotti 3/8

Diane Murtha 3/21

Margaret Campbell 3/30

Ginny Hall 3/3

Suzanne Beavins 3/11

Cheryl Blum 3/22

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## *End of Term President's Gift - A thank you to Lisa for all she's done for SQU during her two year term as President*

Traditionally, at the end of the president's term, our group gives a well-deserved thank you gift. I've talked with Lisa about what she might like, and in lieu of a gift, she would like anyone who wants to participate to donate toward a monetary gift to the Virginia Quilt Museum. If you'd like to make a donation, please make your checks out to SQU and note "president's gift" in the memo line. Cash donations are also accepted. Please give your donations to Sandra Israel. The last day to donate is May 7th. Nancy Moore will deposit all donations and write a single check for Lisa to bring to the museum on our May bus trip!

# Springfield QU Basics

If you are new to Springfield QU, here is the lowdown on SQU meetings...it's easy—we meet EVERY Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.!

- The **first** Tuesday of each month is our business meeting. It sounds like something you might want to miss, but believe me, you don't. Besides business, there is always a lot more...block of the month, meet the quilter, or whatever. "Stay tuned" to your monthly newsletter to find out what will be taking place at each business meeting.
- The **third** Tuesday of each month is our program meeting. The **second** and **fourth** Tuesdays of each month are known as "off-Tuesdays" and are Sit 'n Sew. Come to the firehouse bingo hall; bring a quilt to baste; bring sewing; bring knitting, or just bring yourself. Sometimes our "special interest groups" also meet on these days. Whatever is going on, since Springfield QU is "where the fun is," you can be sure that there will be lots of laughter on these days. **During the summer EVERY Tuesday is an "off-Tuesday." We have no formal meetings in July and August.**
- **Fifth** Tuesdays are the days that we devote to Quilting for Others—our on-going charitable efforts. Usually working in assembly-line fashion, we make quilts for wounded and ill soldiers or pillowcases for children for ECHO. The newsletter will always give information about upcoming fifth Tuesday projects.

Our schedule is designed to make your calendar planning easy! Just don't ever plan anything else for any Tuesday morning; you already have plans! Yes, if you want the full "Springfield Experience," come to a meeting every Tuesday.

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## **NEWSLETTER NEWS**

Past issues of our newsletter are archived at the Springfield chapter section of the QU Website ([www.quiltersunlimited.org](http://www.quiltersunlimited.org)) and... please send your articles for the [April issue of the newsletter](#) to [kimfess@aol.com](mailto:kimfess@aol.com) **NLT Friday, 21 March**. Please include the word **NEWSLETTER** in your subject line.

**And please do not send items that you want in the newsletter as attachments or PDFs.  
Send them as WORD documents please!**