



QUILTING OUR FINGERS TO THE BONE

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President's Note

March always makes me think of Spring and new life. And as a quilter, new quilting possibilities! Does anyone else change what they desire to quilt based on the season? I did so much with reds and greens and darks over the winter that I'm ready for pastels by this time of year but it is brief for me because I don't really like pastels. Then quickly moving into summer quilting, I start to want to deal with brights. Mid-summer, I get tired of the heat and want oranges and yellows and such. Fall in my quilting world only lasts about 5 weeks and then I realize I need to get moving for Christmas and holiday stuff again if there will be any chance of getting it done. It doesn't quite match the seasons but it seems to mimic them, although I seem to spend a disproportionate amount of time in the darker, more winter-type colors. Does anyone else change what they do based on the seasons? Or do you follow

holidays? Or just whatever strikes your fancy?

This Spring, I think I am most excited about the auction and Spring Retreat! I loved the last auction and spent way too much money – I may need to limit myself this time. I said may because I know I'll fail if I say will. In my defense, everyone donates such wonderful things and I'm fairly new to quilting so I just want it all.

Last Fall was my first retreat. I really didn't realize how much I would love it and wondered what could possibly be so neat about spending so much time quilting in a conference room. But I had so much fun getting to know people and seeing all of the different projects coming to life. Almost since returning from Fall Retreat, I have been prepping fabric, cutting stuff, and coming up with way too many projects to finish. But we have an extra day this time, right?



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President's Note Cont.

That OBVIOUSLY means we need to have at least 6 more projects at the ready, right? It's what I keep telling myself, anyway, while preparing multiple projects that will likely take me until the next retreat to complete, whenever that is.

Spring also allows for rebirth all around us. Leaves, birds, animals, even people seem to change because of weather changes. I have a few quilts that are experiencing some rebirth too. First, I have some projects that include using clothing from a friend's loved one who has passed to make into usable quilts. Second, I bought some older quilt tops off of that unnamed online auction site so that I can practice my actual quilting less expensively (time and money-wise) on my domestic machine. Third, I took a class last fall and learned about turning vintage items into quilted items so they are used instead of just laying around in a cedar chest. I may not work on any of these at retreat but they are all projects that are progressing at this time of rebirth. Perhaps not as fast as I'd like but there we are.

Reminder about the President's Challenge I mentioned last month, the "Plenty of Piles of Panels" challenge. One simple rule exists: use a panel somehow in a quilt. Bonus points (I'm not sure how, maybe just bragging rights or maybe I'll come up with something) if you can name your quilt something with all "P's" too.

What projects are progressing for you as we head into Spring? Any

that are reborn, reused, or recycled? Any new techniques you'll consider teaching the group in the months to come? Or do you have any new desires to volunteer for tasks in the chapter?

Thank you again for being such a great group of people!

Heidi

Dates to Know

QU Calendar

March

10, 11 – Arlington Program - Kay Capps Workshop
13 – Burke Auction
19 – Springfield Program "Zentangle and Quilts"
21 – Fairfax Program Cheryl Lynch Trunk Show
26 – McLean Program – MJ Kinman Lecture
26 – Mt Vernon - Geraldine "Dena" Wilkins
26 - Reston Program MJ Kinman Lecture
27 - Spring Retreat (no meeting this week)
27-30 – Lancaster AQS Show

April

10 - Business Meeting (alternate location TBD)
24 - Meeting (alternate location TBD)

May

8 – Burke - Business Meeting
13 – Mery Kerr Lecture / Trunkshow
22 Burke - Heather Kojan "Quilt Remix: Fresh Ideas for Stale Projects"
31 - Quilt Show

June

1,2 - Quilt Show
12 - Meeting

July

10 – Last Business Meeting – have a great summer!

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at Sangster Elementary School – 7420 Reservation Drive, Springfield, VA 22153

Note: the April meeting's locations are to be determined.

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Business\$

Business Minutes from January, approved by Susan Fernandez and seconded by Linda Snow. All in Favor and no rebuttals, January minutes accepted unanimously.

- This is the last business meeting before the auction and retreat, the next meeting will be flipped, with the speaker first and the business second: April 10th Speaker and 24th Business meeting

- We're having problems finding a venue for the April 10th and 24th meetings. If you can help with a solution, please notify Betsy Stone. The problem was compounded with the insurance running out in March, but the bill wouldn't arrive till April to purchase new insurance. Big QU is aware of the problem and working on a solution.

- Debbie has received the neonatal quilts that our quilters made for donation.

- Susan Fernandez Nominations chair. No one has come forward to fill the Position of Nominations Chair or Treasurer, these positions are open and important to the Guild. They need to be filled. Becky Meyers will help train you for the job of treasurer. The time you put in will be nominal and enjoyable.

- Heidi is in her 2nd year and needs a replacement to shadow her and learn what the job encompasses.

- Jessica, our VP of Admin also in her 2nd year, needs a replacement to shadow her. This job entails finding speakers and organizing the programs.

- Just a reminder about our fundraisers, the auction and the ways and means bundles help us pay for the speakers who come to our chapter. Please be generous and support Burke.

- The Auction will be March 13th at 6:30 and will be held at Sangster Elementary. Linda needs volunteers to help transport the auction bags, baskets and goods from her home to the school, set up will begin at 5:30 but we're waiting on the school for the OK. One hour isn't a lot of time to move the chairs and tables, tape the paper bags for the bag auction and put all the goodies in place. So, if you come early, your help will be greatly appreciated.

- Bag auction items can be brought the night of the auction but please have them auction ready and aesthetically pleasing so that even the most discerning eye will be captivated by them.

- The bag auction, silent auction, and oral auction pre-

view starts at 6:30. Contact Linda if there is something you have for the Oral auction but call ASAP. Judy Gula of Artistic Artifacts will be our auctioneer this year. To expedite your purchases, we have three cashiers.

- Ways and Means: Thank you, Linda and Susan, for putting the bundles together. There are 16 bundles of 16 fat quarters of one colorway left, it's a colorway of digital, plaids, prints, batiks and art gallery fabric. All in reds and teal hues available for \$50.

- Heidi presented charms she made in appreciation to Betsy Stone, Debra Watson, and Sandra Kretzer, the teachers who taught at the Back to School Night.

- June Social: Chandra Cookson has volunteered to head the June Social, please contact her to help.

- Volunteers needed: Fall and Spring retreat needs committees, please volunteer.

- The Presidents Challenge is a new challenge that will be in the show next year. It will consist a preprinted panel to do whatever you want to with it. Heidi's inspiration was all the panels she saw over the Holidays and seeing Judy's

colorful batik panel quilts. Try to have the top completed by the spring social.

- Nancy from spring retreat will be March 27th to March 31st, Sunday. Set up starts Wednesday at 2 p.m., with 3 check in at 3 p.m. The brochure is coming out soon. Discussed Head count for lunch at Doll's tea room, restaurants and of course quilt shops.

- Heidi going to big Q.U. Business Meeting, minutes will be e-blasted out in April.

- June Quilt Show. Burke Chapter's Job for the show is publicity, Anne Beebe is committee chair. A volunteer is needed for Chapter outreach chair for the show, it involves exit surveys and an outreach table, each chapter needs a representative. Show is May 31st-June 1st. Classes are open. The show uses "Sign-up-genius", a computer program that manages volunteers.

- Quilt Collector news: Janet reported that the 7th of March is the last opportunity to have your quilt photographed by the professional photographer. Photos will be taken from 6pm-9pm at Alvey Elementary (Haymarket Chapter.) Alvey Elem. is located at 5300 Waverly Farm. Bring your paperwork with you to show the Host Quilt Collector your information for editing and number assignment.

Quilt Show News

Volunteer as the Outreach Chair!

We will have an Outreach booth again this year. Visitors to the show can learn about QU and our chapters at the booth and information/handouts will be available. They can also join one of the chapters or renew their membership. This year we will also be responsible for the Scavenger Hunt which is available for children (of all ages). The Scavenger Hunt will focus on quilts in the show made by young quilters or of interest to young quilters. If you are interested in staffing this booth (it is a sit-down job), please be sure and sign up for one of the spots when volunteer signups begin. Contact: Sue Heisler, sheislernc@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Janet Palfey 703-426-1657 or jpalfey@cox.net

Quilt Collector News:

The 7th of March was the last opportunity to have your quilt photographed by the professional photographer. Bring your paperwork with you to show the Host Quilt Collector your information for editing and number assignment. Give Janet your copy as she will be collecting your quilt.

Take the President's Challenge

This is a new challenge that will be in the show next year.

Use a preprinted panel and cut it up or leave it whole, do whatever you want to it, make it big or small, modern or traditional, your imagination is the only limiting factor. Heidi's inspiration was all the panels that she saw over the Holidays and the confirmation was seeing Judy's Colorful Batik Panel Quilts.

Try to have the top completed the spring social. We all have them in our stash so let's break them out and use them!



Help Needed

Burke QU 2019-2020 Board and Volunteers Needed!

It's hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about our board for next year (2019-2020) and committee positions.

The Burke QU Board is a great way to give back to our guild and to have an active voice in the activities for the chapter. More importantly, it's FUN and none of the positions require a large time commitment!!

Please consider the idea of serving on the board of the Burke Chapter of QU. Volunteers have graciously stepped forward for many of the board positions: Heidi Osterhout – President (2nd year); Chandra Cookson assisted by Barb Evans – First Vice President (Admin); Jessica Berman, Second Vice President (Programs) (2nd year); and Bonnie Prouty – Secretary (2nd year). Volunteers are needed for Treasurer, Nominations and to shadow the Second Vice President —someone who will assist Jessica through the next board year and then take over as 2nd VP for 2020-2021. If you have any questions about the

various job descriptions or on the time commitment for any of them, please talk to the current officer or to Susan Fernandez (Nominations), mannyandsusan@cox.net, 703-350-1904.



Don't These Things Look Great?
Come and Participate in the Auction
March 13th



Upcoming Events

INSPIRED BY ELVIS EXHIBIT FEB. 17 – MAR. 30, OPENING RECEPTION FEB.

17 - Donna DeSoto (F) writes; “ELVIS LIVES! Many QU members participated in the Inspired by Elvis project; their quilts are contained in the now available book of the same name. The Barns of Rose Hill, located southeast of Winchester in Berryville, Virginia, is hosting an exhibit of the entire collection of almost 100 - 36” x 36” quilts from February 17 to March 30, 2019. These quilts celebrate and honor the life, music and movies of Elvis and are sure to appeal to Elvis fans. Part of this collection recently debuted at the Houston International Quilt Festival, and the quilts are scheduled to travel to various venues for the next several years. Here is your chance to see them close to home, in nearby Clarke County. The Barns is a lovely place to view the quilts. Come to the opening reception on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2 PM to see the exhibit and meet many of the artists. Visit <http://barnsofrosehills.org> or <http://www.inspiredquilts.com> for more information.”

Burke QU Annual Auction

Donations: The Auction is March 13, 2019 at Sangster

Elementary School. Bring your donations for the bag auctions early to the meeting at 5:30, or you can contact Linda Cooper to arrange a drop off time at her house. As with previous auctions, the committee will only accept auction ready items. Please use your creativity to merchandise your donations. For questions, contact Susan Fernandez or Linda Cooper.

Burke QU Ways and Means - Quilting on a

WhiM Fundraiser - March Update: The Ways and Means fabric sale is one of two annual fundraisers that support the incredible programs and events offered throughout the year. The committee selects 16 coordinated fabrics, cuts them into fat quarters and bundles them together.

Many thanks to: Judy Gula of ArtisticArtifacts and Kathy Gillette of The Quilters Studio for their generous support to Burke’s Ways and Means!

16 bundles remain of the Shi Shi Hunt Club. The bundle includes 16 fat quarters, its colorway is digital, plaids, prints, batiks and art gallery fabric. All in reds and teal hues available for \$50. Cash or checks are preferred!

Contact Ways and Means Committee: Susan Fernandez, Meghan Betts, and Linda Cooper

Works in Progress

Time to start on #6!

A sign up was done at the beginning of the year for those challenged with finishing projects. Entrants provided a list of W.I.P.s that were started and never finished, bring any “progress made” to the next business meeting for show and tell!

Thanks, Nicki and Sue



March Birthdays

- 3/1 Denise Racz
- 3/9 Wendy Sparks
- 3/13 Kathy Finney
- 3/14 Gen Meyer
- 3/18 Diane Gawalt
- 3/22 Barbara Evans
- 3/22 Marianne Neufeld



Volunteer Opportunities

This information contains updates as of March 7, 2019

Virginia Quilt Museum

To celebrate National Quilting Day, the Virginia Quilt Museum will be hosting a



"Quilt Evaluation Day" with Pam Pampe.

1) For VQM members, admission is free and each quilt a member brings to their appointment will be evaluated for \$10.00 each.

2) For non-members, admission rates do apply and each quilt brought to their appointment will be evaluated for \$15.00 each.

To ensure proper scheduling that day, we will be asking that individuals who would like their quilt(s) evaluated, sign up for an appointment time by emailing:

--> vqmevents@gmail.com

Quilt evaluations will run in 30-minute sessions from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Following evaluations, we will hear from Doreen Johnson about her next

Sew Along Blog project from 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer that day, we will need assistance in helping organize our guests, assist with unfolding and folding quilts, assistance with setting up for a

brief description of Doreen Johnson's next Sew Along Blog project, and additional docent(s).

For information on the Saturday March 23rd - Homeschooling Education Day in New Market, contact the Museum at (540) 433 - 3818, Director@vaquiltmuseum.org

In the subject line, please list the event(s) you would like to participate in



SEWING volunteers needed for Days for Girls:

Contact Edelle at edelle1016@aol.com or 703-220-3378."

Outreach Committee

