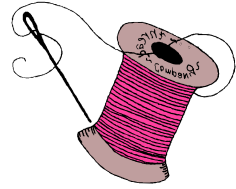


And sew on...



Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of Quilters Unlimited

May 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	

Hello Springfield QU! I hope you all are having a lovely month of April like I am. The auction was just today and boy, did I have fun. Thank you, Nancy K and your team of volunteers, that helped make it successful. We appreciate all that you did throughout the year. It was great to see all of the high-quality items that were donated. How exciting to see the live auction bidding going up and up. The silent auction was fun watching attendees try to figure out JUST what was in the BEAUTIFUL baskets. I saw some bidding wars too. 😊 I came away a winner in the Brown Bag sales and picked up a few items on the Buy it Now tables. The hard part was moving the items to my Quilt Loft around my husband working from home. Shhhh!!! Don't tell.

I'm looking forward to the Bus Trip on May 21 to the Virginia Quilt Museum. Thank you, Kim Fess, for the generous donation for the bus and additional fees for all of us to enjoy the day. Thank you, Loretta Spittle, for managing the tour and sponsoring us into the Museum. Please take a look at the Museum web site ahead of time. <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/> I personally will be joining the Virginia Quilt Museum when we're there. They do such good work and are privately funded. Will you join the Virginia Quilt Museum with me?

Last but not least, a huge Thank You to KIM FESS for everything you've done over the years with Big QU and Springfield QU. I honestly can't name all of the jobs you've done for the chapter, but I know you've been a strong and FUN presence in SQU through the years. I'll pick up the reins for Spring Retreat and I know I have big shoes to fill. Thank you for the newsletters and hot flashes. Thank you for being our Auctioneer over the years too. You've touched so many of us with your thoughtfulness and deeds that Austin's gain is our loss. Thank you my friend and you will be missed.

Peacefully,

Lisa Langlais

President SQU

Springfield Chapter Quilters Unlimited 2018-2019

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

Minutes of the Springfield Quilters Unlimited Meeting 2 April 2019 Loosen Up!

- **9:45 Welcome, Lisa Langlais, SQU President (Big QU newsletter)**
- **Welcome New Members, Welcome Visitors, Scotte McElwain/Denise Racz**
- **Approval of the minutes for March 5, 2019 business meeting in the April 2019 newsletter. Motion to approve – Alice Richbourg, Second – Maria Spetalnick**
- **Treasurer report-Nancy Moore - current balance \$14,080, all workshops were covered with the slight increase in fees.**
- **Vice President/programs – Sandra Israel**
 - Taking donations for the end of term President's gift – cash donation for the Virginia Quilt Museum
 - Loretta Spittle – Bus trip to the Virginia Quilt Museum, 21 May, 8 am, trip is currently full. Please sign up for the wait list as some people may drop out.
Cost is \$30 retainer that will be returned to you once you get on the bus.
See the April SQU Newsletter for details.
- **Nominations - Penny Boyanton – Lisa Langlais delivered the nominations for the next year's board.**
 - **Michelle Stolte- President**
 - **Linda Heller – Vice President**
 - **Cheryl Blum – Treasurer**
 - **Tonda Hunsinger – Secretary**
 - **Lisa Langlais – Nominations**
- **Committee Reports**
- **In house programs reminder: Bring your BOM up to the table to enter, bring your Bingo Card for the IHP to verify. April BOM was the Dresden Plate – April S. won the blocks.**
- **Fall Retreat – Joan McGowan – 2nd payment due today, retreat is booked at this time.**
- **Newsletter – Kim Fess Working through when Kim's last newsletter will be. See me for more information. Next newsletter deadline is 19 April.**
- **Spring Retreat – Kim Fess. Thank you, Francine York, for donating new cutting mats to SQU. Spring retreat next year is March 23-27 2020 at Massanetta Springs VA.**

- Library – Loretta Shinol – clearing out books and check the Buy It Now table at the Auction for a lovely selection of quilting books.
- WEB Page Contact, SQU to Big QU – Julia Renken – everything up to date!
- Outreach / Social Media – Please talk up the Auction and QU quilt show. It's better to share it personally than through print or ads. Pass the word!!!!
- Farewell Blocks – Cynthia Johnson-Daily – Have blocks for Laurel Hyde and signed blocks for Kim Fess
- Coffee – Nancy Vogel – We are in good shape for the meetings. Looking for additional food and goodies to support the Auction. Please sign up for April 16th.
- Refreshments – Barb Sherwood, need any sign ups? Please sign up for the meetings. ☺
- Quilt Camp – 2020 Quilt Camp leads – Sandra Israel and Nancy Moore! Thanks to Barb Hall and her team for a wonderful 2019 Camp.
- Pillowcases – Cindy Niles - We will have kits to make on April 30 Sew for Others. But you can use ANY pillow case pattern you like or find free on the web.
- **Quilting for Others – Julia Renken, Lisa Langlais, 30 April 2019 Sew for Others will be a FULL Charity SEW!** BATTING will be available for finished tops only at the Cutting party. Julia and Lisa will have patterns that we will distribute in a few weeks, bring your sewing machines.
 - We will be working a Disappearing 9 Patch pattern provided at the Sit and Sew. Please bring Kid's Print fabric. If you want to pre-cut your fabric – **we need 5" squares and 2 ½ " strips for a Rail Fence pattern as well.**
 - **30 April Sit and Sew is a Pot Luck!!** A-M savory, L-Z sweet. Or what ever you want to bring. Sign ups are going around the room.
- **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.**
 - Sign up for classes.
 - Wine and cheese event May 31, 2019. The event is from 6:30 to 7:30pm, Show and Tell presentations by Margaret Mew, Petra Prins and Judy Newman. Everyone that wants to go register by giving me your checks no later than 4-23-19, if we have more than seven, I'll pull them out of a hat. Cost is \$20, SQU has nine tickets. There is a sign-up sheet out, plus I need your checks.
 - FREE, Annual meeting on Saturday, June 1, 2019 with Karen Eckmeier is Speaker. Volunteer slots are up on the QU web site,
 - PLEASE volunteer at least one shift somewhere at the quilt show. It's fun. Robin registered many members at the meeting – please check the QU web site to sign up for your volunteer slot.
- QU Boutique – Tonda Hunsinger – Over 225 items turned in so far. Thank you for your support to the Boutique.
- Auction – Nancy Karpowicz and Judy Bell April 16, 2019
 - **Please pass the word about the Auction! Tell all your friends!!!!**
 - By the time the newsletter goes out, the auction results will be complete. Thanks to everyone who has donated time, material, and other items. True quilt family effort! Thanks to Nancy and Judy!
- Sunshine-Ann Littleton - Updates on members?
- **BREAK 15 minutes**
- **New Business**
- **In house programs –Lynn Munch**
 - Kim Fess brought a body of work in the Dresden plate. Beautiful samples!
 - Ann Collins – showed us the next BOM – Wonky star
 - There are YouTube videos to help, jewel tone fabric was provided.
- **Show and tell – Beautiful Ladies!!!**

Door Prizes – Nancy Karpowicz

Submitted by Tonda Hunsinger

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

We are looking forward to having a huge turn out for putting together quilts for Main Street CDC and Operation Homefront. Let's pick up the pace for the Echo Pillowcases too. Any pillow case pattern works; just google pillow case patterns. Please cut your quilt fabric ahead of time. We need 5" squares, and 2.5" strips cut from quality fabric. We'll need approximately five strips of 3" wide for borders and four strips of 2.5" binding. I will pick out my border fabric, then pull squares or strips to coordinate. NOT ALL of your fabric needs to be kids' fabric—just cheery, FUN fabric. There will be stations set up around the Bingo Hall: Ironing, cutting, sewing, and basting if we need it. Please bring your own rotary cutter and favorite ruler to cut. We'll have the mats set up. Put your name on ALL of your sewing supplies. This is a POT luck. SQU will provide the protein and drinks. If you can, please bring a savory or salad to share. *Note to self: my side dish doesn't have to be big enough to feed 20, just a family size. Food always works out, please just come and sit and sew.—Lisa Langlais



Bus Trip to Virginia Quilt Museum, Traditions Restaurant, Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop and Sew Classic Fabrics in the Shenandoah Heritage Market

When? Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Bus boarding will begin at 7:30 a.m.; bus will leave at 8 a.m.
Return home between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (pending traffic)

Where? We will depart from Saratoga Park and Ride at intersection of Barta Road and Fairfax County Parkway (Rt. 286)

The bus trip to Virginia Quilt Museum and area quilt shops is full but "life happens" so I am taking "waiting list" persons. If you would like to go but did not sign up in the first 50, let me know and I will place you on the waiting list. You may e-mail me at quilt nurse42@gmail.com or phone me at 703.451.2578. Remember a payment of \$30 (preferably check made to SQU) must accompany your sign-up. Many thanks, Loretta Spittle

P. S. Remember—the Bingo Hall will be closed the day of the bus trip.

quilt show/quilt collecting

We will be collecting all of the registered quilts **May 21 and 28 between 9:30am and 12 noon.**

All quilts need to have a sleeve, label and bag with label.

A pillowcase makes a wonderful bag.

It does not have to have a drawstring or zipper of any kind. The quilt bags are also fine.

The labels on both the quilts and the bags need to have:

Name of quilt

Your name and phone#

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Any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Prestenbach at
cmpquilt@gmail.com

quilt show Boutique news

The Quilt Show is fast approaching and the SQU representation in the Boutique for the “buy it now” items is growing. This is another of our fundraisers for the guild. We have over 250 items ready to go!!! Thank you so much for the items that you have donated so far that will be at the Quilt Show Boutique. Your work is lovely. I have screening and zippers for the project bags if anyone is interested. I will be accepting items through 28 May. Thanks – Tonda Hunsinger

SPRINGFIELD QUILTING BEE

Dates: June 11th and June 25th

Times: 10 am-3 pm

Place: Bingo Hall

Cost: FREE

We are planning our own Cutting Bee in the honor and tradition of an Augusta Cole Cutting Bee! On Day #1, June 11th, we will cut and share our strips. On Day #2, June 25th, we will learn how to make the traditional Jewel Box quilt. Block instructions will be provided at sign up. Pictured is an example of the block and the fabric guidelines are detailed in the supply list below. More information to follow in May! ~Sandra Israel & Nancy Moore



Supply List:

10 Half Yards Light Batiks (lights are beige/off white)

10 Half Yards of Dark Batiks (Bright jewel tones)

NOTE: Medium colors will not work as well as lights and darks! Do not wash your fabric and please use quilt shop quality batiks.

Rotary Cutter

Cutting Mat (or you can use the SQU Mats)

Ruler to cut ACCURATE 4 ½” and 2 ½” strips (accuracy is very important!)

Omnigrd #96 ruler

When choosing your fabrics - remember what Augusta says – **VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE!**

Fond “Farewell” from the Loosen Up Team

We, as the current In House Programs Committee, aka Loosen Up Team, have decided to disband at the end of the 2018-2019 meeting year. We all feel that we accomplished what we set out to do — we encouraged members to loosen up and try something new. We all had fun, learned some things and hope you did, too.

We talked a little scrappy, fussy, vintage, modern and wonky and wore gray T-shirts that said so. We made a super simple scrappy block, and several that were much more complex. We hope you enjoyed fussy hexagons, paper piecing triangles, vintage churn dashes and applique circles, modern HSTs and dresden plates, and the latest, wonky stars and log cabins (or more accurately, Court House Steps). We feel we challenged you and hope the exceptional response to the BOMs means you enjoyed it.

We established a structure for the In House Programs with a short demo or instruction related to the BOM, fun and games and prizes for BINGO and encouragement to track and record your progress on projects. We will be thrilled if some of you step up and continue or even better, expand upon our efforts.

As individuals, we are not going anywhere, despite the “farewell” in the subject line. We will all be back and are especially excited that Michelle will be our new SQU President. We are happy to answer questions about all aspects of the In House Programs position and will be pleased to help you with any of the concepts and techniques we taught this past year. Just ask us!

And we all want to see you step up to the Challenge we issued last Fall (reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter).

Don't forget! Loosen Up! Try something new!

Alice, Ann, Beverly, Julie, Michelle, Lynn, and Penny



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

Gay Baker 5/6
Kathy Miller 5/12
Sallyann Morrison 5/16
Julie Henry 5/20
Kim Fess 5/30

Jane Leeling 5/6
Stella Kullstam 5/14
Diane Henry 5/19
Betsy Stone 5/28

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 the business meeting on May 7.** Nancy Moore will deposit all donations and write a single check for Lisa to bring to the museum on our May bus trip!

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 or by phone 703-627-6077.

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

Loosen Up! Try Something New! Quilt Challenge 2018-2019

Scrappy Fussy Vintage Wonky Modern

The SQU In House Program (IHP) Committee challenges you to make a quilt by September 2019. The quilt needs to meet the following criteria:

1. Minimum size is 80" all the way around. Maximum sizes within QU Quilt Show limits (Normally no larger than around 100" x 100")
2. Incorporates at least one or more of the 2018-2019 IHP featured styles, blocks or techniques. It is not essential, but ideally your quilt will include a block, style or technique new to you.

We will provide at least two optional layouts. You are welcome to use those, or another of your own choosing. The layouts can be found in Files on our Facebook page.

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.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Past issues of our newsletter are archived at the Springfield chapter section of the QU Website (www.quiltersunlimited.org) and... please send your articles for the **June issue of the newsletter** to kimfess@aol.com **NLT Friday, 24 May**. 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!

"Let's Go"

by Bee Neeley Kuckelman

*In my pre-quilting days, when we travelled by car,
I often got bored if we had to go far.*

*Since I'm now into quilting, it's a different matter.
And my husband is happy; there is less of my chatter.*

*I also enjoy all my trips in the air.
With some quilting to do, any boredom is rare.*

*I have recently noticed most planes are designed
With the needs of the many airborne quilters in mind.*

*Individual lights over each quilter's head!
Sewing tables fold down to hold scissors and thread!*

*No trip is too long now. In fact, the reverse.
I'm secure if my quilting is packed in my purse.*

