

Today, March 24, 2020, Governor Northam announced that all Virginia K-12 schools will be closed for the remainder of the academic year. This also means that all community use activities at the schools are canceled through the remainder of the academic year. As a result, we feel it is necessary to take the following actions to keep our members safe and healthy, allow us to give sufficient notice to our speakers, instructors and venues, and minimize the impact to our upcoming 2020-2021 year.

What does this mean for QU?

We are cancelling all QU and QU chapter activities through June (the end of our fiscal year). Many of our chapters meet in the schools, making it impossible to have their meetings. Other venues (churches, senior centers, firehalls) are limiting their use for an undetermined amount of time. Chapters should cancel their speakers, workshops and other events as soon as possible

Since we are not having chapter meetings, we will not be able to have normal chapter elections. We are working on a process to hold elections via email. We are also working on the best ways to put together slates for 2020-2021.

The QU Show decision is still on hold while we wait to see if there is formal direction to limiting large group gatherings. We expect to make our decision by April 1.

We have never had to do something like this before and it was not an easy decision. But we feel it is the right one. Members and chapters are encouraged to find ways to keep in touch electronically, support each other and help use quilting to get through this difficult time.

Take care and stay well, Sue Heisler, QU President

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