



Quilters Unlimited Newsletter

December 2020

Letter from QU President, Sue Heisler:

Happy New Year (almost)! I am sure we are all ready for 2021 and are hoping it is a vast improvement over 2020. One thing is for certain - we should all be glad we are quilters! Quilting has provided us with ways to occupy our time, help others and be creative and productive. Some of us even helped the economy by doing lots of quilting related on-line shopping! And most of us have made a dent in our UFO piles (or added to them)!

The QU Board and all the QU Chapters have been working hard to keep our members engaged, inspired and involved. Not surprising, we are a creative bunch and the ideas keep coming. Zoom is a household word now and allows us to continue to offer speakers, workshops, meetings and Show & Tell. Emails and newsletters keep us informed. We meet in parking lots to swap items and turn in community service projects and pick up new ones - even if it is hard to tell who is who with our masks on. And boy have we made masks!!! QU offered a QU-wide, free (to members) Mystery Quilt designed by member Doreen Johnson. I told my husband I would be happy if 100 members participated. So I must be REALLY happy since 486 of our members signed up! This has turned out to be a great activity for many members. We will be collecting pictures of finished Mystery Quilts in early June and putting them on our QU website. I can't wait to see all the amazing tops/quilts with so many different fabrics!

While we are doing lots of things, we are also NOT doing lots of things. It was a painful decision to cancel (again) our annual Quilt Show. But we felt it was the right thing for our members, vendors and attendees. We will be holding a Virtual Quilt Exhibit on our website (similar to last year). There is more info on that in this newsletter. Retreats, speakers, workshops, meetings and other activities have all been cancelled or converted to virtual venues. We miss seeing our quilty friends and doing things in person. Hopefully that will start to change in the coming months.

I can't thank all the members and officers and volunteers who helped keep us going enough. To everyone who renewed their membership (or joined for the first time) - THANK YOU. To people who held offices and positions - THANK YOU. To members who tried new technology and stepped out of their comfort zone and did things differently - THANK YOU. To all our members - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. Because of all of you, we are still an active group that will make it through these tough times. I wish you all a happy New Year and hope you are doing well and staying healthy. Thanks so much, Sue





Fall Event

Julia Graves, QU Vice President, did an amazing job with our Fall Event. When we had to cancel the in-person speaker and classes, Julia got busy and set everything up to have Bethanne Nemesh do a virtual program and three virtual workshops. We had lots of interest and a couple new members as a result. We even turned a profit because we were able to have larger classes and no travel or venue costs! **Thanks Julia for making this such a successful Fall Event!**

QU BOARD MEETINGS:

The QU Board has been busy. You can review our meeting minutes by hitting CTRL-Click on this link: [Board Information - Quilters Unlimited](#)

QU FINANCIALS:

For privacy reasons, we no longer provide financial information on our website or in our newsletters (which are posted on our website). If you have any questions about QU financials, please contact Nancy Moore, QU Treasurer. If you have questions about your Chapter financials, contact your Chapter Treasurer.

Quilters Unlimited 2021 Virtual Quilt Exhibit

You are invited to participate in our 2021 virtual quilt show. We may not be able to have our wonderful in-person Quilt Show, but that doesn't mean we can't share our quilts with each other and the world! There has been a lot of sewing going on out there, so get your quilts finished and ready to inspire.

Each member will be allowed four entries. There is no size restriction other than your ability to provide a full-size picture of your quilt. Quilt registration will be almost identical to last year.

Registration will be available from January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2021 via a link on the QU Quilt Show webpage. Chapter or bee challenges are welcome.

Quilt photography will be handled by your Chapter. Look for details coming from your Chapter President and/or quilt collector. Photography deadline is April 1, 2021.

The *Quilted Word* challenge and theme will be postponed until our quilt show in June 2022. You have extra time to get those word and text quilts finished.

Questions should be directed to your Chapter President, Chapter Quilt Collector, Dian Moulin (QU Quilt Collector) or Kathi Cappellini (QU Show Chair).

2021 Virtual Quilt Exhibit - Quilt Collectors:

Annandale : Marty Bush

Arlington : Jennifer Thorp

Burke : Janet Palfey and Dudley Shugart

Centreville : Judi McDonald and Barbara Rice

Fairfax : Arlene Page and Dora Lockwood

Haymarket : Carol Casey and Carol Proven

McLean : Jenny Emry and Joan Hannas

Mount Vernon : Ginny Mayes and Tina Wujick

Reston : Brenda Maas, Terry Peckarsky and Robyn Kampf

Springfield : Nancy Hershberger

Vienna : Vicky Watts

2020-2021 QU Board and Chapter Presidents

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Springfield	Michelle Stolte
Vienna	Vicky Watts

Virtual Quilt Exhibit (see page 2 for more info)

- Start registering your quilts beginning Jan 1
- Quilts in the Virtual Exhibit can also be shown in the next in-person show (4 quilt limit)
- Great way to show off some of your really large quilts (or really small)
- Did your Chapter or Bee do any challenges or group quilts? Add them as a "Challenge" so they can be shown together!
- Go to the QU Website to register! [QU Quilt Show](#) (CTRL + Click)

Didn't sign up for the
QU Mystery Quilt and
regretting it?

It is not too late!

Contact Sue Heisler

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You can make a difference! Consider volunteering for an office or position in your Chapter or Big QU. Contact your Chapter President or Nominating Chair for info on Chapter positions. Contact Iris Salcewicz, QU Nominating Chair, or Sue Heisler, QU President, for info on QU positions.

**A Special Shout Out to
The Quilters Studio
For donating fabric to
each QU Chapter for use
with their Community
Service projects!
Thanks TQS!**

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