

September Stash Input

## Historian

In addition to collecting the Fairfax QU history, I'm working with others to collect the history of the Annual Quilt Show, since this is our main chance to show off our quilts.

Show Programs: I have QU Show Programs from the following years: 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2011, 2015, 2018, 2019. If you have programs from any **other** years, would you bring them to a meeting and let me borrow them long enough to scan them?

Show Photographs: I have the Quilt Show photographs from 2004, 2005, 2019, and 2021. If you bought CDs of the quilts at any of the other shows, would you bring them to the 16 September or 7 October meetings? I'll bring my laptop so I can copy and return the CDs at the meeting.

## Community Service

Starting this year, Community Service will include Blanketeers. Fairfax quilters have always been generous about donating quilt tops, material, and quilting to Blanketeers. Now we're "one stop quilts." We can take all donations and give them to the most appropriate organizations, whether military, children's organizations, or emergency services. It also means we'll have an accurate count of how many quilts our wonderful members were willing to contribute and all quilts will proudly be labeled as sponsored by Fairfax QU.

We have many places that love our donations. Some, but definitely not all, include the American Red Cross at Ft Belvoir, Operation Homefront, Inova Children's Hospital, Fairfax and Fair Oaks Hospital for NICU quilts, the Butterfly Unit (pediatric oncology unit), and Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to the people who gave us quilts at the 2 September meeting. We've already donated more than 35 quilts since July. Our year is off to a fantastic start!

Our suggested sizes are:

- NICU: minimum 24"/maximum 36" (smaller for Ronald McDonald House)
- Baby: 36" x 36"
- Toddler: 40" x 50"
- Child: 45" x 60"
- Teen: 50" x 72" and larger
- Fleece blankets or crocheted blankets (Acrylic yarn only, not wool. They need to be washable) in the baby through teen sizes.

We are also collecting quilts 72" x 72" or larger that will become a permanent part of the Inova Ronald McDonald House furnishings. As our contact at Ronald McDonald says the quilts will let all the families know that they are wrapped in love during one of the most stressful times of their lives.