

2022, Zoom Business Meeting will be at 10:00 am (Zoom Link forthcoming); the Firehall will not be opened. However, during the Zoom meeting the Board will present the option to move to a Hybrid Meeting, and it's important that you be present to help make the decision.

I miss everyone's lively conversations and contributions to the SQU Chapter; it's so difficult to lead a group without input. Therefore, there will also be a survey to get inputs from all members to help the Board move the Chapter forward with programs and other opportunities. Please look for it in the near future.

The Quilters Studio has donated fabric to SQU for charity work. They have been so generous in supporting us over the years, and I'm so grateful for their generosity. Jan 25, 2022, is designated for Charity Works, and there will be a program in the Firehall to distribute a quilt pattern (TBD) and fabric to create pillowcases and/or charity quilts. Please mark that date on your calendar and let us know if you are willing to support this effort. This will be discussed further at the Jan 4 Business Meeting.

So many opportunities lay before us in 2022. Take a moment and consider what you would like to participate in with SQU. Is there a class you'd want to take, or a quilter's trunk show you'd like to see? Is there a skill you'd like to share with SQU? And there is always a need for support in the many activities held throughout the year, please consider volunteering, and join the fun that is SQU.

I am eager to move forward with you all on our quilting journeys. Be safe out there!

PROGRAM NOTES

Zoom Sit and Sew option will be available weekly starting in January. It will open at 9:30 AM -noon on all the days that Sit and Sew meets at the Fire Station. Meet for social and quilting connections. Share your projects in progress, Bucket list groups can meet in a separate chat room if you like, mostly we just want to see your face, catch up and connect.

Program meeting, January 18, 2022 10:00 am

How to Choose Quilt Designs *presented by Diane Henry*

Ever felt the overwhelming burden of having to decide what to quilt where on a project and don't know where to start? So many decisions: E2E, B2B, SID, dropping blocks—sometimes it can feel like you're reading a coded message without a key! Join professional quilter and Handi Quilter National Educator, Diane Henry, as she walks you through her step-by-step process for deciding what to quilt where on her customer's quilts and her own projects.

PM Workshop: Free Motion Quilting Fun – 12:30 pm

(\$25 fee payable to SQU, mail to Joan Mayer @ 8144 Halleck PI, Springfield, VA 22151)

You know what designs you want to apply to your quilt- you just don't know how to get the design stitched out! Follow Diane Henry's approach to free motion quilting on a stationary long-arm or domestic machines or even frame-based quilting on a moveable machine! Learn how simple tools and tricks plus the best kept secret in quilting can turn you from simple meander quilting to stunning finished work.

Advance prep: Machine in good working order with needles, thread and 3-4 fat

BUCKET LIST UPDATE

SQU wants to help you make the quilt you want in 2022!

So far, I have received input from sixteen of our members. We have a wide array of choices already, with only a little overlap. While the patterns chosen so far are all unique, I am seeing some potential groupings by skill required (ie, hand piecing, paper piecing), fabric (Kaffe, scrappy) and challenge (how to manage a significant number of pieces). Please click [here](#) to review the [chart](#) and see if you would like to join any of these groups based on the pattern, artist, type fabric, skills or challenging aspect. Or, submit your own as we can always add more!

Joan Mayer has volunteered to help us set up Zoom break out sessions so that groups can coordinate and encourage each other from home if you don't want to meet at the Fire Hall. I cannot express how motivating and helpful I have found periodically meeting in small groups to be. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

If you have already made one of the quilts listed feel you could help advise members, please let me know. A few of our members have let me know they can be an advisor, and I know everyone will appreciate their help. I know I do! Note: the chart doesn't show all the advisors.

Everyone, please send me your input by the New Year with "Bucket List" in your email subject line. If possible, please send a picture to both me and Cheryl Blum. We will show the pictures at the business meeting to help encourage

Springfield Quilters Unlimited Chapter Information

Quilters Unlimited of Virginia includes 11 chapters of which the Springfield Chapter (SQU) is one. See page #2 for additional details on Quilters Unlimited and the other chapters.

SQU meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. year-round at the Bingo Hall of the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department at 7011 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. Our motto is "Springfield QU -Where the Fun is!" Our goal is to encourage the quilting arts without judging the quilt or the quilter.

COVID adjustments are noted in red.

Our Monthly Schedule (September – May)

1st Tuesday of the month - Business meeting and In-House Programs - Officers and committee chairs report on their activities and the in-house program committee presents the learning program and/or activity for the month. Currently via Zoom, link will be sent by Email.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month – Sit & Sew Meetings - also known as "Off Tuesdays." They are informal gatherings of members who bring their own projects to sit and sew, help others with quilt basting, and generally share experiences, books, magazines, pattern ideas, gadget knowledge, tips and trends that evolve around our passion for "all things quilts." Off Tuesday meetings are very informal. Masks are required for attendance.

* Use it to hold filled bobbins for retreat or classes Hold spool of thread with needle when traveling or for hand projects Hold buttons, beads or trims for projects

*Use it for my snap making kit and snaps

*Store small pooka shells that my daughter had in a necklace...you never know when a pooka shell need occurs. (haha!!)

Do you have a tip of the month? Send it to Arla at Arlafp1@gmail.com so she can put it into the newsletter.

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)



***This month's birthdays
and Special Events***

1/1 Nicki Brown
1/5 Patrice Mull
1/6 Barbara Delaney
1/7 Arla Albers
1/16 Tashera Hickox
1/20 Joan Mayer
1/21 Sandra Israel
1/23 Rachel Childress
1/24 Juanita Golden
1/25 Carol Valent
1/26 Rhonda Brown
1/27 Dotty White
1/28 Judy Shapleigh



OUR BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS

- Board Members

President – Judy Bell

Vice President – Joan Mayer

Treasurer – Lois Slade

Secretary – Janette Doucette

Nominating Chair – Michelle Stolte

Committee Chairpersons

Auction – New Chairperson Needed

Coffee – Nancy Vogel

Door Prizes – Sandra Israel

- Fall Retreat – Joan McGowan
- Farewell Blocks – Cynthia Johnson-Dailey
- In house programs – Linda Heller
- Membership – Nancy Moore
- Quilt Camp – Tonda Hunsinger and Cheryl Blum
- QU Boutique - Joyce Keating and Nicki Brown
- Quilt Show Rep - New Chairperson Needed
- Quilting for Others - Julia Renken
- Operation Homefront – Julia Renken
- Mainstreet – Lisa Langlais
- Quilts of Valor – Tonda Hunsinger
- Pillowcases for ECHO – Linda Moggio
- Refreshments – Barb Sherwood
- Spring Retreat – Lisa Langlais
- Sunshine – Ann Littleton
- WEB Page Contact, SQU to Big QU – Julia Renken
- Yard Sale – New Chairperson Needed

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

If you have suggestions for the newsletter, either format, content or otherwise, please let me know. Arlafp1@gmail.com . Have a tip of the month? I'd love to have new ideas.

Arla Albers

