

Burke Quilters Unlimited

December 2021 Newsletter

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President's Letter

Hello Quilters,

The Holiday season has started and it has been so different from the last two years. I was able to have Thanksgiving not only with my family but dear friends as well. It was wonderful to be together and catch up with the kids. My grandchildren were home for the Holiday as well as our friends oldest. These children have been friends since they were 2 years old in daycare. There was lots of laughter and lively discussions.

Looking forward to the Holiday Social and 2022. Erica has some wonderful programs lined up for us. It looks like we will need to stream the March Program from Spring Retreat, but all is good. It will be sort of like a movie night. Debbie Bullock and her committee are working hard on the retreat. Already looking forward to it.

In January we have Quilto, always a fun time, and the Charity Sew-In. See more about the Charity Sew-in and Retreat in the body of the newsletter. February is the "Outbox Challenge" revel from the Fall Retreat. Can't wait to see what creative projects each of the tables made.

Stay Calm and Quilt On.

Karen Brewster, President

Holiday Social



Put on your Holiday attire. Don't spare the glitter and bling. We are having a party.

Where: Lake Braddock Secondary School

When: December 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Bring: Winter adult hat, gloves or socks for donation to Facets

Food: Bring a sweet or savory to share. It may be prepacked or homemade. Be sure to include serving utensils if needed.

Chapter will provide plates, napkins, eating utensils and a bottle of water. There will be a few ice-breaker games with prize for the winner of each. Be sure to bring a pen or pencil to join in the fun. Holiday table decorations will also go home with lucky winners. We will of course have Show and Tell. Most of all we will enjoy each other's fellowship. A good time will be had by all. Masks are required in any Fairfax County building. Masks maybe taken off when actively eating or drinking but otherwise need to be worn.

Charity Quilts



On November 18th, I made a delivery of 93 knitted or crocheted hats to Our Lady Queen of Peace church in Arlington. They have a very large presence in helping those in need. Of the 93 hats, 43 were for children and will be given to the Foster Care program, the 50 adult hats will be distributed at the Homeless Shelters. I continue to collect preemie baby hats looking forward to the day when Children's National Medical Center will be accepting outside donations. We currently have 362 preemie quilts in storage. If you have anything to donate, I will be happy to collect it.

We continue to send quilts to Capital Caring Health.

— Debbie Bullock



Charity Sew-In Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29th, 2022! We will be holding an in-person Charity Sew-In Day at Burke United Methodist Church. You must be vaccinated to attend. In order to social distance, only 25 people will be allowed to attend. We will begin at 9am and end at 4pm. There will be no sharing of community food. Bring your own lunch, snacks, and drinks. Your drink must be in a closed container. I will be taking reservations at our business meeting on January 12th. Please bring your vax card when you sign up. (These rules are at the request of the church for us to use their Fellowship Hall.) For the Sew-In day, bring your machine and sewing equipment. Cutting and ironing stations will be available. I will be bringing batting, fabric bundles, and patterns for your use. Of course, you may bring anything you have started and want to finish for charity. We are very blessed that Burke United Methodist Church is opening their doors to us during this time of Covid. We are the first “outside” group to use their facilities. The church follows Fairfax County Public Schools decisions for Inclement Weather. If school activities are canceled on that Saturday, we are canceled.

— Debbie Bullock



Spring Retreat — Committee Chair

The date has been set. We will be on retreat from Wednesday, March 23, 2022 until Sunday, March 27, 2022. After much searching to find a new and exciting venue, it came down to costs. Any hotel with “ambiance” was well out of our reach. Most were asking \$6,000 and more for the use of their ballroom for 5 days and the price of their rooms - \$119 a night and more. And most did not offer complimentary breakfast. We tried to work with the Hampton Inn in Winchester but they would not budge on the stipulation that we HAD to guarantee the rental of 40 rooms each of the 4 nights or pay 50% more for the use of the ballroom. That would have meant another \$950 to our ballroom costs. After much deliberation, the retreat committee voted to return to the Comfort Inn in Martinsburg. They graciously offered us the exact same costs as the Fall Retreat. This means the rooms will stay at \$89 a night. We have reserved 20 rooms with 2 queen beds and 5 rooms with a king size bed. When you book your room be sure to **call the hotel directly** to get this discounted rate! Their phone number is: 304-263-6200. **This discounted rate cannot be guaranteed if you go through the central number for Comfort Inn or use an app.**

We will begin to take reservations at the January 12th business meeting. (Reservation forms will be sent at a later date.) You must be vaxed and have received your booster to attend. Please bring your vaccination card with you when you make your reservation. To ensure social distancing only 50 people may attend. The retreat committee will be meeting in January to plan your activities. We have a theme and we will announce it at the January business meeting. Your retreat committee members are: Diane Gawalt, Michelle Krull, Laura Lux, Heidi Osterhout, Pat Price, Rita Rivlin, and Erica Robertson. You are welcome to join us. Just let me know (dbullock@verizon.net)

Almost Heaven, West Virginia!

— Debbie Bullock



December Birthdays.

- December 8 Renee Castrop & Janeanne Weidl
- December 11 Jessica Berman & Deborah Watson
- December 16 Mary Reddington
- December 18 Diana Hoefke
- December 22 Anne Lund
- December 24 Kathleen O’Leary
- December 28 Vickie Deer
- December 15 Bonnie Ruetenik

Schedule of Events

2020-2021 BQU Meeting Dates			
2020-2021 BQU Meeting Dates	Meeting Type	Meeting Details	Venue
14-Jul-21	Summer Program	Speaker: Jennifer Rapacki, Creativity Unleashed - Modern Technology for Quilters	Zoom

11-Aug-21	Summer Program	Speaker: MJ Kinman, Online Trunk Show - Gems and Joy	Zoom
8-Sep-21	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
10-Sep-21	QU Fall Program	Gloria Loughman - Landscape Quilts	
22-Sep-21	Program	Speaker: Robin Long - Modern Mariner's Compass - Strip Pieced!	Zoom
2-3 Oct 21	QU Program	Global Quilt Connection's All Star Virtual Sampler Platter	Zoom
13-Oct-21	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
27-Oct-21	Program	Auction	Lake Braddock
3-7 Nov 21	Retreat	Fall Retreat - Martinsburg, WV	Comfort Inn
10-Nov-21	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
13-Nov-21	Zoom Class	Michelle Banton - Dresden Neighborhood	Zoom
8-Dec-21	Winter Social	Holiday get together	Lake Braddock
12-Jan-22	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
26-Jan-22	Quilto	Fun and prizes with Quilty Bingo	Lake Braddock
29-Jan-22	Charity Sew In	Day of charity sewing projects	Burke UMC
9-Feb-22	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
23-Feb-22	Program	Speaker: Sylvia Schaefer - Designing with Negative Space	Zoom
3-Mar-22	QU Program	Jen Kingwell	7pm EST Zoom
9-Mar-22	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
23-Mar-22	Program	Speaker: Terri Sontra - The History of the Sewing Machine	Zoom
Mar 23-27, 2022	Retreat	Spring Retreat - Martinsburg, WV	Comfort Inn

13-Apr-22	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
27-Apr-22	Program	Speaker: Diane Murtha, Hexies	Lake Braddock
11-May-22	Business	Business and Show & Tell	Lake Braddock
25-May-22	Back to School	Presentations by members	Lake Braddock
8-Jun-22	June Social	Year End social get together	TBD

Burke QU Business Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2021

Lake Braddock Secondary School

President Karen Brewster called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone. One new guest was introduced Vivian Lohmeyer.

Old Business:

Big QU did not meet in October and plans to meet next week. Reminder that 2022 quilt show the decision is to cancel in person and still considering virtual option.

Minutes:

Minutes from the October 2021 meeting were sent via E-blast with newsletter. A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Denise Racz that the minutes be approved. The motion approved by voice vote.

New Business:

Auction:

Report from Linda Cooper regarding results from Auction on October 27, 2021. Expressed auction was fastest and fun. Results met goal of \$5,000.00. Karen Brewster thanked everyone that assisted including committee, set up/cleanup crew. Need a lead for next year's auction.

Baby Quilts:

Debbie Bullock announced fabric bundles and labels are available. Children's Medical Center is not currently taking quilts. Planning to check with FACETS. Capital Caring is accepting baby and wheelchair quilts (35 x 36) and hats. Can donate hats to church.

Soldier Quilts:

Report from Heidi Osterhout. Can make soldier quilts in colors of red, white, blue. Planning to bring blocks to next meeting.

Programs

Report from Erica Robertson regarding upcoming programs. The schedule of programs was sent in newsletter via E blast. Charity sew-in on 1/29 still waiting on Church decision or possible Zoom option. Decision to have a pop-up virtual sew-in in Jan or Feb. Rachel Watson volunteered to host.

Fall Retreat

Karen Brewster reported on Fall retreat November 3-7 in Martinsburg WV. Had 38 attend. Discussed Lucky the Leprechaun who was moved around the room having adventures. Have several items remaining from retreat that are on the tables and free.

Challenge Quilt:

Report by Nicki Allen. Planning to exchange bags during break. Will not exchange again until January meeting.

Membership:

Report from Diane Gawalt that current membership is 116 members.

Treasurer

Report from Becky Myers that report was sent out via E blast. Confirmed no questions. Have new electronic forms and if any questions contact Becky to discuss. A motion was made by Denise Racz and seconded by Dudley Shugart that the Treasurer report be approved. Motion passed via voice vote.

Positions

Education: Kathy Grey agreed to head Education. June social: Still need lead for June social.

Spring Retreat

Debbie Bullock agreed to lead spring retreat. Dates March 23-27. Prices are rising and more difficult to get lower rate on rooms and ballroom. Are considering cap of 50-60 people. Are considering Spiritual center Brenton Bay Retreat Center. Has cabins with 3-4 bedrooms. Has cafeteria with meals included at \$410. Still considering options.

Special Thanks

A special thanks was given to Karen Brewster for her hard work at retreat. A round of applause was given.

December social

The December social will be at the school on 12/8. Will have extra games, prizes, show & tell. Plan to dress festive and enjoy each other's company.

The meeting took a break and will resume at 8:30 pm with Show and Tell.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Watson
Secretary

Fractured Jewels Workshop — January 19

The workshop date is January 19. The workshop is on Zoom and will begin between 12:30 and 12:45. It will be a three to four hour workshop. Workshop is hosted by Annandale QU.

In January, Debby Kratovil will teach her Fractured Jewels workshop. The workshop will be taught on Zoom. It is now time to register for the workshop. To register, email Nancy Hoskins at nanjeff@verizon.net. Once registered, send a check payable to AQU for \$30 to Nancy Hoskins, [8119 Ainsworth Ave., Springfield, VA 22152](http://8119AinsworthAve.com). The pattern will be emailed in PDF format for you to print once you have registered. The attached supply list contains pictures of the quilt, one made with solids, the second with bold prints.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadline: January 3