

Message to all QU Members from QU President, Joanne Fitzgerald

I promised in June that we would make a decision on the QU Quilt Show before the end of the summer. This decision was not taken lightly. Over the past couple of years, the QU Board has discussed and researched various options, improvements, and ideas. Based on this input and research, we have decided to no longer have a QU Quilt Show.

The two most significant decision factors were the financial risk and volunteer support (skills and number). The QU Board acts as trustees of QU's assets and must exercise due diligence and oversight to ensure that the organization is well-managed and our financial situation remains sound. It is not a sound financial decision for the organization to move forward with the QU Quilt Show knowing the financial risk. It is also not fair to the Chapters to demand volunteers to organize, implement, and work at the QU Quilt Show when the Chapters need their members as volunteers for Chapter activities. During our discussions, a variety of ideas and options for on-line and in-person displays of members' quilts were discussed. The Board will be working on these ideas during the next few months.

I want to thank you for being a member of a QU Chapter and a part of QU. The QU Quilt Show was a big part of QU for many years. Making this change should help us ensure QU and our Chapters will have the resources and volunteers to thrive for many years to come.

Don't forget our 50th Anniversary Challenges (the information is attached). We will have a Virtual Exhibit of these challenge quilts on our website later in the year. If you have any questions about the QU Quilt Show, please ask your Chapter President or contact me.

Joanne Fitzgerald
QU President