



Hello all,

Welcome everyone as we 'fall' into our quilting season.

As September rolls in, QU kicks off what has traditionally been the startup of a new QU year. Chapters begin business meetings to reconnect with members, budgets are presented for approval, and programs and plans are shared for the year's activities. In reality, the real QU year starts July 1 and for the chapter officers and volunteers, it is an ongoing process that is year-round, reflecting the membership year of July 1 to June 30. And as most quilters realize, there is no true 'end' to quilting (or managing an organization) as it is part of our lifestyle and joy of learning and creating every day. It truly is a year-round, daily part of our lives.

As QU President, I am looking forward to building a foundation for more communication and connection across all chapters to share ideas and grow a stronger organization. With that in mind, I wanted to share some highlights of what's been happening.

QU Membership – 900 Members and still growing! Renewing your membership or becoming a new member has never been easier and you have proven this. The online membership process is working well. Have you used the **QU Directory** on our new website!!! It is so easy and a great tool to find someone's email or phone number quickly. I have the app on my phone and was able to look someone up while I was away from home (without the paper directory I left on my desk).

What a huge benefit this was!! Everyone should try it out!

QU Programs and Survey– We have 2 programs scheduled for the fall: **Sept 23-24** is the Global Quilt Connection **All Star**

Sampler and **Oct. 20** is Karen Brow-Meier presenting **SMUGGLE Principles** for quilting. Details are on the QU website for these **Zoom** programs.

For future QU events, a QU team is working on a **QU survey** asking for your feedback and ideas. We understand that the chapters are your primary source for connecting and building a community of quilting relationships. We also want to build bridges to span the chapters with open QU events. So let us know what QU may offer to build these connections by filling out the survey when it's hits your email. We are listening!!

QU Website – It is fully operational and becoming an integral part of chapter activities and a source for information on what's happening. The calendars are maintained for most chapters with current schedules. There is a new **HELP Menu Option** filled with a list of great **HOW TO** docs to learn more about the features on the website such as how to login or use the directory or sign up for an event online. Be sure to check it out.

QU Wild Apricot for Members Phone App – If you use your phone for keeping up with information, download the Wild Apricot app and log in with your QU id and password. It's easy and always in the palm of your hand when you need to find someone or check on the events calendar.

QU Budget – The QU budget was presented and approved by the QU Board in August and is available for any member to request details from the QU Treasurer or your Chapter President. With the disposition of the QU storage locker contents, there will be an adjustment to reflect the reduction in this monthly expense.

QU Chapters – For current chapter updates, use the QU website and **login with your member info**. Each chapter has a page on the **MEMBER** Menu Option to display the chapter activities, their current newsletter and member only calendar view. This is a great resource for chapters and members to keep up to date.

If you have questions about any other QU activities, plans, or actions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any QU officer or your

chapter board. This is your organization and information is available to everyone.

Let's fall into September and cherish our QU traditions as we evolve and integrate new ideas so we can grow into our future.

Happy quilting!

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