



## President's Notes

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Quilting Season for Quilters Unlimited. Our Vienna Chapter has some wonderful plans with the first opportunity arriving soon. Please sign up for volunteer time at the VQU booth at the Sewing Expo, Sept 2023, <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg-VA>. The expo is on **September 28, 29 & 30, 2023** in Fredericksburg Virginia. For more details or questions, please reach out to Kerry Bremmer, [kerrybremmer@hotmail.com](mailto:kerrybremmer@hotmail.com). For an hour and a half of volunteer time, you get free entrance into the Expo for the day. Please use this sign-up sheet, [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WneM5k43ELHS8NGLUe\\_Wm\\_4JMEvnWOBv/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101150277011133228228&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WneM5k43ELHS8NGLUe_Wm_4JMEvnWOBv/edit?usp=sharing&oid=101150277011133228228&rtpof=true&sd=true). Volunteers must be signed up by mid-September. Please join us in promoting VQU.

Our next meeting, either in-person at Thoreau Middle School or on Zoom, will be September 19 where we will approve our budget. Kudos to our new Treasurer, Jenifer Pickens for keeping us on fiscal track. I'll see you there.

In Sharing and Fall Festivities,

Heidi J. Graff,

VQU President

## Upcoming Activities

MTG	Sept. 19	Make Your Best Quilt" by Lisa Erlandson	Thoreau & Zoom
Big QU	Sept. 23-24	Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter	Zoom
	Sept. 28-30	VQU table at Fredericksburg Sewing Expo	Fredericksburg
Mtg	Oct. 17	<a href="https://davidowenhastings.com">https://davidowenhastings.com</a>	Thoreau & Zoom
Big QU	Oct. 20	<a href="#">The Smuggle Princpal</a>	Zoom
Mtg	Nov. 14	<a href="http://www.janesassaman.com">http://www.janesassaman.com</a>	Zoom only
Mtg	Dec. 12	Pot luck	Thoreau & Zoom
Mtg	Jan. 16	<a href="https://www.dianelmurtha.com">https://www.dianelmurtha.com</a>	Thoreau & Zoom
Mtg	Feb. 20	<a href="https://patspeth.com/">https://patspeth.com/</a>	Thoreau & Zoom
Rtr	Mar. 15--18	VQU Annual Retreat	Claggett Ctr.
Mtg.	Mar. 19	<a href="https://www.learmccomas.com/">https://www.learmccomas.com/</a>	Thoreau & Zoom
Mtg.	Apr. 16	<a href="https://adventurequilter.com">https://adventurequilter.com</a>	Thoreau & Zoom

Mtg.	May 21	<a href="http://www.evapaigequilts.com">www.evapaigequilts.com</a>	Thoreau & Zoom
Mtg.	Jun. 18	Pot Luck	TBD

## **Big QU Notes**

### **Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter**

3 to 6 pm, September 23-24, 2023

The All-Star Sampler Platter is a live virtual program for all QU members. 6 hours (over 2 days) of 15 minute demonstrations by Global Quilt Connection teachers. This is a zoom presentation. The zoom link will be sent to all QU members prior to the event.

### **The Smuggle Principles**

Karen Brow-Meier of Java House Quilts has been designing our inventive, lighthearted patterns for over 20 years. Her mission is to offer quilters unique and beautiful projects to create at home.

Karen's topic for this lecture is "The SMUGGLE Principles –

### **QU web site help**

If you need help with the new Big QU site, check out these newly updated help files.

<https://quiltersunlimited.org/Help>

## **2023-2024 Programs**

Welcome to a new season of quilting! We have an exciting array of programs planned for this year that cater to beginner through experienced quilters. All programs will be broadcast via Zoom, so we hope that if you cannot join us in person you will join via Zoom. Also, we will continue with the ever popular First Saturday Sit N Sew, 3-5pm, each month via Zoom. This is a great no pressure way to see what thing other members are working on (or planning to work on 😊) and to share your work, or just socialize. No workshops are planned so far but workshops will be a topic of discussion at our 19 September meeting. If you would like VQU to host a workshop with any of our planned speakers (check out their websites to see what they offer) come to the meeting with the name of the workshop you are interested in.



Our 19 September meeting features the presentation “**Make Your Best Quilt**” by **Lisa Erlandson** (<https://www.lequilts.com>) who will talk about what a judge sees when they look at a quilt? How does an appraiser determine the value of your quilt? This lecture examines the features a judge may look for in choosing a winning quilt as well as the qualities of a quilt that may increase or decrease the appraised value. More importantly, we will talk the simple things you can do to improve your skills.

Even if you never intend to enter your quilt into a competitive contest or have it appraised, you want to make the best quilt you are capable of! Tips will be given to help you make the best quilt you can, whether the quilt is heading to a contest or to cover a loved on.

17-Oct-23	David Owens Hastings	Lecture: Indigo Dyeing in Japan	<a href="https://davidowenhastings.com">https://davidowenhastings.com</a>
14-Nov-23	Jane Sassaman	Jane's Textile Treasure Garden	<a href="http://www.janesassaman.com">http://www.janesassaman.com</a>
16-Jan-24	Diane Murtha	Challenges I – Accept the Challenge & Win a Prize	<a href="https://www.dianelmurtha.com">https://www.dianelmurtha.com</a>
20-Feb-24	Pat Speth	Five Inch is a Cinch	<a href="https://patspeth.com/">https://patspeth.com/</a>
19-Mar-24	Lea McComas	Making Faces with Lea McComas	<a href="https://www.learnccomas.com/">https://www.learnccomas.com/</a>
16-Apr-24	Ellen Lindner	Confessions of a Fabric Whisperer	<a href="https://adventurequilter.com">https://adventurequilter.com</a>
21-May-23	Beth Helfter	Accordion Sewn HSTs	<a href="http://www.evapaigequilts.com">www.evapaigequilts.com</a>

## Retreat Update

- The sign-up form will be in the October newsletter. There are three retreat projects: In the Mirror (easy), The Color Wheel (easy), and The Limelight Quilt (advanced). The retreat form will allow you to place orders for these patterns, if you wish to make them. The patterns are between \$3-\$5 each. We will bring samples of these quilts to September's meeting.
- March 15-18, Friday-Monday, with Sunday night optional
- The Claggett Center, 3035 Adamstown, MD. 21710
- Retreat Theme: It's All About Color!



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## Community Service

Need a fall project? Deb will have lots of kits for you to pick up at the September meeting.

## Sunshine

Do you know a VQU member who could use a little sunshine? If you do, let Ruth Nowjack-Raymer know and she'll send a card on behalf of the guild. Ruth's email address is in the directory.

## Membership

Thank you to all who have signed up. Welcome to our new members - Michelle Barrett, Liz Driggers, Helen Heil, Shelly Kreykes, Diane LaHaie, Deborah Mateer, Kaitlyn May, and Laura Rose. If you haven't signed up, please do so by September 30th. After that you will no longer be a VQU member and won't get communications from us. To sign up visit the Big QU website at <https://quiltersunlimited.org/>.

## Information on Meeting Place at Thoreau Middle School

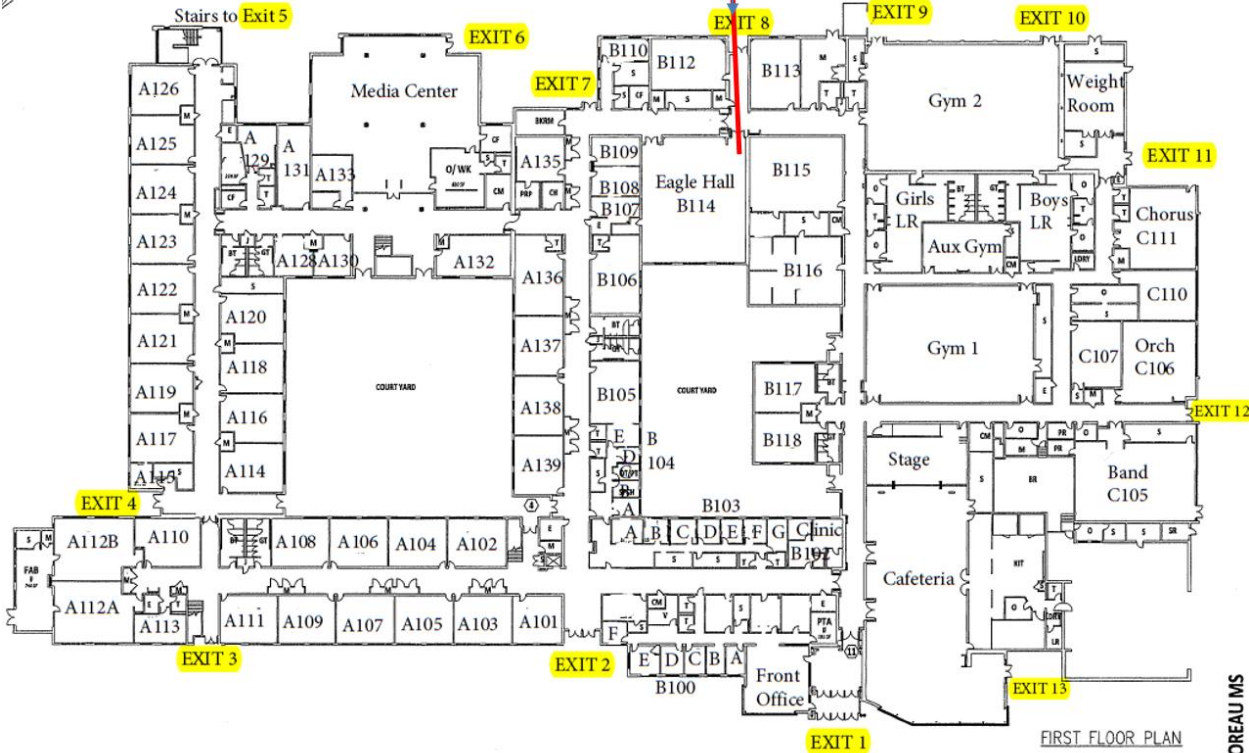
Most of our meetings take place at Thoreau Middle School in Eagle Hall - 2505 Cedar Lane in Vienna. Our programs start at 7pm but feel free to come at 6:30 to socialize. Please enter through Door 8 on the backside of the school.





# First Floor

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## Board Minutes

Will be sent as a separate email.

## Board

Board meetings (all are welcome to attend, all meetings are held via ZOOM and begin at 7 pm  
<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/93312893739>

- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5
- January 2
- February 6
- March 4
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4

**President.....Heidi Graff**  
**Vice President (Programs).....Vicky Watts**  
**Treasurer.....Jenifer Pickens**  
**Secretary.....Izetta Claybrook**  
**Nominating Chair.....Janet Tasker**  
**Hospitality.....Carol Strong**  
**BOM.....Shelia Teague**  
**Dinner (Dec. & June).....vacant**  
**Community Service.....Debbie Bacigalupo**  
**Outreach.....Stephanie Bridgewater**  
**.....Vicky**  
**Watts**  
**Webmaster.....Karla Vernon**  
**Membership.....Audrey Mirsky-Ashby**

**Fundraising.....**  
**–QU Boutique.....Barb Ross**  
**–Vienna Women’s Bazaar.....vacant**  
**–VQU auction.....vacant**  
**Newsletter.....Karen Gerstner**  
**President’s Quilt/Door Prizes.....J. Tasker**  
**QU show**  
**–Overall rep.....vacant**  
**–Demo.....vacant**  
**–Quilt Collector.....Karen Gerstner**  
**Spring Retreat....Karla Vernon & Tommie**  
**Curtis**  
**Historian (photos).....Karla Vernon**  
**Sunshine..... Ruth Nowjack-Raymer**