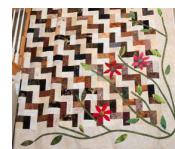


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President's Letter

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Quilters Unlimited is 'unlimited' with the talent, teamwork, generosity and fun-loving spirit of its members and no where was that more apparent than with the success of our 2010 Quilt Show! *Thank you* for telling your stories through the beautiful quilts displayed at the show. One only had to tour the show to learn that quilters and quilt admirers, alike, were inspired by the creativity, craftsmanship and warmth stitched into every quilt and impressed with the professional presentation of the show.

The quilt show would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Lisa Langlais and her devoted Quilt Show Committee who planned and organized this incredible event over the past year AND to the many volunteers who made it all happen. From the very first meeting until the last quilt was counted and the last pole was stored away for another year, many hands and SMILES answered the call, time and again, to seamlessly meet every request. My hat (hard hat, that is!) goes off to each of you for your dedication and for a show well done!

The Annual Meeting will go into my record book as a stellar event when, through the ingenuity of Giselle Schneider and Kath Heslep and many technical and support assistants, QU utilized 'high-tech' and I conducted the meeting *from Colorado* via a Skype video call over the Internet! Though I had to miss the very entertaining program of our guest speaker, Sharon Stroud, as well as seeing everyone in person, it was a pleasure to be a part of this meeting and the election of our new officers, and to be astonished by the quilt you presented meover the Internet! The quilt is even more extraordinary than I could have ever imagined with the variety of beautiful batiks and the amazing appliqué (hand-stitched by Kath Heslep and Diane Kirkhart). Thank you for a signed keepsake of a very happy and memorable year as your president.

It has been my pleasure to serve with a board that exemplifies a 'we can do anything!' spirit! **Kath Heslep** served as your vice president, chaired the layout of over 500 quilts at the show and assisted with the Annual Meeting; **Kathy Lincoln** graciously stepped forward to serve as secretary and designed the President's Quilt; **Giselle Schneider** served as treasurer for QU and the Quilt Show, orchestrated countless tests of Skype with the NOVA techies and me and arranged for the venue and refreshments in support of the Annual Meeting; **Lisa Langlais** energetically and skillfully lead a highly successful Quilt Show; **Nancy Miller** patiently awaited copy and produced four lovely newsletters; **Sandra Rees** assembled an impressive slate of officers to lead QU in 2010-2011, organized the volunteers for the Quilt Show, and traveled to every chapter to display the Raffle Quilt; **Cindy Pedder** kept the board up-to-date with timely and accurate membership reports; **Carole Marti** was always knowledgeable with sound advice and when the need arose, joined me to co-chair the Quilt Show Set-Up and the Annual Meeting Lead and Workshops; and, thank you to the Chapter Presidents: **Diane Cairns, Janet Little, Karen Loftus, Barbara Powers, Sharon Rixmann, Karen Sievert, Suzie Buck, Bert Garino, Amy McBurnie, Lynn Munch and Karla Vernon**, for your leadership, enthusiasm and great ideas!

Kath Heslep and the new board are well underway with their preparations for another great QU year and I know that they can count on your 'unlimited' talent, teamwork, generosity and fun-loving spirit for support! Thank you for a great year and for the opportunity to serve as your president... the pleasure was mine!



L to R: Susan Fernandez, Kath Heslep, Carole Marti

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Always,

Susan Fernandez,
QU President, 2009/2010

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show 2010

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show 2010 SUCCESS story!

Well done quilters!! We had a great time. The quilts this year were amazing!! You could tell the 2010 committee heard you when you said you wanted the quilts front and center! What a showcase of talent we had! You used wonderful patterns and also stepped outside the box and created your own designs. The machine quilting was brought to a new level. The hand quilting was effective and noteworthy. Quilters, you truly out did yourselves. Thank you for your time and effort in making sure your quilts were quilt show quality. The public enjoyed your quilts as well. We have had so many phone calls, emails and letters telling the board how much the public enjoyed their time with us.

Thank you to our volunteers. The 2010 Quilt Show Committee was flexible and came together without bringing egos. Discussions were lively, but compromises were achieved. I appreciated all the advice from our mentors/guild members that had "been there, done that" as they were able to guide us toward the best results. MANY thanks to our quilt show volunteers who were at the show, pitching in as needed. You were flexible and much appreciated. Hugs and Kisses to my "Quilt Chix". You're the best! Thanks to the paid employees! Thank you for climbing ladders, hanging quilts and then returning on time for take down. We couldn't have done the show without you.

Our students loved the classes that were offered. We had many non-guild member students that came from out of state. QU members, please remember we go to great expense to bring in exceptional teachers for our show. Please plan on taking a class at the next QU show. All of the teachers appreciated how well they were treated and are hoping to come back in 2011.

We will be moving into a new phase of Quilters Unlimited for 2011. Gayle Hindle and her 2011 Quilt Show Committee will be taking the show from here. Not only will we have an opportunity to show more of our amazing quilts, but we will be going to computerized quilt entries!!! Although each chapter will still need a quilt show collector to oversee the process while keeping an eye on the deadline. Good luck to Gayle and her committee. I know you'll produce an outstanding show in 2011!!

Lisa Langlais (Ar/S)
2010 Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show director



Hard at work during Quilt Show set-up: L to R, Susan Fernandez, Lisa Langlais, Carole Marti

Missed Opportunity? Now's Your Chance!

Did you forget to order your CD of all those wonderful quilts at this year's Quilt Show? Maybe you just discovered your pictures weren't so hot, after all. Well, this is your chance to rectify your mistake! Order your very own, personal CD of photos from the 2010 Quilt Show NOW. Send a check for \$10, made out to Quilters Unlimited, to Kay Burnett, 10201 Rutherford Ct, Oakton, VA 22124-3030. Your disc will be mailed directly to you when they are ready. Questions? Call Kay (McL) at 703-242-8732.

Kudos to Quilt Show Volunteers

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that signed up to work at the quilt show and who walked in to see if we needed any extra help during the show. You were all great! It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes over 500 volunteers to run a quilt show such as ours. I heard many comments from first time visitors to our show that this was the most professionally hung and operated show they had ever been to (and that included Hampton and Lancaster). My favorite comment was that we were the best show at highlighting our quilts, which after all are the heart of any quilt show. I really appreciate your volunteering. To all of you, and especially to Lisa who led us all, please accept a round of applause. —Sandra Rees, Volunteer Coordinator, Quilt Show 2010



Fairfax announces that the lucky winner of the beautiful 2010 Raffle Quilt was Michele Staley of Dauphin, PA.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW---Save These Dates!

July 10—11, 2010: "Autumn in Reston - A Hometown Celebration"

The **2011 Raffle Quilt** will make its premier appearance at the Reston Festival, July 10-11, 2010, at the Reston Town Center. This raffle quilt was conceived as an opportunity to highlight the many talents of the Reston Chapter of Quilters Unlimited and to show support for our local merchants, many of whom are also QU members. The quilt is an exclusive design created by RQU member Ann Weber (www.ginghamgirls.biz) and the majority of the fabric was designed by Jinny Beyer, a QU member, and purchased at the Jinny Beyer Studio; the backing fabric was obtained from Webfabrics in Purcellville in nearby Loudoun County, which is home to many Reston chapter members. Reston members pieced and hand-applied the top, as well as hand-finished the binding. Cheryl Kotecki, also an RQU member, created the custom quilting design and completed the machine quilting to enhance the work of the piecers and appliquéers. (Editor's Note: This newsletter was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. My apologies to those who missed this event, but thought everyone should know the quilt's evolution.)



September 30, 2010: 2010 Q. U. Fall Lecture with Jane Sassaman! Come at 7 p.m. for refreshments, then enjoy the lecture at Ernst Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale. See page 4 for workshop registration.

Other Quilt Shows

August 5, 2010 : "Shop Hop Comes to Us", Heartland Quilters of the Eastern Shore

Quilt Shops-Yarn Shops-Wool Spinning-Beading! Long Arm Demos! Door Prizes – Refreshments!
August 5 from 4-8 pm at the Denton Volunteer Firehouse, 400 South Fifth Avenue, Denton, MD 21629
While in town, visit our Quilt Exhibit at The Foundry Arts Gallery, 401 Market St., Denton, MD, from July through September. For more info: (410)490-4937

Jane Sassaman Fall Workshops

Artful Quilter, 9570-L Burke Road, Burke, VA 22015, (703) 266-3250

LEAF SAMPLER- Personalities of a Leaf

LENGTH- One day workshop, Friday, October 1, 2010 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

LEVEL- Beginning to intermediate; Sewing machine needed

Machine embroidery adds personality to your quilts and needlework. The stitches you choose affect the emotion and atmosphere of your work. In this workshop we will make a simple sampler using a repeated leaf appliqué, but by changing the finishing embroidery stitches each leaf takes on different personalities and attitudes. This is your chance to get familiar with the stitches contained in your sewing machine or to sample some stitches you have never tried before. What ever machine you have, we will try to find the stitches which speak your language and will make your needle projects more expressive. Class size limited to 20.

SUNS AND MOONS

LENGTH- one day workshop, Saturday, October 2, 2010 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

LEVEL- beginning to advanced; Sewing machine needed

Suns and Moons is a machine appliqué workshop based on the circle motif. Using Jane's appliqué techniques and experimenting with our decorative stitches, we will begin by making a series of colorful fabric discs which will then be arranged into a dramatic and contemporary composition. Class size limited to 20.

Priority in the workshops will be determined by the date of receipt of a registration form post-marked July 12, 2010 or later and accompanied by payment. Registration will be confirmed and supply list provided via email or self-addressed stamped envelope.

Check Jane Sassaman's website for a supply list and pictures of the class samples at www.janesassaman.com.

NO REFUNDS. Cancellation Policy: Should you need to cancel, a substitute for the opening is secured by the registrant from the workshop wait list if one exists with Jan Fuoto. If there is no wait list, the registrant must secure a substitute. The workshops will be open to non-QU members two weeks prior to the date of the workshop (September 16, 2010) only if members have not filled all spaces. The fee for non-QU members will be the \$40.00 workshop fee plus a \$20.00 non-member fee.

Reservation form on page 5

Reservation Form for Jane Sassaman's Workshops

Name Chapter

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone number email address (*optional – see below)

____ Fri., Oct. 1, 2010 Leaf Sampler Personalities \$40.00

____ Sat., Oct. 2, 2010 Suns and Moons \$40.00 Both classes will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please note: Payment must accompany registration. Make check payable to “Quilters Unlimited” and write workshop name on check.

Questions: jrsfuoto@verizon.net

Mail to: Jan Fuoto
1825 Prelude Drive
Vienna, VA 22182

Chapter Updates

MCLEAN Service Committee The McLean service committee (headed by Mary Pace, Loretta Sullivan and Debbie Taylor) donated 200 beautiful lap quilts to organizations in our area. These quilts were made both personally or at service bees by our members throughout the year. Quilts were given to: The Assistance League of Northern VA for the maternity ward at Fairfax Hospital, the Arlington County Dept. of Human Services for seniors in need, the Arlington County Teenage Program for pregnant teens to stay in school and Fairfax Hospital Prenatal Dept. for their need of quilts for premature babies. Two service bees were held during the year. At our last bee on June 8th we finished 61 quilts in 3 hours!

MT VERNON News and Community Service Mount Vernon had a great year with many interesting programs and workshops with nationally recognized quilt teachers: Judi Gunter, Margaret Miller, Karen Kay Buckley, Didi Salvatierra, and local favorites: Debby Kravotil, Barbara Zygiel and Too Quirky Quilters.

We also enjoyed a bus trip up to Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, and well-planned, fun Holiday and spring luncheons. Our fall fundraiser was a big success and helped to fill our coffers for our excellent programs and charitable works. For a challenge this year, we played with the theme "Come Fly with Me" and displayed our wall hangings at the June QU show.

Community Service projects continue to be a priority for MVQU quilters. We donated 66 quilts to various charitable groups. Additionally, we made 45 pillowcases for Fairfax County Children's Hospital and 74 quilts for the INOVA Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We donated \$250 worth of gift cards to Fairfax County Adopt-A-Family Program and miscellaneous items to Hollin Hall Sr. Center and UCM. We have one more workshop on June 29th where we will be working on quilts for Quilts of Valor.

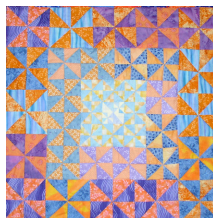
VIENNA Community Service Wrap Up Report Vienna completed 4 quilt tops, along with enough blocks to complete 2 more quilt tops. They will be delivered to The Quilt Patch for Project Linus. Members also made 275 pillowcases this year for Fairfax County Foster Kids. These will be delivered this summer. VQU members have made 761 pillowcases since 2007! Barb Celio distributed 486 of these to various worthy causes. All of the donated pillowcases have been registered with The Million Pillowcase Challenge sponsored by American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine.

FAIRFAX Community Service Penny Hite, chairwomen of Fairfax's community service, is very proud to report the work Fairfax has done this year. 34 Soldier Quilts have been completed: 14 have already shipped out during the year, and 20 will go to Deb Repass for shipment at the end of June. There are approximately 20 more soldier quilts still in progress. Planning & cutting for the summer work days & next year is well underway. In addition to the quilts, 52 Soldier Quilt pillowcases were completed this year. They will also be registered with the Million Pillowcase Challenge sponsored by American Patchwork and Quilting Magazine. Fairfax has also worked on Women's Quilts: 3 were delivered to Novaco; 4 are complete & waiting to be delivered; 21 are still in progress. A Very Good Year! And next year will be even better!

RESTON Service Projects This year wrapped up Reston's *Project 1000*. We focused on making "Quilts for Caregivers" – soldiers deployed and assigned to a combat support hospital in Afghanistan. They dedicate themselves to taking such wonderful care of our wounded soldiers that we wanted to say thank you and send them a gift from home. Many of these young soldiers, medics and nurses especially, are deployed for the first time. And sometimes they just need a "hug from home", which is what the quilts are representing. We've also been busy making stuffed Scottie dogs for first responders to hand out to children in difficult circumstances, so that they have something to hold on to.

Outgoing (2009-2010) QU Board

Position		Email
President	Susan Fernandez (B)	mannyandsusan@cox.net
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Membership Renewals 2010-11

We are accepting membership renewals and registrations for the 2010-11 quilt year. Remember, our membership year ended on June 30, so be sure to renew to get your new membership card. You can get a new registration form from your chapter membership chair, or you can download and print one from the QU website, www.quiltersunlimited.org. Be sure to submit all forms and payments to your CHAPTER membership chair.

Cindy Pedder, QU Membership
flewts@gmail.com

Reminder.....As a member of Quilters Unlimited, you are entitled to discounts at the Virginia Quilt Museum if you show your current membership card. Admission is \$4 and you get a 10% discount in the gift shop on yellow tag items. You are also entitled to the use of their reference library.

Incoming 2010-2011 QU Board

Position		Email
President	Kath Heslep (AR)	qupresident2010@gmail.com
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President Ex-Officio	Susan Fernandez (B)	mannyandsusan@cox.net
Artisans United	Diane Cairns (A)	deasglass@gmail.com
Chapter Presidents	See page 9	See page 9
Membership	Cindy Pedder (S,A)	flewts@gmail.com
Newsletter	Nancy Miller (F)	ncmiller@cox.net

QU Programs and Events*

**Be sure to contact the chapter before attending an event to make sure there have been no unforeseen changes.*

Mt. Vernon Summer Events:

Over the summer months we will continue to have Bees every Tuesday at 12:30 in room 216 at Hollin Hall Senior Center. All quilters are welcome to attend.

Reston Summer Events:

Sept 14 — Welcome back member's meeting
 Sept 28 — "Deck the Halls" with Cheryl Almgren
 Sept 29 — Workshop with Cheryl Almgren "Pomegranate & Posies" from the book Deck the Halls
 Oct 12 — Member's meeting
 Oct 26 — "Make Mine scraps" with Gyleen Fitzgerald
 Nov 9 — Member's meeting
 Nov 23 — Charity night
 Dec 14 — Potluck

McLean Programs:

September 28 Jinny Beyer
 October 26 Jenny Emry
 November 16 Gylene Fitzgerald
 December 14 Holiday Pot Luck Lunch
 January 25 Cindy Grisdela, Playing with Colors
 February 22 Judy Gula
 March 22 Jo Morton
 April 26 Chapter Auction
 May 25 Potluck Lunch

Fairfax Summer Events:

Service Day, Thursday, August 9, 10—3, St. Peters In the Woods Episcopal Church, 5911 Fairview Woods Drive, Fairfax Station.

Vienna Summer Events:

We are having two summer Quilt-ins at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. One is on Tuesday, July 20th, from 1pm - 8pm, and the other is on Tuesday, August 17th, from 1pm - 8pm.

Springfield Summer Events:

Springfield QU will meet each Tuesday morning this summer at Grace Presbyterian Church, except for June 29 (Grace Church is unavailable) and August 24 for our end of summer picnic. On July 20 and 27 from 9:30am to 3:00pm, we will celebrate Christmas in July by making pillowcases for Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO). Details can be found in the July and August editions of the Springfield QU newsletter "And Sew On...". Newcomers welcome. These informal gatherings are a great opportunity to sit and sew and meet our members.



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Annandale (A)

3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am
Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church

3435 Sleepy Hollow Road
Falls Church, VA 22044

President: Carolyn O'Flaherty
carolynoflaherty@gmail.com

Arlington (ARL)

2nd Monday, 7:30pm
Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads

3440 South Jefferson Street
Falls Church, VA 22041

President: Janet Little
jslittle@venable.com

Burke (B)

2nd Wednesdays (Business/Show & Tell), 7:30pm

4th Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Cherry Run Elementary School

9732 Ironmaster Drive
Burke, VA 22015

President: Diane Murtha
dlmurtha@hotmail.com

Centreville (C)

2nd Thursday, 7:30pm

Colin Powell Elementary School

13340 Leland Road
Centreville, VA 20120

President: Terrie Klear
terriklear@yahoo.com

Fairfax (F)

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10am

St. Peters In the Woods

Episcopal Church

5911 Fairview Woods Drive
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

President: Kathy Gray
kathythequilter@verizon.net



Haymarket (H)

1st Thursday, 7:30pm

Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department

3510 James Madison Highway
Haymarket, VA 20169

President: Linda Jamrogowicz
ljjamrogowicz@comcast.net

McLean (MCL)

4th Tuesday, 9:30am

McLean Baptist Church

1367 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22101

President: Peggy Knight
peggy.knight1@verizon.net

Mt. Vernon (MTV)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 12:30pm

Hollin Hall Senior Center

Room 216
1500 Shenandoah Road
Mt. Vernon, VA 22308

President: Lynn Fishburn
lsfishburn@hotmail.com

Reston (R)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm

Armstrong Elementary School

11900 Lake Newport Road
Reston, VA 20194

President: Virginia Hodge
lochinmar@verizon.net

Springfield (S)

Every Tuesday of the month, 1st
Tuesday Business; 3rd Tuesday Pro-
gram, 9:30am

Grace Presbyterian Church

7434 Bath Street
Springfield, VA 22150

President: Joan McGowan
joquilter@aol.com

Vienna (V)

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

400 Center Street S.
Vienna, VA 22180

President: Bonnie Young
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