

A Stitch in Time

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Burke calendar

September 2016

- 14 Business Meeting
- 28 Speaker: Kim Einmo

October 2016

- 1 Kaffe Fassett 6:30-9:30pm
- 12 Business Meeting
- 26 Speaker: Doreen Johnson-Shenandoah Valley Botanical Quilt

November 2016

- 9 QUILTO
- 10-13 Fall Retreat in Winchester

December 2016

- 14 Holiday Social

January 2017

- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Back to School Night
- 28 Charity Sew-In

February 2017

- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Speaker: Marisela Rumburg
- 25 Workshop

March 2017

- 8 Business Meeting
- 22 Speaker: Paula Harr - T-shirt Quilt Designer-Burke Centre

Library

- 24 Midnight Madness

April 2017

- 5 Auction
- 26 Debby Kratavil
- 27-30 Spring Retreat in Winchester

May 2017

- 10 Business Meeting
- 24

June 2017

- 2-4 Quilter's Unlimited Show
- 14 June Social at Sangster ES

July 2017

- 12 Speaker: TBD

August 2017

- 9 Speaker: TBD



President's Letter

I hope your holidays were filled with love, family, friends and joy - and a little fabric!

Thanks go to Jessica Ber- man and her hard- working committee for a fabulous holiday social. With so many things to participate in - the ugly sweater challenge, a gift exchange, show and tell, and of course a wonder- ful meal, there was truly something for everyone.

The holidays may be over, but there are so many people still in need. We hope you'll open your hearts and sewing ma- chines to join us for our charity sew-in on January 28 to create quilts for wounded soldiers, ba- bies, and others. It's al- ways a fun and produc- tive way to spend a win- tery day. Read more

about that later in the newsletter.

What else will the new year bring for us? We will be having more speak- ers, and possibly a work- shop, thanks to Marianne Hooker. We have our annual auction in April - I hope you're preparing things for it already. We seriously need it to be a success. April also brings our Spring Retreat. We have the quilt show in June - and we need to have our finished quilts ready for photographing and submitting in Febru- ary. Hopefully everyone will submit at least one quilt so BQU can have a great showing! This month we have Back to School Night on January 25, where 5 of our mem- bers will teach 5 different techniques/skills that you may not already be fa-

miliar with. Sound like fun? It is! Please join us in any or all of these activities. They are all part of what makes us Burke QU.

Winter weather is upon us. I know that none of us enjoy dealing with snow and ice, but during these winter months let's try to leave the parking spaces in front of the school for those of us who are less able bodied than others

A special thanks goes out to all of you who help make BQU run, and who make my job easier in the process!

I wish a very safe, healthy and happy new year to you all!

Piecefully,

Barb

**Burke QU meetings will take place at:
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7420 Reservation Drive
Springfield, VA 22153**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7pm

**Except as noted in Upcoming Events/
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January Birthdays	
Debbie Bullock	Susan Price
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Pat Price	Edelle Tracy

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Upcoming Burke QU Events

January 25, 2017

--Back to School Nite

January 28, 2017

--Charity Sew-In

February 22, 2017

--Speaker Marisela

Rumburg

February 25, 2017

--Workshop

March 22, 2017

--Speaker Paula Harr

Burke Centre Library

March 24, 2017

--Midnight Madness

April 5, 2017

--Auction

April 26, 2017

--Speaker Debby

Kratavil

April 27-30, 2017

--Spring Retreat

Back to School Night in January

We welcome you to our Business meeting, Jan 11 at Sangster Elementary school. The group gathers at 7 and the meeting starts at 7:30. Please bring your show-and-tell and wear your name tag to win prizes!!

Back to School Night is Jan 25, also at Sangster. Each will be 15 minutes and if there's a handout, we will eblast that after the meeting.

Thanks to those who will be presenting demos. There will be five stations:

- ✂ Delores McGlynn- Stack and Whack Magic
- ✂ Teresa Bristow- Layering fusible Applique
- ✂ Sandy Kretzer - Machine Turned Applique Techniques
- ✂ Jean Taylor - Cool Quilting Tips
- ✂ Barb Sherwood- Inserting Circles

We hope you can come and add a new technique to your quilting skills.

Linda Cooper, cooperate@cox.net

Reminder - Charity Quilt-In This Month!

You don't need to sign up - just show up for a fun day of quilting for a good cause. Bring your own projects, or help us work on kits or blocks. We will provide some delicious soup and bread. We ask for you to bring a salad or sweet treat. Please see the flyer on page 4 for more information. As always - be on the look-out for information if we get some hazardous weather! Look forward to sewing with you! Libby and Debbie

Charity Quilt-In

Date: January 28, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Where: Burke United Methodist Church
6200 Burke Centre Pkwy, Burke, VA
(703) 250-6100

What: Charity Quilt-In
Soups, Bread and Drinks will be provided!

Please Bring:

1. A salad or dessert to share.
2. Your machine and basic sewing tools.

Kits, fabric and batting will be available for soldier quilts, preemie quilts, baby quilts and teen quilts.

Or bring your own community service project to work on!

We will have cutting and ironing stations for your convenience.

Questions? Please contact:

Debbie Bullock: Baby/ Teen Quilts dbullock@verizon.net

Libby Fritsche: Soldier Quilts pinkfritsche@gmail.com -703-638-9903



Happy helping hands on a winter
Saturday!

Please watch for e-blasts if we have wintery weather!

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★ The other available positions are:

- Every two years we are required to do a review of our chapter's bylaws to be sure we are in compliance with the guild's bylaws. We should to be sure that we are doing things in accordance with our own chapter bylaws as well. This involves merely comparing one set of bylaws to the other, and making suggestions for change where the two disagree. This job is for anyone who has had good excuses for not volunteering in the past! There is no physical work and no computer expertise required, no speaking in front of the group (you can give me your report and I will present it), and very little time commitment - it won't take more than an afternoon or two. Please contact me if you're willing. Thanks, Barb

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Burke QU Auction

New Year, Clean Closets!!!
Burke QU Auction
April 5, 2015
Sangster Elementary School

I hope you all had a great holiday season! Time to clean out the cabinets and closets to make room for all the new stuff; and while you are at it, put together a basket or two for the BQU auction in April.

As in past auctions, we'll have a "Bag" Auction, "Silent" Auction, and a "Live" Auction. The "Bag" Auction features baskets & bundles of treasures. Bag Auction tickets may be purchased in advance beginning with the February meetings or the night of the event. The winning tickets are drawn during breaks in the Live Auction. The "Live" and "Silent" Auction is always exciting and features larger items.

This event is dependent on bees, groups of quilters and individuals donating items in "auction ready format" for the Auction. Popular items from prior years are

- ✂ Finished quilts - large, small, bed size, wall hangings, tree skirts vintage, new
- ✂ Quilt tops
- ✂ Sets of blocks
- ✂ Services - quilting, basting, piecing, binding, teaching
- ✂ Kits
- ✂ Fabrics and Fabric Collections (quilting fabric only, please)
- ✂ Packages of Threads
- ✂ Tools
- ✂ Embellishment supplies
- ✂ Books (dated 2006 or later please)
- ✂ Magazines (published 2010 or later please)
- ✂ Handmade Jewelry
- ✂ Patterns, Cross-Stitch, Needlepoint, Knitting
- ✂ Decorated Boxes
- ✂ Other beautiful and/or quilt related items

In February 2017, Diana Hoefke will accept your "auction ready" donations at the meetings or, after you've made arrangements with her, accept items at her home.

The Auction Committee is forming now and we're still looking for volunteers to join the fun. Please contact Diana Hoefke at dhoefke@verizon.net to volunteer.



Board Positions for Next Year

It's hard to believe that it is already time to start thinking about our board for next year (2017-2018). Many of us still have holiday decorations up; there are probably the remains of delicious treats that need to be finished off; belated greeting cards are still arriving in mailboxes. Getting back into the regular routine can be hard sometimes.

But some folks are thinking about new activities or actions (okay, let's call them "resolutions") for this new year. If you are wondering about trying something new or different, please give the idea of serving on the board of the Burke Chapter of QU some thought. Right now we have openings in almost every position: President, First Vice President (Admin), Secretary, Treasurer and Nominations. Marianne Hooker has agreed to stay on as Second Vice President (Programs) but she needs a shadow—someone who will assist her through the next board year and then take over as 2nd VP for 2018-2019.

The Burke QU board is a great way to give back to our guild, and as a board member you have an active say in how the year goes and what kind of activities we get involved in.

If you have any questions about the various job descriptions or what the time commitment is for any of them, please talk to the current officer or to Sharon Thompson (Nominations). You can contact Sharon by phone (703-366-2939) or email (thompies5@comcast.net).

Needed! Baby Quilts!

Charity Quilts for Children's National Medical Center: Thank you to everyone who donated a quilt at the last guild meeting. I made a trip to CNMC on December 21 and delivered 46 preemie quilts, 2 baby quilts, and 100 hats! One of the quilts delivered can be seen covering one of the babies in the neonatal unit. Imagine having your child in the hospital over the holidays? Your quilt donation helped to lessen the pain.

As of December 31 we have delivered 122 quilts and 219 knitted or crocheted hats to Children's. Thank you for your generosity of time and your skill. **Our goal is 200 quilts by June.**

Please contact Debbie Bullock (dbullock@verizon.net or 703-971-6618) with any questions or if you need a piece of batting for soldier or baby quilts.

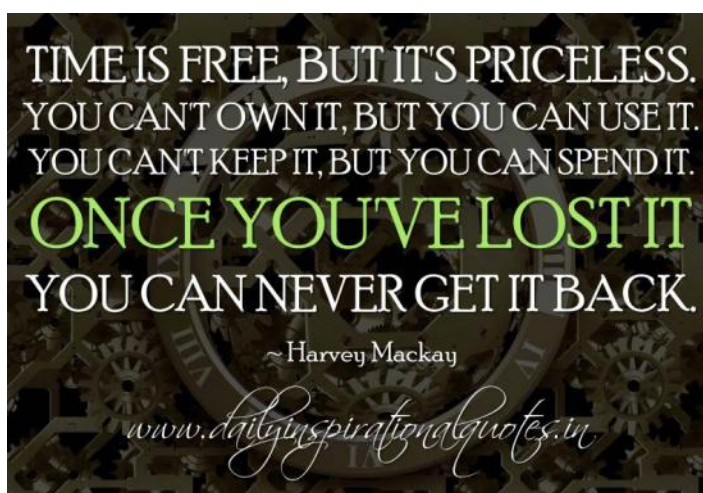
Thanks to everyone who helped us surpass our goals last year!



2016 donated baby quilt at work in the neonatal unit at the Children's National Medical Center

Debbie Bullock
Baby Charity Quilts Chair

Please see the ad for our Charity Sew-In on January 28. If you would like to volunteer to bring a soup to share instead of a dessert or salad, please let Debbie or Libby know!



Request for Volunteers at Virginia Quilt Museum

I received this request from Paula Golden representing the Virginia Quilt Museum, and was asked to share with local guilds. Thanks, Susan Price

The Virginia Quilt Museum (VQM) is looking for four teams of volunteers (four people each) to help fold quilts after an exhibit is taken down. Training is provided! The museum's collection is valued at \$400,000 and needs to be carefully maintained. You can help! Traits required: to be able to listen, be willing to do good work, be willing to learn about the conservation process AND learn about antique fabrics and styles of these beautiful quilts. Contact curator@vaquiltmuseum.org for more information. Consider gathering a group of friends and driving to Harrisonburg for one to two days a year to help OUR Virginia quilt museum. Paula Golden, Chair, Exhibit Committee, VQM



Midnight Madness



Midnight Madness will be held on Friday, March 24, 2017 from 5:30 pm to midnight at the Quilter's Studio, 9600 Main St., Suite L in Fairfax. Come join us for an evening of sewing and socializing with friends. Cost of \$25 will include dinner, drinks, room rental and a *surprise*. Signups will be held at the February and March meetings.

Hope to see you there! Organizer: Karen Brewster (703) 732-6283/kgbnva@gmail.com.



Spring Retreat 2017



Spring Retreat is Coming! April 27-30, 2017 at the Hampton Inn on Berryville Ave. in Winchester. Look for extra sewing hours on both ends! Registration opens on January 11 before the Business Meeting. Watch for everything to be Just Ducky! Brought to you by the Bumbling Block Party Bee.



Save the Date

Charity Quilt-In

January 28, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Burke United Methodist
Church

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