

# “The Peaceful Times”

## President’s Message

BBBRRRRRRRRrrrrrr, its cold and snowy out!  
But a great time to snuggle under a homemade quilt. And that is why we do what we do!

This month there are a couple of topics I want to focus on:

- ✚ First, I want to encourage all VQU members to register one to four quilts they have made in the QU Online Quilt Show. You can register now even if you are still making those last few stitches, as photos of your completed quilt are not required until 1 April. The registration deadline is 28 Feb. It’s time to strut your stuff!!
- ✚ Second, I want to thank everyone for the community service quilts and other items you continually make that are such a core part of what our guild offers in fulfilling our purpose. We’ve had several fabric donations recently so the Community Service fabric stash is flush—Contact Polly for details. There is always a need for teen-sized quilts. Please consider making one, even if it is only piecing the top—we have a long-arm quilter who has volunteered to quilt some service projects for us.
- ✚ Lastly, we are looking for the black quilt rack drapes. If you have the racks or drapes please reach out to me. 😊

Wishing you many quilt snugglies 😊,

Vicky Watts  
VQU President

### Upcoming VQU Meetings/Activities:

- 15 Feb (Mo)/7pm:** Zoom “Mystery Quilt Meeting 2”
- 16 Feb (Tu)/7pm:** Zoom VQU Guild Meeting “Diane Kirkhart-Fabulous Quilts and Adventures with Jinny Beyer”
- 1 Mar (Mo)/7pm:** Zoom “Mystery Quilt Meeting 1”
- 6 Mar (Sa)/3pm:** Zoom “Sit N’ Sew”
- 16 Mar (Tu)/7pm:** Zoom VQU Guild Meeting “Julia McLeod -- Silks and Salvage”

Zoom meeting details will be sent to VQU members a few days prior to scheduled events. For more info, email [vqupresident@quiltersunlimited.org](mailto:vqupresident@quiltersunlimited.org).

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### Blogs/Websites to Explore

- <https://thestraberrythief.com.au/love-liberty-quilt-tutorial/> Heart Quilt Tutorial
- [www.ttfabrics.com](http://www.ttfabrics.com) Fabric Manufacturer--Projects
- <https://weallsew.com/quilting-equilateral-triangles-part-2-piecing/> Technique
- <https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/> Scant ¼” Seam
- <https://cluckclucksew.com/2017/08/how-to-make-a-quilt-into-a-quillow.html> Quilt to Quillow

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## NEWS FROM BIG QU (FROM 18 JAN QU BOARD MEETING)

**2021-22 Focus/Meetings:** In anticipation of the COVID situation improving, the QU Board is looking at how should we merge things (virtual and live) and what will work as we “go back to normal”. Decisions on the Fall Event and Annual Meeting are detailed below. Most Chapters have different needs/wants and each Chapter will determine what works for their group.

**Fall Event:** Based on the success and profitability of the 2020 Fall Event, the QU Board agreed that future Fall Events will feature both virtual classes and lectures. Planning is on-going for the 2021 event.

**Annual Meeting:** The QU Board decided to separate the Annual Meeting from the QU Quilt Show. The “annual meeting” content will be distributed electronically (email or newsletter) with Voting handled electronically. The Board is also considering offering a Spring “activity” – either a lecture and/or workshops (most likely virtually) or some other creative things.

**2021-2021 Membership:** We will go back to normal membership signup/renewal process and dates for 2021-2022. Individuals must join/renew to be a QU member. Signups for 2021-2022 begin May 1 and if existing members have not renewed by 1 Oct, they will be dropped from QU roster.

**Membership Cards:** QU will eliminate hard-copy membership cards. Instead, a membership card template will be emailed to members (by each Chapter) after members join/renew. The template card will confirm receipt of their membership form and payment. Members can print the card (if desired).

**QU Officer Positions:** The QU Nominating Chair, Iris Salcewicz, is developing the upcoming QU officer slate for 2021-2022. The QU President and Vice President positions are open. If you are interested in fulfilling either of these positions, please contact Iris.

Vicky Watts  
VQU President

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## QU 2021 ONLINE QUILT SHOW

**THE QUILT SHOW IS COMING (online).** Register your quilts (up to 4) for the 2021 Quilters Unlimited Virtual Quilt show. Information is attached to this newsletter. The critical information is that your **MUST** register your quilt by Feb 28, 2021 at <https://quiltersunlimited.org/quilt-show/>. Photos of your quilt will be due in late March. Attached to the newsletter is detailed information about the show and how to take pictures and a list of the information that you need to register your quilt. There is no limit on the size of the quilts for this year's online show and quilts previously hung in one of our live shows cannot be entered into this online quilt exhibit. If in doubt, register your quilt. You can contact Karen Gerstner to have your registration deleted if you don't get the quilt finished by the photo deadline.

Karen Gerstner  
VQU Quilt Collector

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# BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Vienna Quilter's Unlimited – March 2021



Continuing with our personal accessories kinda-theme, the BOM Project due at our March meeting is a sweet little scarf made with fat quarters. Not only can you customize it to any theme, fabric type, color combo, or trim enhancement, it's a stash buster! All you need is 5 fat quarters. Who doesn't have 5 fat quarters lying around. So, what's not to love...

Instructions are at: <http://tearosehome.blogspot.com/2009/08/tutorial-five-fat-quaters-scarf.html>

Vicky Watts  
BOM Project Lead

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## 2021 PROGRAMS

The Zoom link and a handout for Diane Kirkhart's presentation on "Fabulous Quilts and Adventures with Jinny Beyer" for our 16 February meeting will be emailed to all VQU members approximately 48 hours prior to the event. We are lucky to have our own Diane Kirkhart as our speaker this month. She is an award winning quilter and has won prizes for her stunning appliqué and hand quilting. Check out her website. She quilted a king size quilt for Elly Sienkiewicz which hung in a special exhibit in the Houston Quilt Show in 2011. She also has had one of her quilts (Beauty, Happiness, Family, Love) shown at the Houston Quilt Show in 2012. Diane works part time at the Jinny Beyer studio. She has sewn many samples for the studio as well as samples for RJR Fabrics. She is a gifted teacher and has lectured and taught applique around the US and in other countries. She was on The Quilt Show demonstrating the three ways she chose to do Millefiori quilts from the book Millefiori Quilts by Willyne Hammerstein.

Below are our upcoming speakers for the next several months in 2021.

March 16	Julia McLeod	Silks and Salvage
April 20	Linda Hahn	New York Beauty State of Mind
May 18	Bonnie Lagenfeld	The Art of Realistic Fabric Art; VQU Annual Meeting
June 15	VQU Board	End of Year Party

Ginny Bywater  
Programs Chair

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## SUNSHINE



Do you know someone who could use a little sunshine during these extraordinary times?

Send me an email at [gloria-thompson@cox.net](mailto:gloria-thompson@cox.net). Thanks!!

Gloria Thompson  
Sunshine Chair

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

I can hardly believe it's February already! This month, yet again, I donated a total of 9 quilts to Annabelle from Linus. These were split between Fairfax county foster homes and Sanctuary Food Justice Initiative. Though this month's quilts were made by our friend Ava Neff, the fabrics were donated by Shelia Teague and others. The zig zag one is incredibly creative because the strips are all made from a muted cream and greens! A marriage of traditional and modern! Just saying, I have since received four large buckets of fabric that I've loosely arranged into quilt tops that can be sewn into easy scrap tops, and I now have kits for flannel quilts too that do not require batting! Before our virtual quilt retreat **I'd be happy to drop off a kit for you** to complete during that weekend. Please call me at 703-346-0094.

I've been searching around for places to distribute quilts and contacted the Katherine Henley Center. Their new coordinator said there was no current need for quilts. I also spoke to Leslie Pfiesser of big QU who **IS** collecting pillowcases and quilts for distribution. She says, "Most of the pillowcases go to Inova Fairfax Pediatric ER and Pediatric Ward. We also make quilts for them and a pediatric oncology ward called the Butterfly Unit. Another recent recipient was a group called Cool Kids which sends care packages to kids with cancer. We gave them 38 quilts and 150 pillowcases." She has offered to distribute our pillowcases and can take our quilts to Inova. I asked her to look for a contact in the NICU so that we will be able to start making NICU quilts as well.

In other community service news, if anyone is interested in donating time to making some simple animal hammocks, the Wildlife Rescue League (a 5013-c) of Northern VA has a need for people to assemble simple animal hammocks that are about 20" and 27" square). They have loops sewn into the corners (and straight quilting,) to create bed hammocks for rescued squirrels, opossums, raccoons, etc. Please see the attached pattern. Alternatively, check out this [YouTube](#) video. Contact me for supplies.

As we nearly reach our one year mark of Covid, there is still a need for our lovely quilts! Please keep sewing!

Polly Dombroski  
Community Service Chair

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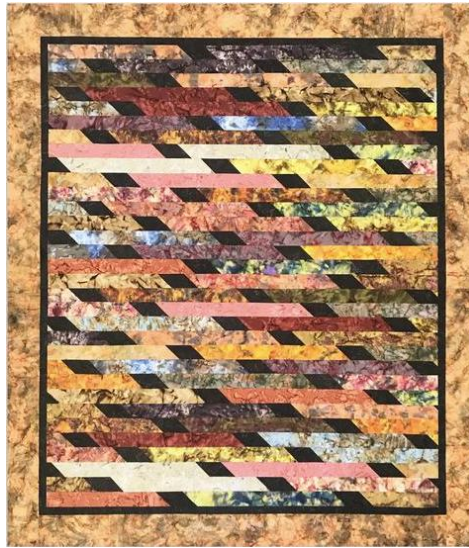
## VQU RETREAT 2021

It's almost here! And what an adventure it will be! Virtual, filled with excitement, learning, sharing, stories galore, projects, prizes,... and, oh yeah, some sewing and quilting. Info packet with agenda, patterns, etc., will be sent out to all VQU members NLT 19 Feb.

Dates: 12-14 March (that's Friday thru Sunday)

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

3 (Count 'em) Projects: Summer Solstice, Drag Race, Arm Chair Sewing Caddy



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## MINI-QUILT BOM

Happy Spring Fellow Quilters!

Sure, we are facing snow, ice and slush this month but we can look forward to spring and the return of our neighborhood birds in March!

Our mini-quilt for March features a bird arriving at the bird feeder. It features paper-piecing so you can practice the skills you learned with the Hearts mini-quilt! See attached pattern and directions.

Thanks to Michiyo for putting her design skills to work for us. She promises the bird is easy peasy!

Look forward to seeing everyone's results at our March meeting.



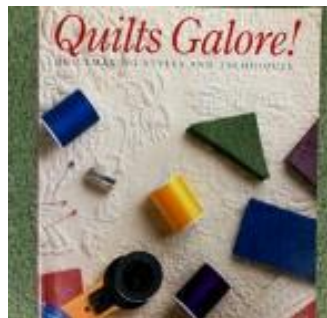
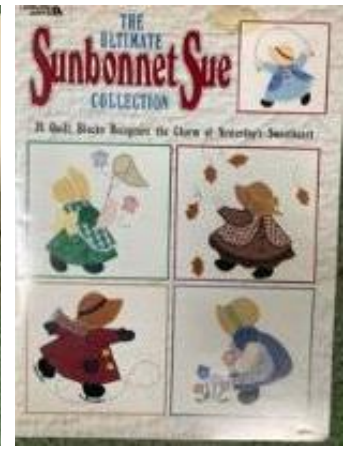
Janet Tasker/Michiyo Vangellow  
Mini Quilt BOM Leads

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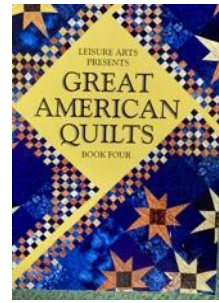
## BARGAIN BASEMENT

Have you been cleaning and organizing lately? Do you have something sewing related that you'd like to get rid of and think one of our members might find it useful? List items you'd like to sell or give away here by March 6th, send [Audrey Mirsky-Ashby](#) a description of the item, the price you want, and a photo if you think that would be helpful. Make sure the subject line includes the words - Bargain Basement. Limit of 10 photos.

Contact Karla Vernon for everything on this page. Free.



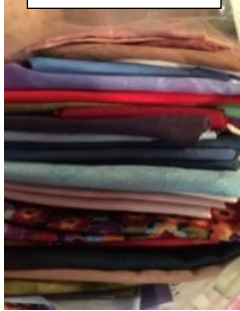
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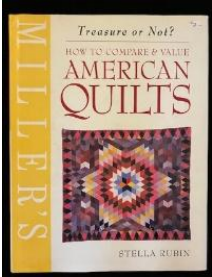
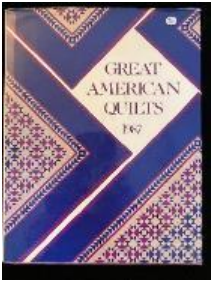
Contact Polly Dombroski for items below. Free.



Fat Quarters



Contact Stephanie Bridgewater for items below. Free.



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## SHOW AND TELL FROM JANUARY MEETING

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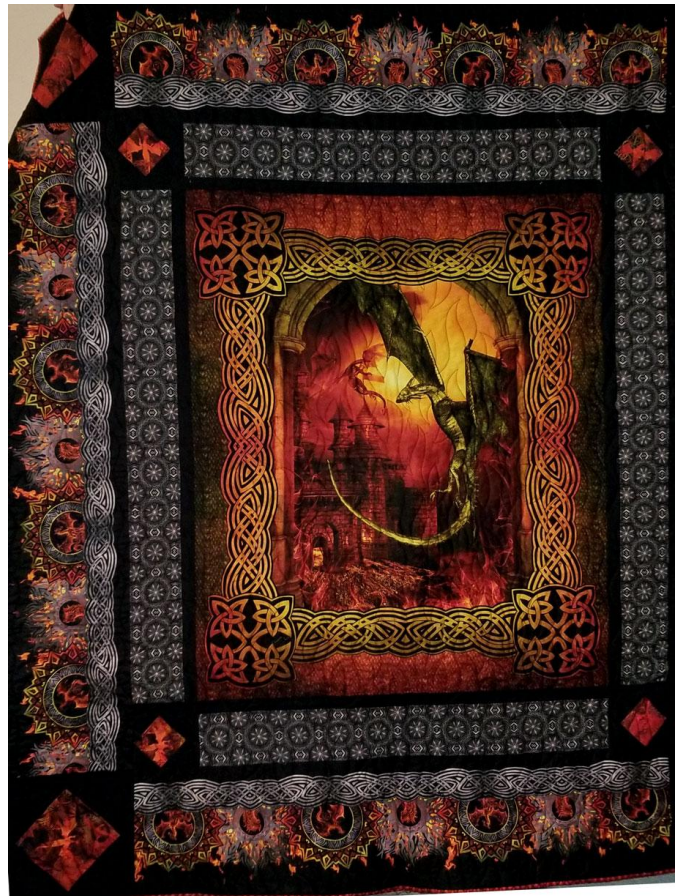




Diane Lovejoy



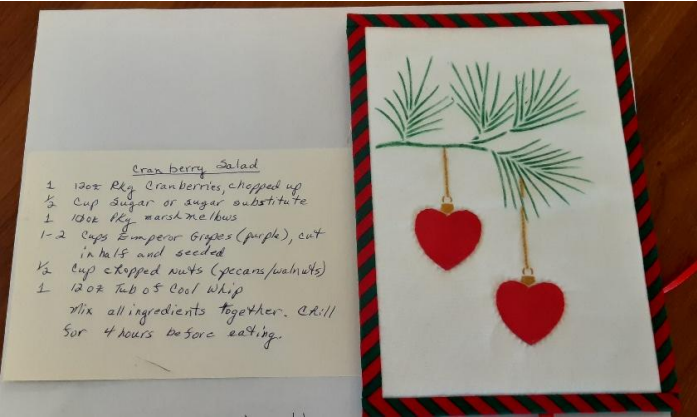
Karen Gerstner



January BOM Project  
 Karen Gerstner

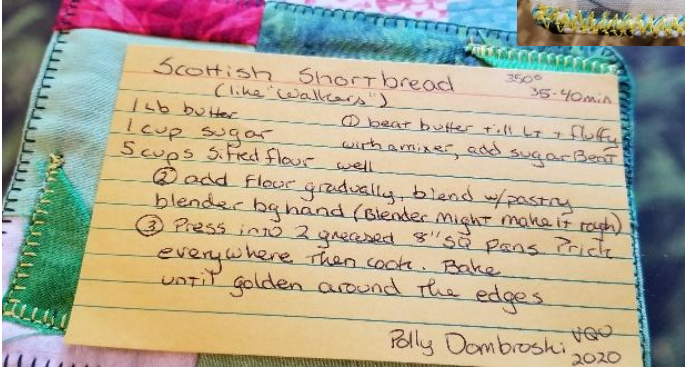


DECEMBER 2020 RECIPE EXCHANGE POSTCARDS



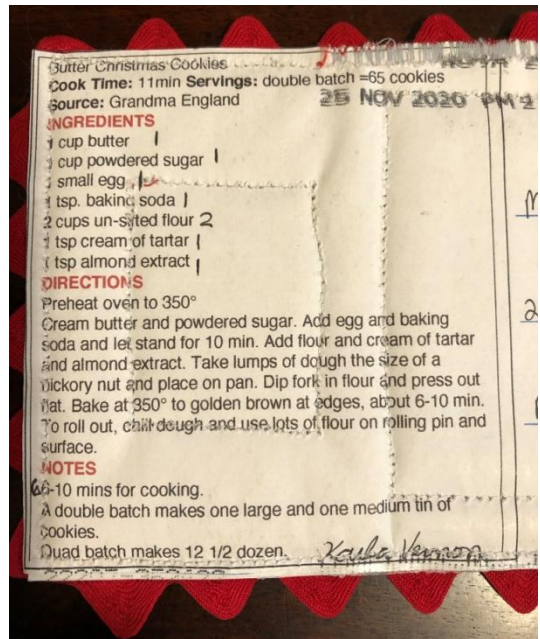
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 Carol Strong

From Polly Dombroski to  
 Karen Gerstner

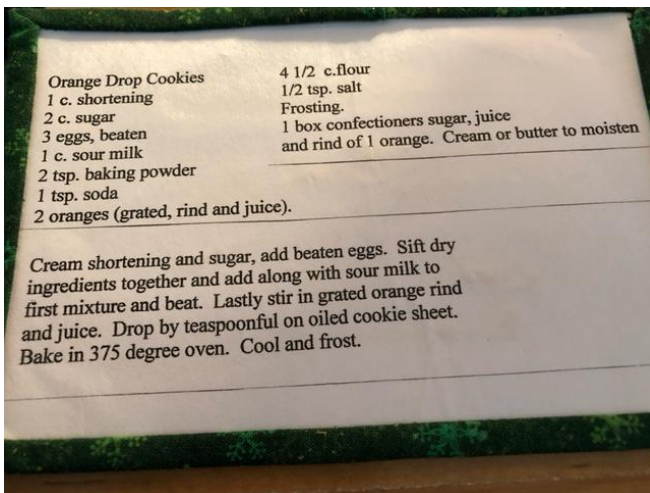
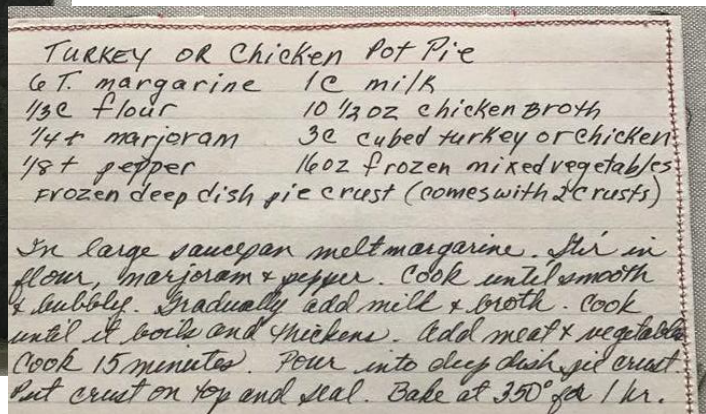




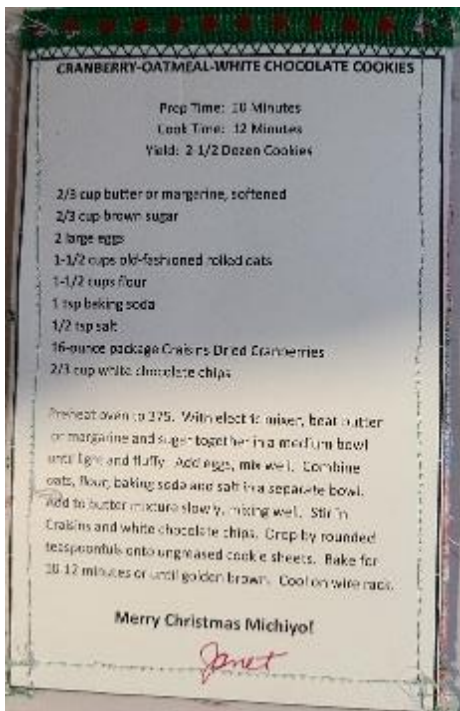
From Karla Vernon to Janet Tasker



From Julie Riggles to Vicky Watts



From Carol Strong to Gloria Thompson



From Janet Tasker to Michiyō Vangellow

## BONUS RECIPE (yummy!)

### Carol Strong's Ribbon Cookies

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| 1 cup butter or oleo | 2 1/2 cups sifted flour  |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar     | 1 1/2 Tsp backing powder |
| 1 beaten egg         | 1/2 Tsp salt             |
| 1 Tsp vanilla        |                          |

Cream butter and sugar, add beaten egg. Add vanilla; gradually add sifted dry ingredients. Divide dough into 3 parts. To first part add 1/4 cup chopped candied cherries. To second part add 2 Tbsp poppy seed. To third part add 1/4 cup chopped nuts and 1 oz. melted milk chocolate. Line a 1 pound bread tin with waxed paper. Pack chocolate mixture into bottom, cherry mixture next, and poppy seed mixture on top. Cover with waxed paper and leave in refrigerator overnight. Turn out of pan, slice very thin and place on greased sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for about 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Watch carefully as cookies burn easily.



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## VQU EXECUTIVE BOARD/2021-2022 SLATE



The VQU Board is pulling together the slate for officer/chair position for next year. If you haven't ever held a position or are ready for Round 2, please contact the VQU President. The slate will be finalized on 1 April and elections will occur electronically (like last year) in May 2021. The below table reflects open positions. If you're not quite ready to hold a position in 2021-2022, why not shadow the current Officer/Chair to find out what is involved so you can make an informed decision for 2022-2023. The VQU Executive Board is a very friendly group and we are all about making VQU meet our member needs. Your participation in the Executive Board ensures your voice is heard to shape the future of VQU.

VQU Officers and Committee Chairs		
Officer Position	Current (2021-2021)	2021-2022 Status
President	Vicky Watts( <a href="mailto:vqupresident@quiltersunlimited.org">vqupresident@quiltersunlimited.org</a> )	Returning
Vice President (Pres Quilt/Door Prizes)	Janet Tasker ( <a href="mailto:janet.ann.tasker@gmail.com">janet.ann.tasker@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Vice President (June/December Dinners)	Dennise Davis ( <a href="mailto:dpdavis554@gmail.com">dpdavis554@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Treasurer	Izetta Claybrook ( <a href="mailto:izetta.claybrook@gmail.com">izetta.claybrook@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Secretary	Gloria Thompson ( <a href="mailto:gloria-thompson@cox.net">gloria-thompson@cox.net</a> )	Returning
Nominating Chair	VACANT	OPEN
Membership	Miriam Esterrich ( <a href="mailto:esterrich@gmail.com">esterrich@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Committee Position	Filled By	
Programs	Ginny Bywater ( <a href="mailto:gbywater@gmail.com">gbywater@gmail.com</a> )	OPEN
Hospitality	Carol Strong ( <a href="mailto:castrongfaa@aol.com">castrongfaa@aol.com</a> )	Returning
Fundraising • QU Show Boutique • Vienna Women's Club Bazaar • VQU Auction (Dec) • Sales Item Collector	• VACANT • VACANT • VACANT • Audrey Mirsky-Ashby ( <a href="mailto:audreyma@cox.net">audreyma@cox.net</a> )	OPEN OPEN OPEN Returning
Newsletter	Audrey Mirsky-Ashby ( <a href="mailto:audreyma@cox.net">audreyma@cox.net</a> )	Returning
Web Master	Karla Vernon ( <a href="mailto:kvernon2@verizon.net">kvernon2@verizon.net</a> )	Returning
QU Show-Overall Rep • Demo • Quilt Collector	Izetta Claybrook ( <a href="mailto:izetta.claybrook@gmail.com">izetta.claybrook@gmail.com</a> ) • VACANT • Karen Gerstner ( <a href="mailto:kgerstner@verizon.net">kgerstner@verizon.net</a> )	OPEN OPEN OPEN
Retreat 2021	Diane Kirkhart ( <a href="mailto:dianekirkhart@gmail.com">dianekirkhart@gmail.com</a> ) Betty Osweiler ( <a href="mailto:josweiler3@comcast.net">josweiler3@comcast.net</a> )	Returning
Community Service	Polly Dombroski ( <a href="mailto:pollynowva@yahoo.com">pollynowva@yahoo.com</a> )	Returning
Trash to Treasure	Prudy Traut ( <a href="mailto:pbstraut@gmail.com">pbstraut@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Historian (Photos)	Michiyo Vangellow ( <a href="mailto:msvangellow@gmail.com">msvangellow@gmail.com</a> )	Returning
Sunshine	Gloria Thompson ( <a href="mailto:gloria-thompson@cox.net">gloria-thompson@cox.net</a> )	Returning

Vienna Quilters Unlimited

February 3, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom Conference. Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Board Members in Attendance: Vicky Watts, Audrey Mirsky-Ashby, Izetta Claybrook, Dennise Davis, Polly Dombroski, Karen Gerstner, Diane Kirkhart, Carol Strong, Janet Tasker, Gloria Thompson and Karla Vernon.

President's Opening Comments: Vicky Watts participated in Big QU meeting on January 18th. Several issues were decided. (1) The Annual Meeting and Fall Event will continue to be held virtually even after we return to in-person meetings. More participation was evident for both of these meetings when done virtually. (2) The Annual Meeting will be held separately from the Quilt Expo. (3) A spring activity is being considered. (4) The next QU Directory will be either digital or hard copy. One was not issued in 2020. (5) QU Board is considering removing the Family membership option. (6) The President and Vice President positions are open.

QU Virtual Quilt Show scheduled June 4-6, 2021. Registration is open January 1-February 28th and is limited to 4 quilts per person, any size. Once you register, you will receive a registration number which you will include in the picture of your quilt. Photography tips will be included in next newsletter.

As a reminder, the QU Bylaws have been amended allowing officers to serve 3 consecutive years instead of 2. We need a volunteer for the Nominating Committee to help identify members willing to serve in VQU. Please consider serving in some capacity – it is a rewarding experience.

Membership dues for 2021-2022 are due by May 1st. If member has not renewed by October 1st, they will be dropped.

January Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome Comments by Vicky Watts
- Approve February Board Minutes
- Brief Committee Announcements
- Program – Diane Kirkhart - Trunk Show
- Show and Tell/Bargain Basement items – email Bargain Basement photos by Sunday, February 7 and Show and Tell pictures by Monday, February 8 to Vicky Watts and Audrey Mirsky-Ashby.
- Door prizes

Old Business: Slate of Officer/Chair Positions – please check out list for vacancies and consider serving.

New Business: Renewed membership with Vienna Business Association and dropped off VQU Flyers for inclusion in February distribution.

Chair Comments:

- Vice President (President's Quilt/Door Prizes) (Janet Tasker): no report
- Vice President (Dec/Jan Zoom Dinners) (Dennise Davis): No report
- Treasurer (Izetta Claybrook): no report
- Secretary (Gloria Thompson): Minutes will be submitted by February 8th.
- Membership (Miriam Esterrich): VQU Roster submitted to QU.
- Community Service (Polly Dombroski): Polly has a request from a wildlife animal rehab group to make wildlife hammocks and will receive a large fabric donation with kits already prepared. She will add info in newsletter.
- Hospitality (Carol Strong): no report
- Fundraising – No 2021 fundraising activities planned yet--Keep making items.
- Newsletter (Audrey Mirsky-Ashby): Items due by February 3rd.
- Webmaster (Karla Vernon): no report

- QU Show-Overall Rep (Izetta Claybrook): no report
- Demos (Vacant): no report
- Quilt Collector (Karen Gerstner): Photography tips will be included in newsletter.
- Retreat 2021 (Diane Kirkhart, Betty Osweiler): March 12-14; details will be in newsletter.
- Trash to Treasure (Prudy Traut): no report
- Photographer/Historian (Michiyo Vangellow): no report
- Sunshine (Gloria Thompson): no report

Zoom call ended at 8:14pm.