



February 2024
CABIN BRANCH QUILTERS
"NEWS IN PIECES"
- Woodbridge, Virginia -

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Okay, here we go. My Second - First Presidents Letter...I am going to recycle my first letter for the newer members of the guild who have joined since 2017.

February; did you know that Julius Caesar was the guy who made the decision to have our Leap Year system as we know it? Happy Leap Year! Please forgive my silliness. We have already celebrated Valentine's Day and Presidents Day, in February. Happy Belated Birthday Presidents Washington and Lincoln.

As the new President, let me tell you a little bit about myself. When I was around 8 years old I was adopted into a family where I had a grandmother (who was a seamstress at a garment factory in Allendale, SC). Every time we went to visit my grandma (in small town South Carolina) she would take me for a walk to town and we went to Benjamin Franklin. I picked out my favorite childhood candies at the bulk candy counter, Circus Peanuts and Orange Slices (okay it is still comfort candy for me), and fabric. With my prizes in hand, probably eating the candy, we walked back to her house. Since our visits were usually day trips, I took off my dress and she used it to cut a pattern and she made me a new dress; I think the whole process took 30 minutes. Boy, I was so impressed. Time went on and we moved around a lot; seventh grade rolled around and I signed up for Home Economics, which included a

segment of sewing. We made a bean-bag frog and an apron. In high school I took Home Ec all four years. I mostly learned to make clothes, and since I couldn't afford readymade and fabric was cheaper back then, I made most of my clothing. In 1972, the largest/best gift I ever received was a Kenmore sewing machine. When I got married, I made my wedding gown and then my family's clothes. I became a Tri-Chem Liquid Embroidery consultant and learned to paint on fabrics. My Tri-Chem Director taught me how to teach painting techniques and sell the product (public speaking). She passed on last year, at 94, and is still missed.

In 1981, I joined the Army and started moving around. I started cross-stitching, and one day, while shopping I saw a cross-stitch quilt top. Wow! I had a project! It took me 3 years to cross stitch and hand quilt it, following the blue lines. It is well loved and battered, but I still have it.

Somewhere in there I started piecing squares together and made yarn tied quilts. I did that for years because I was too lazy to hand quilt them and wanted to get them done quickly. I made a Texas Lone Star quilt kit in 1992 and had a foreign exchange student who wanted one. I told him he could make it and I would help him. He still has his quilt; I saw it a couple of years ago and he still loves it but I have to admit we quilted it

badly. I made another Lone Star, that is still loved by my German heart-sister. She and my German Mum now have nicer ones that I made and longarmed on my Statler.

We returned to the states in 1997 and landed in Woodbridge. In 1999 we got another foreign exchange student and our new student orientation was in our neighborhood, at William and Leslie Harris's house. It wasn't until a couple of years later that Leslie and I discovered that both of us quilted and she invited me to a Cabin Branch Meeting. The rest, tolerant readers, is known to you.

I look forward to a year of fellowship, great speakers and classes. I look forward to celebrating the charitable endeavors that we all pitch in and do. My virtual office door is always open and I'm just a phone call away (703-994-8702). If you perceive a problem, bring it to the appropriate board member or to me. I look forward to solutions you may bring with it.

2024 is gonna rock! Let's Play!

Kathy Schumer



VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Upcoming Speakers

February 2024

Jenifer Pickens - one of our new Vice-Presidents shows us tips to taming the tragic tails of past projects - or ways to scrap bust to build your stash. See inside her sewing room, for organization and scrappy projects galore!

March 2024

Julia Graves will be joining us for a lecture of landscape quilts, along with a mini trunk show on some of her projects. Local artist and speaker, Julia Graves is a quilter and long armer with decades of experience helping quilters create affordable quilts from heirlooms to charity quilts.

April 2024

Cyndi Messick will be joining us to take the mystery out of sewing machine feet. She will be sharing what all those feet do, and why you might want to use them. Cyndi is a former Cabin Branch member, a quilter, longarmer, and all around sewing extraordinaire who will let us into the inner workings of her process and share some of her quilts.

May 2024

Join us for the Cabin Branch Big Birthday Bash as we celebrate birthdays and have a party filled day with cake, presents, and games!

Workshops are scheduled for July, and September - more information to come!

Your Vice Presidents,
Shanon Foley
Jenifer Pitkins



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2023

Jill Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00. Linda Mossey introduced the speaker, Shannon Shirley, artist, speaker, and teacher to present her trunk show.

Old Business - Karen Shaver made a motion to approve the minutes as written in the January newsletter, Joanne Hawk seconded it. The minutes were approved as written.

New Business - Volunteers are needed for Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton Virginia. Tamara Finn reported that volunteers are needed to do 42 hours of white glove service at the show and sell raffle tickets for our raffle quilt. The volunteer list needs to be turned three weeks before the show. Please come by tonight and look at the volunteer schedule and consider volunteering.

The Show is February 29-March 3. Entrance fee is \$15.00. Kathy Schumer will go down Wednesday to set up. She has the raffle tickets.

Vice Presidents report - February 26, CBQ monthly meeting, 7-9, Lakeridge Baptist Church, Jenifer Pickens will be presenting a talk on Ideas for our scraps and how to use them.

Treasurers report - Please make sure your checks are filled out correctly when paying by check. Checks should be made out to "CBQ".

Membership - Doris Story joined the guild tonight and Debbie Ketta joined us as a guest. Please renew your membership for 2024. Membership dues are \$35.00. 49 were present tonight.

Chinn Bee - The next bee is February 10, 10-4 at the Chinn Library.

Upcoming guild challenge - Karen Shaver is the manager and shared the rules for the Spilt the Pot Challenge- This is a UFO Challenge.

1. Get a form from Karen.
2. Enter up to 12 projects to include the name or title of the project on the form and turn in your form at the next meeting.
3. Pay \$1.00 for each UFO entry.
4. It can be a kit, or quilt project in any stage in the process, and any size quilt.
5. Bring your projects as you finish them throughout the year, to the meeting for show and tell.

In December the challenge will end. At the December meeting you will get a ticket for each project that you complete and there will be a drawing. Winnings are divided between the guild and the winners.

Emporium Chair- We need a chairman; we do have a co-chair.

Fall Retreat- Organizers, Jane Bruno, Barb Steele, and Trish Clevenger, date to be determined.

We need to have someone go to the Arts Council meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the McCourt Building.

The New Board

- President-Kathy Schumer
- Vice Presidents-Shanon Foley, Jennifer Pickens
- Treasurers-Belinda Hartnett, Karen Shaver
- Secretaries-Susan Jacobs, Linda Mossey

Thank you to those who served on the 2023 board.

Quilt Show - Joanne and Jill have been working on finding a venue. We are now members of the Prince William Arts Council. This enables us to use Benton Middle School as our venue for the quilt show fall 2024. More information to follow.

Newsletter and E news - Jeanette will be putting out a questionnaire to consider having the meetings available on Zoom for those who cannot attend the meetings in person. We will need someone to monitor the Zoom meeting for any technical issues, ensure everyone is muted when necessary, and manage the participant list. The guild voted to go forward into looking into Zoom meetings.

Kathy read an expert from the by-laws that the guild is all of us and she wants to move forward with more community outreach to attract younger members. Please contact Kathy or any member on the board with outreach ideas.

NICU - 20 quilts were turned in, reported by Sherri Quinn

Spring Retreat - Linda Mossey, Jeanne Endrikat, April 18-21, Massanetta Springs, \$335.00 for double, \$407 single.

Show and Tell - 8 people shared their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted,
By Susan Jacobs
CBQ Secretary



Cherry Blossom Blocks

Hello CBQ'ers.

We are starting a new group project – Cherry Blossom Blocks!

Join the group to make any pattern for a 12 ½ inch block using pink and white or any Cherry Blossom celebration. We will collect the blocks at our usual Monday meetings and have a top to use for a door prize at our May birthday party.

Questions? See Linda.

LKMossey@gmail.com 202-430-1339

[Candi's Loose Threads Lancaster Retreat](#)

Just a quick reminder that the March retreat is rapidly approaching.

Details:

March 21 – 24, 2024

Comfort Inn Lancaster County North

1 Denver Road, Denver, PA, 17517, US

(717) 336-7541

Contact Candi Manyin for more information and to pay for your space in the sewing room.

CLMManyin@comcast.net

571-220-5254

[Spring 2024 Retreat - April 18 - 21, 2024](#)

Spring Retreat 2024 will be at our favorite place –

[Massanetta Springs Camp's Conference Center, 712](#)

[Massanetta Springs Rd, Rockingham, VA 22801](#), April 18-21, 2024.

Prices:

Double room= \$335

Single room= \$407

Please sign up and let us know you are interested in

going. You can give us a deposit at the January guild meeting to save your spot. We are looking forward to the retreat and hope you are too.

Start choosing your projects now.

For more information contact: [Linda Mossey](#) and [Jeanne Endrikat](#)

Fall 2024 Retreat - November 7-10, 2024

The Fall 2024 CBQ Retreat at [Massanetta Springs Camp Conference Center](#), 712 Massanetta Spings Rd, Rockingham, VA 22801 will be Thursday-Sunday November 7-10, 2024.

Mark your calendar and sign up now!

The retreat offers time to focus on your quilting without the distraction of usual responsibilities! Enjoy sewing, spending time with quilting friends, exploring the beautiful grounds or doing a bit of shopping at Harrisonburg area quilt and other shops. While the lodging is not luxurious, it is clean and functional. It is like a dormitory rather than a hotel. There is a large room for sewing space. Meals are buffet style in the dining room.

There are two options:

- Thursday-Sunday 4 days/3 nights/8 meals for \$430 single/\$347 double (Note: no meals are provided by the center on Thursday)

OR

- Fri-Sunday 3 days/2 nights/6 meals for \$313 single/\$258 double.

Please email [Jane Bruno](#) to reserve your spot and bring a \$50 deposit to the February CBQ meeting.

If you have questions, please email any or all of the three retreat coordinators or see us at the CBQ meeting:

Jane Bruno jmbva@icloud.com

Barbara Steele barbarasteele99@gmail.com

Tricia Clevenger triciaclevenger@gmail.com

2024 QUILT SHOW NEWS

CBQ Emporium

The CBQ Emporium committee for the CBQ Quilt show 2024 is ready to start taking donations of quilt and sewing related craft and gift items to sell. You can bring items to the CBQ meeting, the Sit and Sew before the meeting or the Chinn bees.

CBQ Emporium Committee

Diane Hannon

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and

Marcelle Audet

partree@comcast.net



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2024

	Expense	Income
BEGINNING BALANCE		\$26,410.28
Storage Unit	422.00	
Storage Unit Donation		450.00
New Storage Unit (will be \$68.00 next month)	28.00	
Membership		2,170.00
Raffle Quilt Sales		80.00
Spring Retreat		2,158
Room Fee	125.00	
Website	50.00	
Speaker fee	300.00	
Speaker's meal	25.43	
Quilt show (2023)	132.94	
Sales Tax on Emporium Sales	6.73	
Sub Totals	\$1,080.10	\$4,858.00
Net Total		\$3,777.90
ENDING BALANCE		\$30,188.18





There are no Bees currently scheduled during the month of March and April due to space not being available at Chinn Regional Library. Should an alternate location be found, an eNews will be sent out. Meanwhile, here's the schedule for May-August so mark your calendars!

May 18, 2024

July 13, 2024

June 8, 2024

August 17, 2024

The Chinn Bees take place in the Community Meeting Room of the [Chinn Park Library](#), 13065 Chinn Park Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192–5073.

Bee Happy,

Joanne Hawk and Linda Thurston

ROVING WEDNESDAY BEE

Wednesday, 9:30AM – Noon, *contact Karina Kohler, 703-969-4946*

The Wednesday Bee is a group of ladies who get together for some fun, stitching, exchange of ideas and help one another on our projects. There is always a tip or something new to learn when we meet up. You can bring your hand sewing project, knitting, or just come to chat. It's very informal and everyone is welcome. It's a great way to get to know other CBQ members and what's happening.

We share hosting the Bee in our homes and provide light refreshments. The Bee runs from 9.30am till 12.00am.

Anyone who would like further information about the Wednesday Bee please contact me.

Karina Kohler
703 969 4946



Jeanette is continuing her search for this quilt! Please inform her that you're the person quilting it. Thank you!





NICU QUILTS

Hats off to these ladies for their donations at the January meeting: Betty Jenkins (5 quilts), Becky West (3), Donna McCann (1), Jeanne Peters (4), Arlene Tolin (2), Jill Sheehan (1), Tricia Clevenger (1), Sherry Bushee (1) and Sherri Quinn (3). These were made as we honor our outgoing president, Jill Sheehan and her contributions to the guild in 2023. Thank you, Jill!

We deliver quilts to the NICU at Sentara Hospital in Woodbridge each month.

They need to be at least 30 by 40 inches. And, they need to be all cotton (no flannel) to include thread and batting. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have or offer you precut fabric packs at our next meeting.

Sherri Quinn & Joan Flaherty
NICU Co-Chairs

Caring Quilts

Caring Quilts can be any size (36" x 36" to a king size quilt). The quilts will only be given to charity organizations in Prince William County.

To name a few: ACTS, Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter, Chaplin at Sentara Hospital.

Sandra Jeckell
Home 703-590-9951
Cell 703-395-7301

QUILTERS WE CARE ABOUT

A sympathy card was sent to Karina Kohler for the passing of her mother.

A get well card was sent to Darlene Novak.

Diane Johnson
Sunshine Lady

FAREWELL BLOCKS

You can purchase a block for 50 cents. We have pens for you to sign your blocks as needed.

Thank you
Carlene and Karina



Upcoming Events

Click to View Monthly
Calendar

Feb 19
(Monday)

[See Details](#)
[Above](#)

Meeting: 7-9pm (6:00-6:45 - Social
time)

**Scrap Busters Workshop and
Trunk Show** by our VP, Jenifer
Pickens

Mar 25
(Monday)

[See Details](#)
[Above](#)

Meeting: 7-9pm (6:00-6:45 - Social
time)

**Landscape Quilt with Mini Truck
Show** by Julia Graves

Apr 22 (Monday)

[See Details](#)
[Above](#)

Meeting: 7-9pm (6:00-6:45 - Social
time)

**Take the Mystery Out of Sewing
Machine Feet** by Cyndi Messick

May 27
(Monday)

[See Details](#)
[Above](#)

Meeting: 7-9pm (6:00-6:45 - Social
time)

CBQ Annual Birthday Bash

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Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the Month at the Lake Ridge Baptist Church, located at 12450 Clipper Drive, Woodridge, VA. Meetings are cancelled when Prince William County Schools are closed due to weather conditions. Gathering starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

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2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BeeKeepers – Joanne Hawk and Linda Thurston

Block Exchange – Carlene Halsing

Block of the Month – Mary Ellen Semat

Caring Quilts – Sandra Jeckell

Farewell Blocks – Bel Henshaw

MAQF Challenge Quilts – Linda Mossey and Karen Shaver

Membership – Terri Klancer

Mentoring – Kathy Schumer

Newsletter & CBQ E-News – Jeanette Edwards

NICU Quilts – Joan Flaherty, Sherri Quinn

PWC Arts Council – Julie Brewer

PWC Grant – Belinda Hartnett

Quilt Show/Emporium – Diane Hannon & Marcelle Audet

Quilt Show Chairperson – Joanne Hawk

Raffle Quilt Design – Betty Jenkins

Raffle Quilt Sales – Tamara Finn & Marcelle Audet

2024 Spring Retreat – Linda Mossey and Jeanne Endrikat

2024 Fall Retreat – Jane Bruno, Barb Steele & Tricia Clevenger

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