

# TAVERN QUILT GUILD

## Loons Lines

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**Congratulations! Marilyn Nolte-Winner of 2006 Gala 'Viewers' Choice' for her beautiful quilt – 'Turkey Tracks in Reverse'**

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### "THOUGHTS WHILE STITCHING"

*...I only think about quilts on days that end in 'Y'.*

*...My soul is fed with needle and thread, my body with chocolate.*

*...Quilting is a gift you give yourself.*

*...Only in the dictionary does "housework" come before "quilting".*

*Anonymous – sources unknown*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – "BIZ FROM LIZ"

Sue Kessel surely knows how to put on a party! That is really what the retreat is- lots of conversation, good food, stitching, new acquaintances. Sharing is a big part of it, too. If you have a question about how to do something everyone is helpful and problems get solved. Thank you, Sue!

February will be GRAPE month. We will have a program from our own Lucy Garrett who will plan her program around our questions about grapes/ and or wine. Please bring any quilts or wall hangings that you have made containing grapes. Please write your questions down so we can email them to Lucy.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas party. Don't forget to come with an empty stomach, your favorite dish, and a 'fat quarter' for the game.

This is my last 'Biz' as your president. I think it has been a great year. A KEY, a new building, a successful Gala. Thanks to all of you for being such a cooperative and creative group. Keep on piecing!! Liz

## CONVERSATIONS

The Nominating Committee has selected the following women to serve as principal officers of TQG for 2007. They are: Susan Melton – President, Joy Young – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Liz Mesec – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Linda McMakin – Recording Secretary and Cyndi Salesky – Treasurer. This month we asked them about their interest in quilting. In addition, they were asked about their thoughts about TQG, including any thoughts for future plans for TQG. Their answers are as follows:

**Susan Melton – nominated for President.** Susan was responsible for the “Boo-tique” at the 2006 Gala – a successful venture she chaired with Kathy Pitts.

*“I've been quilting for about 20 years. My first lesson was hand piecing and hand quilting. My grandmother McCracken made quilts from our fabric scraps. I still have my "Grandmothers Garden" and can recognize many of the fabrics/scraps that we took to her.*

*I was president of the Poolesville Towne Quilters for 2 years. I was active, but held no elected office with the "Annapolis Quilt Guild". I co-chaired the quilt show, co-chaired the special guild projects, helped rewrite the by-laws, and ran one of the quilt retreats.*

*My friends were telling me about this wonderful quilt guild called the "Tavern Quilt Guild" before I moved here. One of the most obvious strengths of TQG are the bees. Once you get a bee motivated behind a given project, you know that the women will band together and get the assignment done.*

*I know we plan to continue workshops, we really accomplish so much in these group activities, but I just loved doing a small block recently. I would like to do "Block of the Month" (again?) ...and... I would like to see more personal quilts for the quilt show in 2008...even if it is miniature quilts.”*

**Joy A Young served as Vice President in 2006** and has been nominated to serve in this role for 2007. She also chaired the Show Quilt Committee for the 2006 Gala. Joy responds as follows:

*“I joined TQG in March 2003 - two days after I moved to Northern Neck. Previously I was a member of the Quilters Guild of Southern Maryland. Sewing is my life's work and in the mid 1980's quilting became something I wanted to add to my list of activities. Unfortunately, overseas duty stations and lack of appropriate fabrics delayed that idea until 1992. But once I started I have not stopped.*

*This past year I was the 1st VP of the guild, a very easy job because Liz was an excellent President. In my other guild I held positions involving education and I was the secretary several times. For 2007 as the 1st VP (again) I will be more involved with the fund*

*raising activities of the guild. We will need to get started with plans for the Quilt Bingo and the Gala for 2008.*

*TQG is a very busy guild with many talented quilters. Our members work very diligently to accomplish the many fundraising and fun activities we sponsor. I would like to see a little more interaction between groups within the guild. In the past we have had some meetings where we get to know other members with special seating etc. I hope we can do more of that in the future."*

**Liz Mesec is the current President of TQG.** She responded to an interview in the October 2006 Loons Lines.

**Linda McMakin has been nominated to serve as Recording Secretary.** She organized and conducted the "Silent Auction" for the 2006 Gala. Linda is the web master for the TQG web site

*"Over the years, I've been either Secretary, Treasurer or both of almost every PTA and youth sports league the kids were in. Most recently, I was Secretary of the Rappahannock Area Radio Association, a Ham Radio club. At times, I have found it difficult to take accurate notes, because I couldn't stay out of discussions. I think Jean's idea of using a tape recorder is wonderful, and expect to do the same.*

*I've been sewing since I was 10, and I made my first quilt 30 years ago. At the time, I thought that all home-made quilts were made from old clothes; sheets or muslin was used for backing, and all quilting was done by hand in the ditch and the purpose of the quilting was to emphasize the geometric shapes. So -- I made my first quilt out of squares and triangles cut from the (denim) jeans my husband and daughter had worn out, and added some calico pieces to make a design that I made up. The backing was a sheet that had been torn. There's very little quilting in it; as you can imagine, I had some serious holes in my fingers. I didn't own a thimble and had no idea how to use one anyway. I still have that quilt. It was on my daughter's toddler bed for 2 years and survived many machine washings. Around 15 years ago, my sister gave me a book titled "Weekend Quilts", which described using rotary cutters and strip piecing, and I was hooked. What I love most about quilts is the geometrics and the interplay of color. I hope someday to make a quilt where the sides are all square and all the points come together accurately. Everything I knew about quilting was from books and from "Simply Quilts", which I discovered in the winter of 2004-2005. I joined the Guild to meet other quilters and to learn from working with them. I had visions of sitting around a large quilting frame, working and gossiping. I enjoy the trunk shows at the meetings, which spark my imagination to try new things, but for me the best part has been working on joint projects at the workshops and in the Bee; that's where I've really learned the most about quilt making.*

*As a Board member, I would encourage the support and promotion of all aspects of quilting. There's a strong tradition of hand work in quilt making, but we should all be open to the developments of recent years, both in machine work and in the development of art quilts. I hope we can provide the opportunity for our members both to pass on the skills they have mastered and to explore new techniques."*

**Cyndi Salesky served as Treasurer in 2006 and has been nominated to serve in that capacity in 2007.**

*“I’ve been quilting for about 10 years---self taught from a kit I bought after reading an article in Good Housekeeping. Betty Finamore introduced me to the Guild about five years ago. I didn’t have enough to do being a Certified Financial Planner, doing income taxes for folks, taking three dogs to agility classes, teaching two agility classes, being a volunteer at the Northumberland County Animal Shelter, being aboard member of the Northern Neck Kennel Club, raising and showing Maine Coon cats (WE HAVE A LITTER DUE NOV. 17) so I volunteered to run for Treasurer of the Guild again.*

*I love the variety of speakers that come to the Guild and the classes that are offered. I’d love to have more classes during the year and as well as a shop hop. Selling some quilts at the Auction was a wonderful way for me to raise money for the non-profit groups I work with and I sincerely thank the Guild for allowing me to do so.”*

## **DECEMBER PROGRAM**

**Refreshments:** Potluck - each member is requested to bring a favorite dish to pass.

**Program:** Each member is requested to bring a ‘fat quarter’ of fabric to the meeting. Details as to what will be done with this fat quarter are a secret to be revealed at the meeting.

## **2006 GALA UPDATE – Connie Drew, Chairperson**

One of the new features of this year’s auction was a catalog with color pictures of each of the quilts, in the order in which they were to be auctioned. This was appreciated by both the auctioneer and participants. In order to make the catalog possible, local merchants sponsored ads. Please thank these supporters when you visit their place of business, and tell them that you saw their ad and appreciated their generosity.

Adams Jewelers, Kilmarnock  
Allison’s Ace Hardware, Lottsburg  
Anchor Pharmacy, Kilmarnock  
Andrew Pitts – Furniture Maker, Heathsville  
Anna’s Italian Restaurant, Warsaw  
B. H. Baird, Warsaw  
Bank of Lancaster  
Bay Motel, Reedville  
Bell Mount Vineyards, Warsaw  
Briar Patch Quilt Shop, White Stone  
Britt’s Garden, Wicomica Church  
Callao Supermarket, Inc.  
Carried Away Cuisine, Kilmarnock  
China Inn Restaurant, Warsaw  
Coggin Furniture, Inc., Warsaw  
Commonwealth Florist, Warsaw  
Donahue Properties, Inc., Kilmarnock  
Eaheart Excavating, Inc. Mount Holly  
Faulkner Family Funeral Home &  
Crematory, Burgess

Jeff’s Packaging Solutions, Kilmarnock  
Jett’s Marine, Inc., Reedville  
Jones-Ash Funeral Home, Heathsville  
Kilmarnock Antique Gallery, Kilmarnock  
Klassic Kuts Salon, Warsaw  
Lazy Days Pools & Spas, Kilmarnock  
Lipscombe Furniture & Appliances, Kilmarnock  
Merle Norman, Kilmarnock  
Mid Atlantic Marine, Warsaw  
Noblett, Inc., Kilmarnock  
Office Supply, Kilmarnock  
People’s Community Bank, Montross  
Reedville Azalea Grove B & B, Reedville  
Rice-Packett, Warsaw  
Sal’s Italian Pizza, Inc., Kilmarnock  
Teresa’s Nails, Warsaw  
The Blue Heron, Kilmarnock  
The Country Store, Reedville  
The Doll House, Kilmarnock  
W.F. Booth & Son, Inc. Kilmarnock

Fletcher's Fix-It, Kilmarnock  
Flowers by the Bay, Burgess  
Gary's Northern Neck Glass, Callao  
Get Fit Express, Warsaw

Hair Design Studio, Kilmarnock  
Hills Quarters, Irvington  
H & H Enterprises, LLC., Callao

### **Thank-You Notes**

**“The Sew Whats Burke Chapter of Quilters Unlimited”** sent a note to TQG members which reads as follows:

“Dear Members of Tavern Quilt Guild” Please accept our sincerest thanks for allowing us to display our raffle quilt and sell tickets at your wonderful show last Saturday. The show really was wonderful!! And your generosity in sharing the venue with us was most appreciated. We raised more than \$180 that day – all proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Based on what we observed during the auction, we're confident that you all were pleased with your results as well.

Thank you again for supporting our cause. (signed) Susie Johnson and The Sew Whats Burke Chapter Quilters Unlimited.”

A note was also received from **Ralph Birkel** reads as follows:

“The Tavern Quilt Guild: We were so very proud to have your outstanding Quilt Show and Auction at the Halle. Congrats to each of you for your special efforts in bringing your beautiful creative artwork to be enjoyed and admired by the community. Thanks for favoring us with your successful event. (signed) Ralph A. Birkel, Reedville Festival Halle

### **MEMBER NEWS**

#### **Nancy Brannon – we will miss you!**

It is with deep regret that we learned Nancy Brannon will be relocating to South Carolina and leaving us. While we wish her all the best with her new life in South Carolina, she will leave a big gap in our membership. Nancy helped so very many people. We will all remember her famous words “you can do it”. Nancy was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in 2006 and the founder of the “Ladies of the Night” Quilters. She taught us the value of making labels for our quilts. Nancy contributed so very much to our Guild - and we thank her for her creativeness, enthusiasm and help. Good Luck, Nancy. And be sure to keep in touch with us.

#### **TQG Web Site**

Linda McMakin has assumed responsibility for the TQG Web site. You can see the wonderful changes that she has made when you click [www.rhhtfoundation.org/tavern\\_quilt\\_guild.htm](http://www.rhhtfoundation.org/tavern_quilt_guild.htm). Be sure to check out the new photographs that Linda has placed on the web. Linda welcomes any comments or suggestions for the web site.

#### **Northumberland Library Quilt Exhibit – Kathy Pitts**

The TQG members who have been so generous to display their quilts in the Northumberland County Library can pick them up at the following times: November

30th at the Library from 10-2, December 2nd in the Yellow Cat Saloon from 9-3, or at the TQG meeting on December 5th.

### Emily Martin

Several members commented on the beautiful quilts shown by Emily Martin at our November meeting. Emily designs quilt patterns and has a special interest in Baltimore Album style quilt. She is a member of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters and can be reached at:

Wild Goose Chase  
11821 Cascabel Court  
Woodbridge, VA – 22192 - or (703) 590-1723  
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### Membership Dues

Please send your 2007 TQG Membership dues to Cyndi Salesky, Treasurer. Annual dues are \$20. Only those who have paid their dues will have their name included in the 2007 TQG Membership Book. Also – be sure to review your name, address, phone number and e-mail address in the 2006 TQG Membership Book. Any changes should be submitted to Louise McIntire.

### Bootique, Susan Melton and Kathy Pitts

Because of the success of the Bootique at our Gala, the TQG has secured a space for selling our quilts and other crafts at the annual RHHT Golden Christmas Event. This will be held on Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. For those who are interested in having their items included in this event please read on. If you have any further questions please call Susan Melton or Kathy Pitts.

1. You must list your inventory on the form provided and make sure that each item has a price tag that includes your own personal ID code and price that corresponds with your inventory sheet.
2. Items can be dropped off at the Yellow Cat Salon (upstairs from the Tavern Restaurant) on Friday, December 1, between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Please supply your own display racks/stands if possible. You must pick-up any unsold items at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 2nd.
3. A fee of \$3.00 will be required to cover supplies used (receipt books, bags, tissue paper.)

**Handi-Quilter for sale:** Purchased in 2003– used one year – not yet set up since move to Northern Neck two years ago. Handi-Quilter is a frame and carriage system that allows you to use your own home sewing machine to quilt even large quilts without basting. Designed to easily mount to any tabletop surface and is compact, portable and lightweight. Comes with an instructional video tape. Asking \$300. Contact Joanne at 435-2393 (Kilmarnock) or 703-627-2413 (cell).

## Recipes

The following are responses to requests for recipes:

### **Charlotte Headley's "Yummy Crackers"**

1 sleeve of Club Crackers

½ cup sugar

½ cup- butter

1 tsp vanilla or almond

1 cup nuts (pecans or almonds)

Bring sugar, butter and vanilla or almond extract to a boil (1 – 2 minutes). Place crackers on a cookie sheet and pour mixture over crackers. Add 1 cup nuts (pecans or almonds)

Bake 350° for 10 minutes.

Very Easy!!

### **Cindi Bonnet's – Layered Enchiladas**

1 lb. ground beef

1 onion minced

1 clove garlic

1 tsp. salt

¼ tsp. pepper

1 tablespoon chili powder

4-1/2 oz. diced, ripe olives

1 8-oz can tomato sauce

8 corn tortillas

½ lb. sharp cheddar grated cheese

Brown beef & onion, then drain fat. Add spices, olives and tomato sauce. Heat thoroughly. Layer in 1-1/2 quart casserole: tortilla, meat sauce and cheese. End with cheese. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes. Can be made ahead and frozen. If so, bake at 350° for 1 hour. Check to make sure heated through.

## **QUILTERS' NEWS**

The Richmond Quilters Guild will host the **Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar** July 19-21, 2007 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond. The Seminar will include Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman. Tickets are \$199 (single), \$174 each for small groups and \$159 each for large groups (10 or more). Further details are available on the web site: [www.rickytims.com/rtqs.htm](http://www.rickytims.com/rtqs.htm).

## **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER TQG MEETING**

President Liz Mesec called the TQG meeting to order on November 7, 2006 at the Transportation Building in Heathsville, VA. There were 51 members present. Guests were Sue Burton, Tanya Bohlke, Pauline Lipscome, Carol Shackleford and Wanda Allen.

President Mesec congratulated Connie Drew and Gail Griffith for a job well done on the Gala. Everyone thought the Gala was a grand success.

Announcements: (1) A pumpkin decoration was left at the Gala. (2)Liz Mesec has the cat door, fits a sliding glass door which someone asked about.

President Mesec announced that Joanne Forman will have surgery on her shoulder Friday; her husband, Bud is doing well. Joy Young has Bell's palsy and Jeanne Rose's father is in the hospital.

Kathy Pitts was thanked for the lovely display of quilts at the Heathsville Library.

Emily Martin was our guest speaker. She gave a very entertaining talk and showed her lovely quilts.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in Loons Lines. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Louise McIntire is collecting dues. Please let her know of any changes to your information as she would like to get the book out by January or February at the latest.

Connie Drew reported that the Gala Committee met and they felt the affair went very well. They have compiled a list of recommendations to be considered for the next Gala. Connie thanked everyone who participated because without the cooperation from all members we would not be able to have a successful Gala. Champagne is available for \$10 a bottle. Call Terri Eilers.

Kathy Pitts and Susan Melton will have a boutique at the Yellow Cat Saloon for the Golden Christmas Affair on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Bingo will be held in October 2007 at the White Stone Volunteer Fire Department.

The winner for the best of the show was Marilyn Nolte. Deadline for Loons Lines will be November 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Hospitality Committee thanked the members for the refreshments that were furnished today.

December meeting will be pot luck. We have five November birthdays.

Linda McMakin suggested that next year it would be nice to have a snap shot of each member in the book. Next month she will take pictures.

Tavern Liaison – no report. Historian has the Book on display.

Report from Nomination Committee as follows: President – Susan Melton; Vice President – Joy Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – (open); Recording Secretary – Linda McMakin; Treasurer – Cynthia Salesky; Corresponding Secretary (Open); Loons Lines - Janet Vaughan; Membership – Louise McIntire.

President Mesec announced she has received information on the Ricky Tims Show with Alex Anderson and Libby Layman in Richmond on July 19-21, 2007. If members advertise the show, the Guild will be listed in the Program. It was decided to take part in the Program. Show and Tell followed.

Sybil Stolzenberg read 2 thank-you notes from Ralph Birkel - Festival Halle and Susie Johnson from The Sew Whats Burke Chapter of Quilts Unlimited.

Nancy Brannon announced that the Heathsville Library will have a wine and cheese affair for the library quilt drawing on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. Charge will be \$5.

Connie Hudson made a small wall hanging for the Guild as a thank-you for letting her put her quilts in the auction and as a welcome to our new home at the Transportation Building. The wall hanging is on exhibit at the library now, but will come to the Transportation Building after the library show.

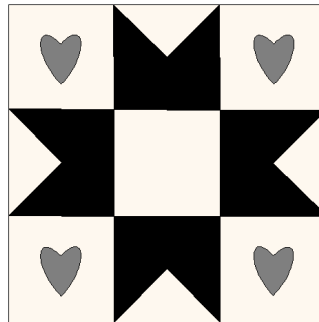
Next month bring show and tell to put up on the walls and bring a fat quarter to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Everly, Recording Secretary

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 5, 2006	TQG Monthly Meeting – Transportation Building, Heathsville
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Current – January 14, 2007	Shenandoah Valley Quilt Exhibition, Museum of Shenandoah Valley, Winchester <a href="http://www.shenandoahmuseum.org">www.shenandoahmuseum.org</a>
February 22-28, 2007	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton
July 19 – 21, 2007	Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar – Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond; <a href="http://www.rickytims.com/rtqs.htm">www.rickytims.com/rtqs.htm</a>
October 6, 2007	TQG Bingo – White Stone Volunteer Fire Department, White Stone

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