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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

I returned last week from a lovely birding trip to Trinidad and Tobago. The colors of the birds were beautiful; bright cobalt blues, vermilion reds, bright cheery yellows, and even emerald greens. I realized that they reminded me of the colors I love to put in my quilts. I'd bought 2 bags of daffodil bulbs, which I planted before I left. But I came home to find that the ones I planted in the front yard appear not to be daffodils but snow drops! I'm quite happy with them.

It's volunteer time again and we need members who are willing to serve as day president, night vice president, and day secretary.

There's a debate in my mind as to which job is more challenging—president or vice president. Believe it or not, I have enjoyed both positions. They are a good way to meet members and become more involved in the guild.

The quilt show is upon us and there are still many positions that need to be filled. We need people who are willing to help with the set-up of the quilts. It won't be a show without many hands helping to clean the poles, hang the quilts, and then restoring the church to its original state after the show is over. And don't forget the food... Every quilt show, we always have delicious food to share. I have every confidence that this show will be a huge success!

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR FAITHFUL CIRCLE BOARD MEMBERS

From Stephanie Sanidas

As required per our bylaws, the Nominating Committee is presenting the proposed slate of officers for 2015-2016.

President - Nancy Meier

Day Vice President - Kim Reading

Day Secretary - Janette Tarr

Day (Primary) Treasurer - Geri Flester

Night Vice President - OPEN

Night Secretary - Linda Kerrick

Night (Secondary) Treasurer - Nancy Evans

If you are considering filling a board position, please contact a Nominating Committee member (SHEVA FARKAS or STEPHANIE SANIDAS) for more information. Open nominations will be accepted from the floor on Monday April 18 and Thursday April 21. Voting for board members will occur on Monday May 2 and Thursday May 5. The installation of officers' ceremony is Thursday June 2 and Monday June 6 at the parties.

UPCOMING FAITHFUL CIRCLE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 9:30am and all members are welcome to attend.

Saturday May 14th

THANK YOU BLOCKS

We have a number of members to thank for their service to the guild, either on the board or as quilt show chairs. And while you are making these blocks you might want to consider one of the positions open on the board. The requests include:

Rose Panczenko (quilt show co-chair) - Magic 9 patch blocks, Medium teal /lime green.

Sheva Farkas (quilt show co-chair) - Jewel tone batiks and whites, nine patch.

MaryBeth Little (day vice president) -patch blocks that we made from the April 2013 block of the month. The directions are in that newsletter on our website, but essentially, it's just 2 1/2 " squares stitched together into a square (4 across and 4 down) the more variety, the better.

Amy May (night vice president) - Black and white magic nine patch.

Sandy Reading (day secretary) - 5 inch any color bright Batik blocks.

PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE & KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT

From Stephanie Sanidas

At our quilt show, please take some time to view our Cuddly Critter challenge quilts. The critter quilts will be donated to Project Linus in May, so there is still time to finish your quilt. After the quilt show, there are more opportunities to make donation quilts for TAPS and Wounded Warriors, with patriotic colors and themes. TAPS quilts are due by May 19 and can be small (lap size) or large (twin bed size). TAPS quilts will be given to children this Memorial Day weekend. Wounded Warrior quilts are for adults at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda. Recommended Wounded Warrior quilt sizes are 48" x 72" for bed quilts and 42" x 50" for lap quilts. Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS if you would like a kit or fabric to make a patriotic quilt.

KOMEN QUILT FOR THE CURE RAFFLE

Last call for Komen raffle quilts for the April 16 Race for the Cure in Ocean City, MD. If you missed the April deadline, the next Komen quilt raffle is in October. Quilts donated to Komen can be whatever you want to create - any size, pattern, or color. If you have questions, contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or DARLYS HUGHES.

BUS TRIPS FOR 2016

From Sandy Lynch

Our next trip will be Friday, September 16th to Oaks, PA for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza show. We need 43 people signed and paid by August 8th.

Our last trip of the year will be our annual shopping trip on Friday, October 14. We will go to Burkholder's Fabrics, Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch and then to the Kitchen Kettle area where there is Sauder's, Zooks, and the Country Store.

You may sign up for any of the trips now. If you have any questions contact ELEANOR HOWE, SHERI THOMPSON or SANDY LYNCH.

VIKKI PIGNATELLI WORKSHOP AND LECTURE

From Maria O'Haver

Vikki Pignatelli, nationally known quilt artist, teacher, author and lecturer, will visit FCQ for a lecture Monday, July 11th and hold a workshop Saturday, July 18th. Vikki is the founder of the biannual "Sacred Threads Quilt Exhibition" here in DC. She will share her amazing and unique nature inspired quilts during the lecture.

In the class, students will learn the basic concepts of Vikki's "Crazy About Curves" technique using a small, simple teaching pattern. With this method, a meld of piecing and machine applique, students learn to create even sharp curves and narrow points effortlessly. This is a very simple, "anyone-can-do" technique suitable for all skill levels. The cost of the class is \$50. Contact MARIA O'HAYER for registration or questions.

FALL EDUCATIONAL RETREAT WITH DIANE RUSIN DORAN

From Maria O'Haver

Our Fall Educational Retreat will be Friday, September 30th through Sunday, October 2nd 2016. The retreat will be held at the Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center and will include two nights lodging and six meals. Also included are two classes taught by Diane Rusin Doran: Screen Printing on Fabric and Designing your own Mariner's Compass. There will also be plenty of free time for sewing and relaxing. Single rooms are available for \$463 and double rooms are \$324. A deposit of \$75 is due upon signing up. Registration is now open. Please contact MARIA O'HAVER for registration or questions.

PATUXENT INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN QUILT SHOW

From Sandy McDonald

INGE STOCKLIN, SANDY MCDONALD, GAYLE STERNHEIM, VIRGINIA FRY, and NANCY MEIER would like to invite the members of Faithful Circle to the 16th annual quilt show at the Patuxent Institute for Women. The show date is Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the facility in Jessup, Maryland. (You must register by April 30, 2016.) Please plan to be at the facility by 12:30 p.m. You must have a photo ID with you. You may only take into the facility your driver's license and your car keys. Please leave everything else locked in your car. (Do not wear an underwire bra.) Members from Faithful Circle have attended the show at Patuxent in the past to show their support for the women in our program. The women are always anxious to speak with other quilters, especially those from Faithful Circle. All of the quilts produced by the women at PIW are donated to local-area charities. Those charities have included: The House of Ruth, Sarah's House, Johns Hopkins Children's Center and Grass Roots, St. Josephs and Villa Maria, and St. Ann's Children's Home. Over the past 16 years, the women have produced over 900 quilts as well as many crocheted baby items.

If you are interested in attending, please call or email SANDY MCDONALD at (410-461-4337) or slmcdonald121@gmail.com You must register by April 30. In compliance with Maryland law, guests must provide their full name, home address, date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number to enter the facility. All information provided will be securely protected.

This is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon in the company of quilters who have given so much of themselves. It's their way of giving back to their community. They are proud of their accomplishments, and we're proud of them.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickson

I know that most guild members have been busy working on their quilts for the upcoming show, and hopefully the quilts are ready to be hung. We will be working on Love Quilts at the Monday evening (4/4/16) and Thursday morning (4/7/16) meetings.

I invite everyone to join us to tie a quilt, finish a binding or stitch on a label.

APRIL'S BLOCK OF THE MONTH

From Frances Parker

There will be no Block of the Month for April due to our April Quilt Show.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - STRIPES!

From Sharon Rhoton

Whether it's the luck o' the Irish, trees exploding with leaves, or new growth in our gardens, **green** is the color of Spring! So this quarter's challenge is to make any block using shades of green. Any style or technique can be used, but your blocks should finish to 9" (9-1/2" unfinished) and have green as the primary color with a cream or beige background. A winner will be drawn on Monday, June 6th.

FUTURE "SAVE THE DATES"

From Maria O'Haver

Monday July 11 - 7pm Lecture Vikki Pignatelli

Saturday July 16 - Class with Vikki Pignatelli

Thursday Sept 8 - Trunk show with Cheryl See

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Sept. 30-Oct 2 - Fall Educational Retreat with Diane Rusin Doran

Saturday Nov 5 - Class with Norma Campbell

FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS' HISTORY

From Nancy Martin

The scaled down history of Faithful Circle Quilters has been completed. The scrapbooks will be available at the membership table at our quilt show. There are 5 volumes:

1. FCQ HISTORY - 1971 TO PRESENT
2. RAFFLE QUILTS
3. THE PRETTY ALBUM, encompassing several years, done in "scrapbooking" style, and too pretty to disassemble
4. CURIOUS GEORGE LINUS CHALLENGE
5. BOB HOPE QUILT CHALLENGE, including other challenges

There is still a lot of archival material to organize, so if you see me at meetings knee-deep in papers, that's what it's all about!

QUILT SHOW

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Faithful Circle Quilters, it is time for our quilt show. Please volunteer your time in any of the awesome things you can get to do for our guild show. It's only as good as we make it, and with over 300 quilts on display, we are going to have an amazing show. Be sure to bring everyone you know at least once.

We would like to thank all the members who are participating and volunteering, bringing food and buying things. Please remember to sell the raffle quilt tickets. Our committee chairs have done a wonderful job, even during some trying events, and their hard work is greatly appreciated. If you see them at the show, please thank them for their hard work.

This show's chairs are as follows:

- Margo Cramer - Raffle Quilt and Viewers' Choice
- Marybeth Little - Raffle Quilt Marketing
- Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop - Registration
- Shelley Tarr and Maria O'Haver - Display and Installation
- Nikki Walsh - Raffle Tickets
- Paula Henry - Volunteer Coordinator
- Sandy Reading and Margaret Minton - Silent Auction
- Janet Currotto, Barbara Buchanan and Nancy G. Martin - Peddlers' Table
- Susan Adams and Dawn Byrd - Hospitality
- Bonnie Dank - Demonstrations
- Caren Fitzpatrick - Door Prizes/ Baskets
- Sandy McDonald - Decorations
- Alka Mital - Vendors
- Beth Bohac, Janet O'Leary and Peg McClelland - \$10 and under
- Linda Bernard - outdoor display
- Rose Panczenko and Sheva Farkas - Quilt Show Chairs

QUILT HANGING INFORMATION

From Shelley Tarr and Maria O'Haver

Classification of quilt size categories has changed slightly from previous shows. They are now based on the "TOP" measurement of the quilt. This is due to the size of the poles that are used to hang the quilts. The size categories are as follows:

- Small "TOP" measurement: $\leq 39"$
- Medium "TOP" measurement: $40" - 59"$
- Large "TOP" measurement: $60" - 91"$
- X-Large "TOP" measurement: $\geq 92"$

The Large and X-Large will still be considered the same category for the 'Viewer's Choice Awards'. All quilts that do not fit into the "Small" category must have sleeves. They may not be put on a pole, but that can't be predicted in advance. *So please add sleeves - even on Critter Quilts!*

QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop

Registration is now complete - no more quilts can be added to the show. You all did a great job! The next step, after the Hanging Committee determines where each quilt will be displayed, will be the "Bag and Tag" process. Bags and tags will be available during the following meetings:

Thursdays, March 31 & April 7

Monday evenings, April 4 & 11

At that point, you will also receive detailed information concerning how and when you need to prepare, drop off and pick up your quilts.

FYI: A total of 303 quilts were registered, submitted by 97 of 171 members (almost 57%!). Of these:

- 79 Small
- 71 Medium
- 90 Large (+9 X-large)
- 12 Other
- 42 Cuddly Critters

Some other items of interest:

- 61 quilted by Maria O'Haver
- 16 quilted by Joyce Ritter
- 28 hand quilted (all or partial)
- 7 round robin

Keep in mind that some of total number of quilts may not fit in our display areas. If some of the 4 or 5 quilts can't be displayed, the Hanging Committee will inform those concerned.

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

From Margaret Minton

Boy, do we have some dandy items for the Silent Auction this year! But we can always benefit from more. If you have not yet finished your donation to aid in our educational programs, n-o-w is the time! MARGARET MINTON and SANDY READING will be happy to accept your beautiful handiwork. Thank you for all your wonderful items!

QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac

Yikes! The quilt show is just around the corner, and the \$10 and Under Table is still accepting items to sell. There is no cut-off date for getting your donations to us, so please keep them coming. We plan on having a corner for holiday items and for babies and children. The FCQ show is fairly close to Mother's Day, graduation, and other spring holidays. Just about any item has the potential to sell, even Christmas items. Thank you to everyone who has already given us such great items for the table.

QUILT SHOW KITCHEN NEWS

From the Hospitality Staff

We request that you mark all your containers with your name- address labels work great. Please remember to stop by the kitchen on your way out each night to see if your container is ready to go home as space is limited.

Also, we would appreciate it if you would use a disposable liner if you bring a crock-pot. The oven will not be available to us, but we can use the microwave.

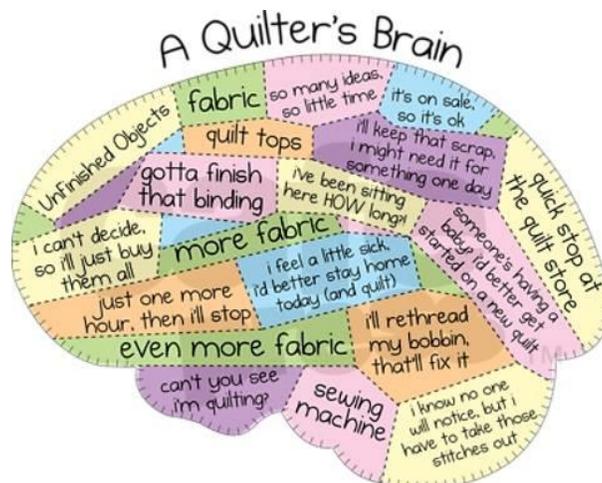
The kitchen will close each night, except on set-up, at 4:30. If you use it after that please recover all food and clean up. As always, we can hardly wait to see how you outdo yourselves with such wonderful, calorie-free, goodies! Thank you.

QUILT SHOW DECORATIONS

From Sandy McDonald

It's that time again, ladies, to begin looking for decorations for our quilt show. Decorative items enhance the beauty of the quilts and make the bays a place you want to linger while you study the quilts. Our quilt show decorations always seem to be a big hit with viewers, and that's because of the generosity of our members. Items needed are: anything country, sewing-related, small pieces of furniture, old toys, dolls, stuffed toys, floral items, baskets, or any items you think would look great with a quilt or just make you smile. To keep our items safe, there will be a "white glover" nearby and someone will always be sitting at the table in front of the exit door in Lyle Buck Hall.

I will attend the Thursday morning meetings and pass out decoration forms and instructions. For Monday night members, I will be glad to mail the information to you. I will be glad to accept any decorations on Thursday mornings or you may drop them off at my home if you prefer. I will also be at the church at 8:00 a.m. on the set-up day if you would like to drop your items off at that time. Those of you who have provided decorations in the past will be familiar with the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 410-461-4337. I want to thank you all, in advance, for helping to make our quilt show so special and beautiful.



QUILT SHOW QUILT BLOCK FLAG DECORATIONS

From Linda Bernard

This is a great way to use up your scraps, UFO blocks, or orphan blocks AND advertise our quilt show at the same time! A 10" finished block is good, although they do not have to be exact. We will take any size and use them in different places. They need not be perfect.

How to Make Flags--Pillow Fashion

Two blocks, front to front and an equal size block of batting, flannel or even cotton on the back side of one of the blocks. Sew to leave an opening at top side. Start sewing the sandwich, right before the first corner and sew around until right after you turn the fourth corner.

To hang the block, we need two loops which can be fabric or ribbon. Each loop should measure about two inches when finished (five inches when cut). Insert loops into the edges of the opening and sew across the open part.

Quilt the block if you like, or just tack the middle. This is an easy and fast method, especially if you have orphan blocks. Otherwise, you can try out a new pattern or make an easy favorite.

If you have orphan blocks that do not match closely in size, sew a border around them to make them the same size or bring them in to the next meeting to trade. If you have no time to sew them together, then bring them in to share.

These blocks will be strung up on a line in front of the church and along Rt. 108 to advertise our quilt show. They will be used in future quilt shows as well, and as such will be considered donations and will not be returned.

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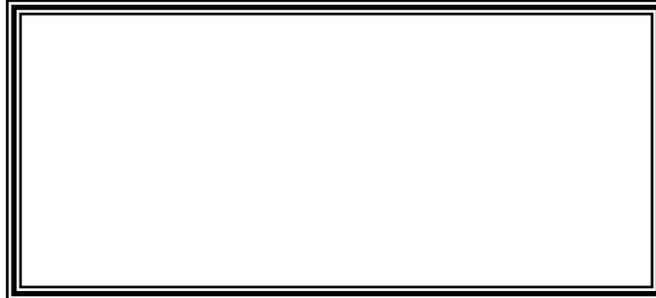
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD

Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy's April Birthday Party

- 03 Michelle Tarr
- 05 Genie Corbin
- 06 Anna H. Norton
- 13 Susan Mann
- 14 George Hubble
- 14 Beth Cooper
- 15 Gayle Sternheim
- 17 Helene Ross
- 17 Joanne Brazinski
- 19 Kathy Lee
- 22 Roberta Yaklich
- 24 Stephanie Hagberg
- 25 Leigh Eirich

- 27 Patty Wheeler
- 28 JoAnn Adkins
- 29 Marcia Ostiguy

CALENDAR

- April 4 - Monday Love Quilts
- April 7 - Thursday Love Quilts
- April 14 through 16 - FCQ Quilt Show
- April 18 - Board Nominations from the floor
- April 21 - Board Nominations from the floor