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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

I guess you can't tell it by the weather, but summer is coming to a close. Before you know it, we will be wearing sweaters, socks, and hats (ha, ha!). I am so excited that on September 12 and 15 we will get to see all of your Vacation Challenge quilts. All I have to do is put the binding on mine; it helps that it is not a full sized quilt. So, get your challenges done!

I have been anxious to restart sew-in Saturdays where members can come and learn a new pattern or technique or work on what suits their fancy. And I get to lead such a sew-in on Saturday, October 22. I hope that new members, seasoned members, and those wanting just to socialize will come. It's a good way to get to know the other quilters. I chose a pattern called *Galoshes* that I have made and will bring it in to show. I hope others of you can get inspired to lead future sew-ins. Other than that the upcoming two months will be busy with classes, a trunk show, and the annual silent auction that helps fund the churches Thanksgiving baskets.

It is time to renew your FCQ membership. Such a deal for \$25! My count shows that we have around 154 members, which is quite impressive. This includes new members who we welcome warmly. So if you want your name in the next FCQ directory, get your applications in by September 29.

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Education

By Maria O'Haver

We have an exciting Fall coming up with various opportunities for seeing inspirational quilts, learning new techniques, and having fun with fellow quilters. Cheryl See will be doing a trunk show for us on Thursday, September 8 and will be teaching a half day class on English Paper Piecing the same afternoon. The class will be held from 1:00 - 4:00pm and the cost is just \$20.00 Cheryl has been quilting since 1993 and started "C See's Quilts" in 2013. Although Cheryl uses a variety of quilting techniques and styles; she is best known for her handwork, especially English Paper Piecing. She is often referred to as the "Hexpert" because of her love of hexagon quilts. In 2012, her quilt "Star Struck" won Best Hand Quilting for a large quilt in Paducah, Kentucky at the American Quilter's Society. "Star Struck" is now a part of the permanent collection of the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. In the summer of 2013, Cheryl was the featured artist at the Virginia Quilt Museum for a special exhibit titled "Hexed."

The Fall Educational Retreat with Diane Rusin Doran still has a few openings. The retreat will be Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, 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 \$463.00 and double rooms are \$324.00. Full payment is due now if you have signed up. Some spaces are left - full payment will be due upon signing up.

Norma Campbell will be teaching her pattern "South of the Border" on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. The cost of the class will be \$50.00. The class is appropriate for all skill levels. A picture of the quilt is available on Norma's website under "workshops": ["http://normacampbellquilts.wix.com"](http://normacampbellquilts.wix.com). For more information and to register for any of these events, contact MARIA O'HAYER.

FUTURE "SAVE THE DATES"

Nov. 5 - 9:00am - 4:00pm Class with Norma Campbell

Jan. 28 - 2017 Bargello with Geri Flester

Mar. 25 - 2017 Tuffet with Erin Underwood

Love Quilts

From Marianne Hendrickse

With Summer almost over and the kids back at school, we can get back on track with our Love Quilts. This past year was a very productive year, with more than 300 quilts donated. They are very well received by the agencies in our community: Howard County Hospital Foundation, Sarah's House in Fort Mead, GrassRoots in Columbia, and Christian Services of Howard County. I invite all of our guild members to assist with the making of Love Quilts by cutting squares, stitching tops, tying quilt sandwiches, or binding and stitching on labels. Many hands make light work! As a group we will work on Love Quilts on Thursday morning (9/1/16) and on Monday evening (9/12/16). Thank you for all your help.

Christmas Stockings

From Peg McClelland

Thank you to everyone who has already picked up a Christmas stocking kit (or two) and/or handed in finished stockings. We are well on our way to having the ones we need for this year.

We will have stocking kits with us each week between now and Thanksgiving, which is when we give the finished stockings to the church. You can see STEPHANIE SANIDAS, BETH BOHAC, JANET O'LEARY, or me if you have questions or need a kit. Any of us will also collect finished stockings.

We can always use supplies for this project. Most particularly it would help to get pieces of light batting about 21" by 14". We also need plain white fabric for cuffs. This is an annual project, so we are always collecting supplies and making stockings.

Block of the Quarter - Back to School

From Sharon Rhoton

It's that time of the year again when kids of all ages -- from the youngest kindergarteners to the oldest adult learners -- head back to school. Let's make blocks this quarter that remind us of those school days. The blocks could be anything from a schoolhouse block, to an appliqué block of school supplies or the ABC's, to a pieced block made from school-related fabrics. Blocks can be any size that finishes in multiple of threes, from 3x3" to 12x12" (finished). Every block you make gives you a chance to win! The drawing will be held at the Monday holiday party on 5 December.

A "Flood" of Help is Needed

From Susan Mitchell

My "adopted son" has a daughter who needs a room to rent in this area. She was displaced because of the flood in Old Ellicott City and needs a place to stay. She works for the Department of Recreation and Parks and is currently working at St. John's Elementary School on St. John's Lane.

If any of our members have a room to rent, or know of someone who has a room to rent, please contact me at suemace99@verizon.net Thanks so much.

Mystery Challenge

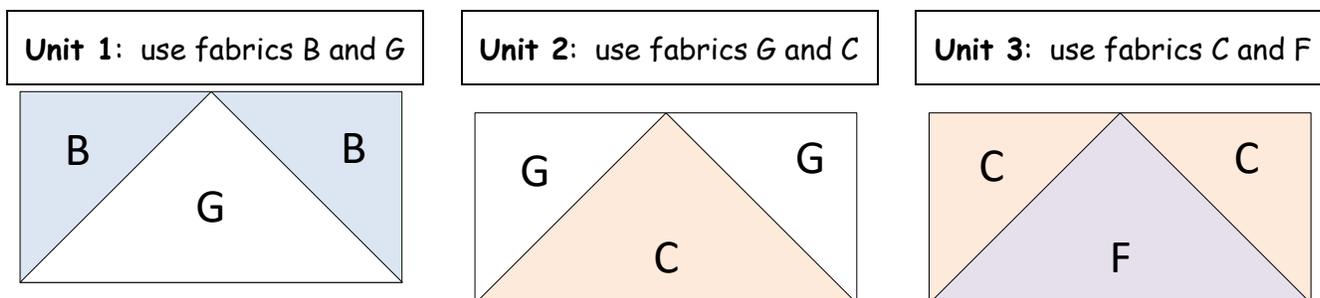
From Janette Tarr

Step 1: Let's make some flying geese.

All the flying geese need to be 4.5" x 2.5", unfinished (4" x 2", finished). There are lots of methods for making flying geese. (The method I like best is the 'four-at-a-time' method. Deb Tucker has a good YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7WQpzknLGg>.) To make the size flying geese we need, cut your big square at 5 1/2" and the 4 small squares at 3".

If I am unable to demonstrate this method early in September, there are many members who can help you if you have any questions. Both STEPHANIE SANDIDAS and MARIA O'HAVER are available to answer any flying geese questions you may have. Any other questions, contact SHELLEY TARR (410-868-1711 or metarr9@gmail.com).

The flying geese units needed for our mystery must be made in three different fabrics combinations:



The number of flying geese needed is dependent upon the size of quilt you are making.

	Small	Lap	Twin	Large
	44" x 44"	44" x 68"	68" x 92"	92" x 92"
Unit 1	4	6	10	12
Unit 2	28	42	86	116
Unit 3	20	32	72	100

Just Cutting Up...

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my next quilt
and wasn't
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to you.



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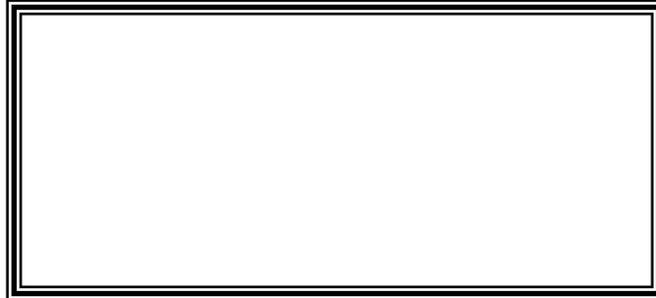
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from 7 to 9 pm
AND

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from 10 am to 2 pm

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Betty Kilroy September Birthday Party

- 01 Jane Sinek
- 08 Sue Ellian
- 10 Mitsn Mitchell
- 12 Barbara Buchanan
- 13 Eleanor Howe
- 14 Nelly Cuellar
- 18 Ann Corbett
- 19 Judi Warren
- 23 Rita Plonski
- 23 Joyce Ritter
- 26 Kenzie Preston
- 27 Kelly Walsh
- 28 Nancy G. Martin
- 29 Sheila Riess
- 29 Della LeConte
- 30 Debbie Castner
- 30 Claudia Pearce

CALENDAR

- Sept. 8 - Trunk show with Cheryl See
- Sept. 8 - 1:00pm Class with Cheryl See
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 - Fall Educational Retreat