

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Carolyn May*

December is a magical month. And it's not just the holidays of our various Faiths. It's the anticipation, it's the preparation, it's the sharing, it's family and friends. (And yes, it can be stressful.)

But think of the memories--I hope yours are as happy as mine. What's better than the excitement of school vacation? And the lights and the food (all those cookies, yum)? And on Christmas morning, all those presents you thought you couldn't live without? In looking back, the most precious gift to me was the security and love surrounding the season and that feeling that all is right with the world. And now my grandchildren are at the right age to experience their own magic.

I realize how fortunate I was and am. And I realize that not everyone has the wonderful memories that I have. And if you've ever felt lonely, this is the worst time of year. Reach out to someone who needs a bit more spirit. Start the holidays off with our Holiday parties on Monday, Dec. 1 and Thursday, Dec. 4. Avoid the stress and find the magic!

[www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters](http://www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters)



## HOLIDAY PARTIES

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Monday night dinner starts at 7:00 and everyone bring one fat quarter.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Those who have volunteered for set up should plan to be at the church no later than **10:30 am**. Appetizers will be available at **11:30 am**. Lunch begins at **12:00**. Any questions please contact Sandy or Kim Reading.



## EDUCATION

*From Maria O'Haver*

### SUSAN CARLSON IS COMING TO FCQ IN FEBRUARY

Susan will be giving a lecture for Faithful Circle Quilters on Thursday Feb 12. This is an inspirational and informative slide-show and lecture starting with her first fabric experiments of more than twenty years ago, in which she began to combine fabric and art. Susan believes these early projects led to the fabric collage method that began in 1990. The slide lecture traces this progression of her quilts to the present day, with insights and stories for each. The step-by-step development of a piece is shown, from the original inspiration to the finished wall hanging. Susan shares techniques and hints for design, fabric selection, construction, borders, and quilting. To accompany the slide presentation, she displays a selection of quilts, allowing viewers to examine completed pieces and to see up-close how her techniques are applied. Susan's website: <http://www.susancarlson.com>

Susan will also be teaching a class for us on her fabric collage technique on Friday & Saturday Feb 13&14. The fee for this two day class is \$100 for members. The class is called "Cutting Loose". Cutting Loose demonstrates a looser approach to the piecing and assembly of a wall quilt. Emphasis will be placed on the collage piecing process. Patterns or templates will not be used. Instead, students will sketch their design onto a foundation fabric and fill in the design with fabrics of their choice. This encourages playfulness, serendipity, and a willingness to "cut loose." Due to time constraints, students need to create a fish, butterfly, or bug. Designs will be available from Susan for a small fee. Registration for this class is open now. Contact Maria O'Haver ([maria.ohaver@gmail.com](mailto:maria.ohaver@gmail.com) or 410-750-3866).



## BONNIE HUNTER CLASSES ANNOUNCED

Bonnie Hunter will be at FCQ for a lecture on Thursday April 9, 2015 and two classes on Thursday April 9 and Friday April 10. Both classes will include a potluck meal, so class members will each bring an item to share.

Thursday's class will be from 1pm - 7pm and will be "Love Shack". Learn to piece Maverick Stars, Wonky Hearts, Happy Scrappy Houses, Strings, Crumbs and Alphabet Letters to make a small wall hanging. Similar to the Modern Art guild class, you will learn techniques to make several scrappy blocks. This pattern is not currently published and is only available at Bonnie's workshop.

Friday's class will be from 10-4pm and will be "Talking Turkey" from the String Fling book. Improve your piecing skills by creating 12 inch blocks made from smaller units of nine patches, flying geese, and string triangles. Units can be made using the Easy Angle and Companion rulers if so desired.

Signup for the classes will begin January 12. You can contact Maria O'Haver after that date to sign up. Final class lists will be selected by lottery, if necessary, on February 9. You do not need to be present to get on the class list in January or be selected by lottery. Lottery details will be available at meetings. The lecture will be limited to attendance by members only.

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### SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

October 2-4, 2015 Fall retreat at Pecometh with workshop by Marge Tucker

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### T-SHIRTS FOR KIDS

*From Georgia Morris*

Once again, we are collecting Plain White T-Shirts for the Howard County Hospital. The Emergency Room is requesting donations for children who are discharged from the Emergency Room with ruined shirts. New, still in the package shirts in sizes XS (2-4) to XL (18-20) can be found in the boys department of most large stores -- Sears, Target, Walmart, etc. A nice way to lessen the trauma for a child who is having a rough day. We will be collecting them at meetings from now through the end of January. Thank you for your generosity.

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### 2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

*From Janette Tarr*

The Round Robin "Challenge" continues as you work on the assembly of the four blocks. Please take your time and be creative as this is the round which defines the shape of the final piece. You have plenty of time as the next round does not take place until Thursday, January 22 or Monday, January 26. If you have problems with either the assembly or the due dates, please contact Janette Tarr, [jmtarr79@gmail.com](mailto:jmtarr79@gmail.com) or 410-465-5038, so that we can make other arrangements.

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**FALL PHOTO GALLERY**

*From Jane Scott*

Come take a look at the beautiful quilts displayed for Show & Tell this Fall! Click on the link below or type in the URL to see Photobucket's Display (Story) of the Quilt pictures in the Fall 2014 Album. Use the arrow on the right to navigate through the display. I apologize if there are some missing quilts due to photographers' absence at a meeting or technical difficulties. The text that you see is taken from the description line of some quilts. I enter maker and title in the "Title" section. Just ignore the text! This display is computer designed and is similar to the collages made by Facebook. If you finish and want to look at the quilts individually, click on Back to Album. You may want to view the pictures in other albums by selecting them from the list on the left of your screen. If you have trouble with this or find mistakes in labeling, call or email Jane Scott.

<http://s1079.photobucket.com/user/FCQuilters/Fall%202014/story>

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**BUS TRIPS 2015**

*From Sandy Lynch*

March 13 - Lancaster AQS Show, need to have 40 people paid by February 6

September 18 - Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza at Oaks, PA

October 16 - the not to be missed shopping trip to Sauders, Shady Maple & Country Kitchen areas of Lancaster.

Trips are \$48 per person and include transportation, drivers tip, and show ticket. Checks are payable to Milltown Quilters. The bus leaves from the Park & Ride by the church at 7:30 am and returns close to 7 pm for each of the trips. To sign up see Sheri Thompson, Eleanor Howe, or Sandy Lynch. Phone or email works too.

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**ELLICOTT CITY SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE**

When: December 3, 11am - 5 pm

Cost: \$1 admission

Location: 9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, Maryland, 21042,  
near the Miller Branch of the Howard County Library

Several guild members will be participating in the craft boutique, for more information call 410-313-1400

**INVITATION TO QUILTERS: A CHALLENGE "COLORS IN THE GARDEN"**

Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore, Inc, Easton, MD is holding its' third quilt show June 5, 6 & 7, 2015. We would like to invite you to participate in our challenge.

- The purpose is to educate the non-quilter as well as challenge the quilter using color.

- Quilts will be displayed as a special exhibit. Viewers will choose "Best Use of Challenge Color". Prizes to be determined.
- Your COLOR is picked from sealed envelopes which contain a photo of a color wheel with one segment highlighted. Any shade or tint of color is permissible. Feel free to add other colors and neutrals. Each entry must contain enough of the Challenge Color to be easily identifiable as the feature color. You will identify it by the description which will accompany the quilt. Can't trade color with others.
- DEADLINE: Entry Form and completed quilt must be received by May 13, 2015. You may submit it earlier but not after deadline. Sorry, no exceptions.
- SIZE: Determined by the perimeter of the quilt. Minimum of 48 inches to Maximum of 216 inches.
- Must be new quilt (2014-15).

If you would like a Challenge Color envelope sent to you, call or email me, Nita Brayton, 410-725-4323, [quilter3k@gmail.com](mailto:quilter3k@gmail.com)

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## QUILT RETREAT

*From Paula Henry*

Registration is **now open** for our annual quilt retreat at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD, June 5-7, 2015. Housing is hotel-style, double occupancy with 2 rooms available for single occupancy. This year, six meals will be provided beginning with lunch on Friday and ending with a mid-morning brunch on Sunday. The sewing room will be available for our use from Friday at 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday. The cost for the retreat will be \$230 per person for double occupancy and \$355 for single occupancy. The current plan is for an unstructured weekend where you can bring and work on any of your own projects. This is a great opportunity to get away, relax, sew and socialize with some of your fellow guild members. Registration is first come, first served, and your spot is secured once your deposit check for \$50 made out to Faithful Circle Quilters is received. Space is typically limited to 26 people, but can be expanded if there is sufficient interest early on. To reserve your spot, contact Paula Henry by phone, email, or snail mail. Please provide the name of your roommate, indicate that you would like to be paired up with someone, or state that you are requesting a single room when sending your deposit.

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## FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

### FOR MARTHA SWALLOW

Martha is moving to Florida and would like friendship blocks with purple or lavender with cream.

### FOR BONNIE DANK

Any block (not necessarily heart), pink and white 9 ½ -inch blocks (to finish at 9 inches square). Please do not sign the blocks, as her intention is to sew them into a quilt for a future Susan G. Komen raffle.

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH - December 2014**  
**Split Nine-Patch from January 2000**  
*From Pat Wyatt*

The October winner was Patty Stenpeck.

**Split Nine-Patch:**

Block Size – 9” finished

Cutting Instructions:

- 3 – 3 ½ squares of dark fabrics
- 3 – 3 ½ squares of light fabric
- 3 – 3 ½ squares made up of a dark and a light half-square triangle. You may use any method you like for making the half-square triangles. My favorite way is to make a square (in this case 3 7/8”) and slice it in half diagonally to get 2 triangles. Sew 2 triangles together to get the 3 ½” square.

Color Scheme: None! Use high contrast lights and darks. One stipulation – each square and triangle must be of a different fabric – no repeats.

Assemble according to the diagrams below (pay no attention to the grid marks – we are using a different size block than in the illustration I got from Bonnie Hunter’s Quiltville. Com site).





*Meeting Reminder*

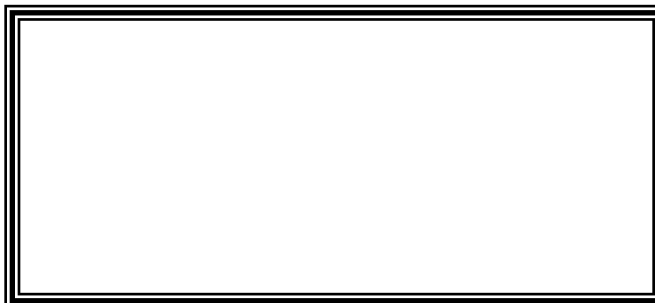
*There will be no meetings in December after the parties.  
Next meetings are Monday, January 5 and Thursday, January 8*



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/// welcomes anyone  
/// interested in quilts and  
/// quilting.  
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/// We meet on Monday  
/// evenings  
/// from 7 to 9 pm  
/// AND  
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/// Thursday mornings  
/// from  
/// 10 am to 2 pm  
/// At the  
/// First Presbyterian  
/// Church on  
/// Rt. 108 at Rt. 29  
/// Columbia, MD  
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**Betty Kilroy December Birthday Party**

- 05 Nancy Meier
- 10 Tonya Tiffany
- 12 Susan Lutz
- 13 Nancy S. Martin
- 13 Toby Weismiller
- 13 Carol Patterson
- 16 Anne Kelly
- 18 Carla Ketterer
- 19 Susanne Hilton
- 19 Kathleen Panzera
- 22 Karen Hammond
- 23 Sandy Reading
- 23 Sherry Mackmin
- 24 Carol Petranek
- 25 Carolyn Buckingham

- 29 Debbie Jensen
- 29 Sheva Farkas
- 31 Vicki Greisman
- 31 Marie Kittelberger

**CALENDAR**

- Dec 1 & 4** - Holiday Parties
- Dec 3** - Caring Hands
- Dec 3** - Ellicott City Senior Center Boutique
- Jan 5 & 8** - First meetings of the New Year
- Jan 10** - Board Meeting
- Jan 14 & 28** - Caring Hands
- Jan 22 & 26** - Round Robin due