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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

I'm on the train coming back from Richmond where I had a lovely Thanksgiving visit with my family. It certainly is a wonderful time to count my blessings. One of those is this guild and the many friendships it has brought me. But after all that eating, will I have room for more food at the Thursday luncheon?

And then we have the rest of the month off without each other, at least at meetings. There's plenty to do getting ready for Christmas and the other holiday events. Some of you already contributed time to make Christmas stockings for the church. Around 40 of those stockings went to the Southwest Emergency Services in Arbutus. They are extremely thankful to be giving them out at the annual toy giveaway. But also think about devoting some time to quilt show preparation—you know the \$10 and other projects, silent auction items, and cleaning out your sewing room for peddlers' table items.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday and I look forward to sharing stories when we are back together in January!

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"STAR STRUCK" WORKSHOP WITH GYLEEN FITZGERALD

From Maria O'Haver

On Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 9:00am-4:00pm, we will host Gyleen Fitzgerald for a workshop. She will teach her "Star Struck" project. One day is all it takes to make this 22" x 80" table or bed runner. She will teach her butterfly seam technique that makes the piecing effortless. Registration for this workshop is now open. Class fee is \$30 (Polygon Affair book and Polygon and Polygon 2 tools are required).

See MARIA O'HAVER to sign up.



BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - STRIPES!

From Sharon Rhoton

Fat stripes, thin stripes, wavy stripes, pin stripes -- the use of striped fabric of any type can add zest and a layer of complexity to even the simplest design. So pick a quilt block and some striped fabric and see what you can do to showcase those stripes! Any block, technique, or size is acceptable, just have stripes in there somewhere. A winner will be drawn Monday night, March 7, 2016.

QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop

Registration for quilts to be displayed in our 2016 show begins on Monday, January 4th and will end Monday, March 21st, 2016. Please get your entries ready!

Also, remember that **no registrations will be accepted after registration ends**. A representative of the committee will be at all meetings to "gently" remind you to have your entries ready for early registration. All members may submit up to five (5) quilts, but please remember there is limited space in the church. Prioritize your quilts as "1", "2", "3", etc. In the event that there are too many quilts to display, your prioritization will help our quilt hangers decide which of your quilts is most important for you to have shown.

All of the Project Linus Cuddly Critters Challenge quilts will be displayed, so please remember to enter your "Critters" quilt!

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

By Margaret Minton

Quilters, we hope by this time you have all planned the marvelous item(s) you will be offering to the Silent Auction at our quilt show in April. Remember, this is our chance to directly affect the funds Faithful Circle has available for 2016-2018. Quilts, wall hangings, table runners, purses and totes, or other imaginative goods will be more than welcome. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

For questions, please see SANDY READING or MARGARET MINTON.

QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac

Happy holidays to everyone and many thanks to the members who have already started giving us items for the \$10 and Under Table! We already have a large inventory of tissue pack polders, tea bag wallets (other wallets are okay) and scissor holders for large scissors, so hold off on making these things.

Suggestions for other items include:

Things for babies (burp cloths, bibs, hats, etc)

Wine bags

Coasters

Christmas ornaments

Simple table runners, table toppers or mug rugs

Fabric postcards

Book marks

Fabric books

Water bottle holders

Sachets

Cat and dog toys

Small stuffed animals

Remember, we aren't limited to fabric items - knit, crocheted or paper crafted things are welcome too (what about handmade greeting cards?). Relax in December, enjoy your family and friends and think about what you would like to contribute. Thanks again!

PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE

From Stephanie Sanidas

It is amazing what you can sew with a preprinted panel and a stack of uninteresting fat quarters. I will display this cuddly quilt at an upcoming meeting. Take advantage of the days we do not have meetings in December to work your challenge quilt. Get your quilt ready for quilt show registration in January. If you are not entering your quilt in our show, quilts should be finished by May 1, 2016. Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS if you have any questions or want a label for your quilt. Thanks to JANETTE TARR for designing and printing our wonderfully creative "challenge" labels!

THANK YOU

From Ellie Layman

My heartfelt thanks to so many members for their cards and heart blocks. I will celebrate my "all clear" day starting to assemble and hope to have the quilt ready for our show. With great appreciation, ELLIE LAYMAN.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

From Peg McCelland

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas stockings for the church for their outreach program. They were all wonderful. I delivered 85 stockings to Caroline in the church office the week before Thanksgiving. We had extras, so we also donated a number to SWES. I am sure that we will have put a smile on the face of a lot of children.

We will continue to collect stockings all through the year. And we would be glad to provide kits to anyone who would like one. So, once your Christmas sewing is done, and before you put away the extra fabric, consider making a stocking (or two). Again, thanks.

QUILTING APP

From Carol Petranek

There is a fabulous iPhone app called BlockFab, which members may wish to download. Info can be found here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/blockfab/id375189832?mt=8>.

BUS TRIPS FOR 2016

From Sandy Lynch

Thanks to everyone who went on the trips. Dates for 2016 are 3/18, 9/16 and the great shopping trip is 10/14. Price remains at \$48. To reserve your place, please contact SHERI THOMPSON, ELEANOR HOWE or SANDY LYNCH.

SPRING RETREAT MAY 2016

From Paula Henry

The annual FCQ spring retreat will be May 20-22, 2016 at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Cost for the retreat will be \$250 for double occupancy and \$390 for single occupancy. Registration will not take place until January 2016. For questions, please contact PAULA HENRY.

FUTURE "SAVE THE DATES"

From Maria O'Haver

Monday, July 11, 2016 - Lecture with Vikki Pignatelli

Saturday, July 16, 2016 - Workshop with Vikki Pignatelli

September 30-October 2, 2016 - Fall Educational Retreat with Diane Rusin Doran

JANUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2016

Circle of Squares Block

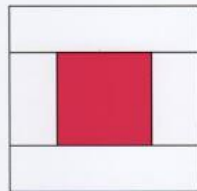


These are the cutting measurements used to make one 12" (12 1/2" unfinished) block.

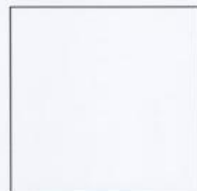
You will need four units like this which are made up of 2 1/2" squares. Once the squares are sewn together, the unit measures 4 1/2" square.



You will need four units like this which are made up of one 2 1/2" square bordered by 1 1/2" strips on all sides. This unit will also measure 4 1/2".

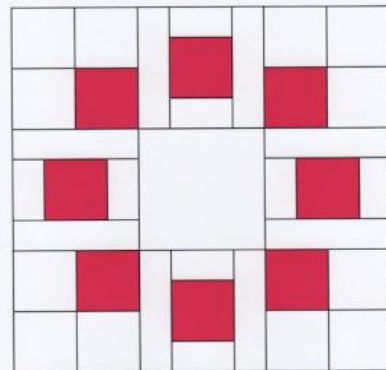


You will need one 4 1/2" square for the center.



Now you have nine 4 1/2" squares.

Sew the units together as a nine patch.



Use spring colors, the more the better, and white background fabric.

Permission given by Janeth at Toefeather.blogspot.com

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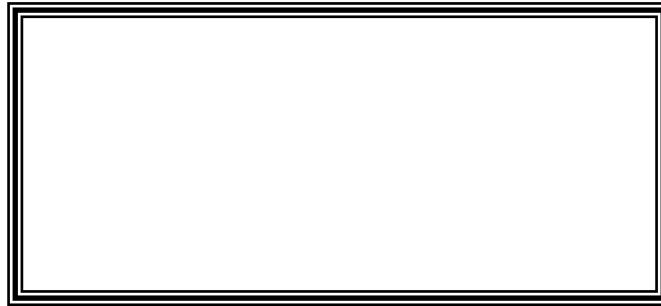
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We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
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Betty Kilroy December Birthday Party

05 Nancy Meier
10 Tonya Tiffany
12 Susan Lutz
13 Nancy S. Martin
13 Carol Patterson
13 Toby Weismiller
16 Anne Kelly
18 Carla Ketterer
18 Martha Tyree
19 Susanne Hilton
19 Kathleen Panzera
23 Sherry Mackmin
23 Sandy Reading

24 Carol Petranek
29 Sheva Farkas
29 Debbie Jensen
31 Vicki Greisman
31 Marie Kittelberger

CALENDAR

January 4 - Love Quilts
January 7 - Love Quilts