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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

Every job or profession has its own language, designed to keep others from understanding. Know what I mean? In quilting we talk about stashes, fat quarters, long arm quilting, stitch in the ditch, and UFO's (unfinished projects). These are terms we all understand.

But how about a few acronyms you may not have heard? I thought I'd share those published in the latest NQA quilting quarterly.

PhD--projects half done

FART-- fabric acquisition road trip

SEX --stash enhancing experience

SABLE --stash accumulated beyond life expectancy

VIP -- very important project

WISP --works in slow progress

WHIMM --works hidden in my mind

WWIT --what was I thinking?

WOMBAT -- waste of money, batting and time

TGIF --thank God, it's finished!

Think you can work any of these in your next quilt conversation?

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

CLARIFICATION OF THE WEATHER POLICY

From MaryBeth Little

I just want to be sure everyone is aware of our weather policy. Due to confusion caused by our attempt to continue meeting even when there's a two hour delay, the board has decided to return to our old ways and cancel the day meeting if Howard county schools have a weather delay. If school closes early, or night events are cancelled, there will be no Monday night meeting. There will be one possible exception - if we have an outside speaker scheduled, we will make every attempt to hold our meeting. Thanks for your understanding.

MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

From Amy May

- February 2nd - at Ellicott City Sew Vac - Meeting starts at 7 pm instead of 7:30 pm
- February 9th - at Ellicott City Sew Vac - Meeting starts at 7 pm instead of 7:30 pm
- February 16th - NO MEETING
- February 23rd - return to normal schedule at church

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>

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. The cost for each class is \$50. 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.

SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

Monday November 9 - Lecture with Diane Rusin Doran 7:15pm

SPRING QUILT RETREAT

From Paula Henry

If you are reading this and wanted to attend the retreat, **your time to register is NOW!** This year's quilt retreat is 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. 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. Registration closed on January 31st, so if you wanted to attend and didn't put your name in, get in touch with Paula Henry TODAY.

FALL RETREAT AND CLASS WITH MARGE TUCKER

From Maria O'Haver

We will be holding an educational event at the Fall retreat this year on October 2 - 4, 2015. The retreat will be at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Housing is hotel style, double occupancy with two rooms available for single occupancy. There will be six meals included, beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Arrival will be mid-morning on Friday (bring a bag lunch). Class will be held Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 9-4pm and Sunday 9-3pm. The sewing room will be available for use from Friday at 10am until Sunday at 4pm. The cost of this educational retreat will be \$291 double occupancy or \$418 single occupancy. There will be a limit of 20 students at the retreat.

Marge Tucker will be our instructor. Marge, who was recommended to us by Gwen Marsten, will be taking over teaching of Gwen's "liberated quilt making" techniques since Gwen is retiring soon. At our retreat, Marge will be teaching the class "Small Studies". This class is built on the idea of exploring abstract design by making small studies or sketches. Just as painters use sketches to explore possibilities, fabric sketches are for working things out; for learning new techniques, exploring color and composition. They are your ticket to play, and to develop your own aesthetics in a safe, worry free space. Making sketches is like taking a crash course in design.

Registration is now open for the Fall Education Retreat. A deposit of \$50 is required to sign up. Contact Maria O'Haver to sign up. Please indicate single or double room preference, and name of roommate if you have a friend you'd like to room with.

YARN WANTED

From Georgia Morris

The knitters and crocheters at the North Laurel Senior Center have an ongoing need of donations of acrylic/nylon/polyester (in other words non wool) yarn for the charity work they do. They make baby items for St. Agnes Hospital and winter hats, mittens, scarves, shawls and lap robes for groups in the Laurel area that minister to the homeless and others in need. If you have yarn you do not want/need, I will be glad to collect it and deliver it to the center. Thank you for your generosity.

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

We've now started the more traditional aspects of our round robin challenge. Participants are now working on the first official border: between 2"-5" in width; using at least 3 different fabrics (the focus fabric is optional); and incorporating some triangles. The next round takes place Thursday, February 26 or Monday, March 2nd!

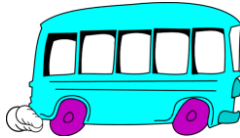
If you have problems with either the assembly or the due dates, please contact Janette Tarr, jmtarr79@gmail.com or 410-465-5038, so that we can make other arrangements.

CRAFT/QUILT SUPPLIES YARD SALE

From Maria O'Haver

Members are invited to participate in the Yard Sale of craft related items that we will be holding during the meetings Monday April 27 and Thursday April 30. Items can be fabric, partially completed items or supplies related to quilting or any other craft. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your craft related items, or have any questions, please contact Maria O'Haver. There is no cost for "renting" a table. Each person is responsible for their own financial transactions.

BUS TRIPS 2015
From Sandy Lynch



The bus trips for 2015 will all leave from the park and ride outside the church at 7:30 am and return by 7:30 pm. The price has increased to \$48 per person, which includes the bus, driver's tip and entrance to the show, and for the shopping trip it includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Checks are payable to Milltown Quilters.

The first trip is on Friday March 13, to Lancaster, PA for the AQS, American Quilter's Society show. We will also make a quick stop at the Stouffer's Outlet. We need to have 40 people signed up and paid by Friday, February 6 or the trip will be cancelled.

Our next trip is Friday September 18 to Oaks, PA for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza show. We need 40 people signed up and paid by Friday August 7 or the trip will be cancelled.

Our last and most popular one is the shopping trip on Friday October 16. We go to Souder's Fabrics, Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch and then to the Kitchen Kettle area where there are several more fabric stores.

We are taking signups for all of the trips now. You can see Sheri Thompson, Eleanor Howe or Sandy Lynch or give us a call to sign up or to ask questions.

PROJECT LINUS
From Stephanie Sanidas



Project Linus needs patriotic quilts for the annual Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Good Grief camp, held in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend. Quilts with a military design, military fabric, or red, white, and blue fabrics are requested. If you are planning to make a scrappy red, white and blue quilt, contact Stephanie Sanidas for donated fabric to use for your quilt. Bonnie Hunter's website <http://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/free-patterns.html> is an excellent resource for scrappy quilt ideas for charity quilts. Deadline is May 1st.

Bonnie Dank has offered fabric and books from her ample supply of both. Contact Bonnie if you need fabric or pattern ideas.

KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT
From Stephanie Sanidas

The next Komen quilt raffle is April 19, 2015 in Ocean City, MD. We have donated fabric and pattern ideas to get you started. Several members have already completed their quilt tops for the raffle. If your schedule is too busy for the April race, please consider making a quilt for the October quilt raffle in Hunt Valley. Talk to Darlys Hughes or Stephanie Sanidas if you have any questions. Deadline is April 1st.

FRIENDSHIP AND HEART BLOCKS

FOR ROSE PANCZENKO

Rose has requested batik hearts on cream background. For an example, see the heart pattern on the FCQ website. The unfinished size for the web site block is 7-inches. Blocks will be finished at 6 1/2".

FOR MARTHA SWALLOW

Martha has moved 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 1/2 -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.

NEWS OF INTEREST

NATIONAL QUILT OF VALOR SEW-IN DAY

When: Saturday, February 7

Check out the information about this on www.govf.org

Individuals and/or groups may sign up to participate. A group event will be held at Capital Quilts in Gaithersburg MD from 12:00 to 3:00 PM Feb. 7. Check out their website to register if interested. It's FREE-all you need to bring is your sewing machine & "basic sewing supplies (thread, scissors, pins, etc.)". All fabrics & a patterns will be supplied.

From: Sue Moats

AQS QuiltWeek®

When: March 11 through March 14

Where: Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603

Ticket and additional information can be found at aqsshows.com/Lancaster or by calling 1-800-626-5420.

LANCASTER QUILT SHOW

When: March 11-14, 2015,

Where: The Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA

Free admission, free parking

See www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com for more information.

BALTIMORE HERITAGE QUILTER'S GUILD PRESENTS EXPO 2015

When: March 14-15, 2015, 10 AM to 5 PM

Where: Goucher College, Sports & Recreation Center Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD

Cost: \$8 at door, \$7 advance purchase, \$6 group of 5 or more, children under 12 free

The EXPO showcases quilts made by guild members, ranging in style from traditional to contemporary, as well as art quilts. The EXPO also features quilts and quilted items for sale, a Silent Auction, and an expanded Vendors Mall.

Website: www.baltimorequilters.com

Email: expo@baltimorequilters.com

Mail: PO box 4062, Timonium, MD 21094

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - What's in a Word?

From Sharon Roton

This quarter's challenge is to make a block with letters or words -- the block itself can spell something out, or you can make a traditional block using fabric with writing on it. You can even get creative in terms of what makes a word! Blocks can be any color, any size, square or rectangular, any technique -- let your creativity flow.

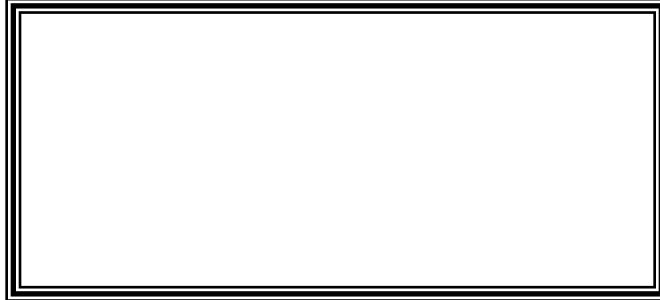
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Continue to use last month's block.

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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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/// Please come join us and
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Betty Kilroy February Birthday Party

- 06 Barbara Bennett
- 06 Sandy Lynch
- 08 Paula Henry
- 08 Janet C. O'Leary
- 17 Sue Scott
- 19 Peg McClelland
- 21 Eleanor Fabiszak
- 24 Sue Haynie
- 28 Jonnifer Lennon

CALENDAR

- Feb 5 - Love Quilts
- Feb 6 - Bus trip money due
- Feb 12 - Susan Carlson lecture
- Feb 16 - Love Quilts
- Feb 25 - Caring Hands
- Feb 26 & Mar 2 - Round Robin due
- Mar 13 - Bus trip to Lancaster