

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Nancy Meier*

Well, we did get a bunch of snow, more than any of us probably wanted. My neighborhood was lucky in that the plows came Sunday morning. But sometime after they finished I heard in the distance humming sounds and not from birds. I do believe it was all your sewing machines whirring away. I couldn't determine whether the machines were producing quilt show quilts, silent auction donations, or \$10 and under projects. I was continuing to work away on the huge supply of bright fabric STEPHANIE SANDIDAS gave me to make Linus quilts. Even if I could get out of the house it seems that school closings cause all of my usual activities (like guild meetings) to be canceled. I went to the prison on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 to help the quilters only to find that they were having lockdown at 1pm.

CAROL ROBERTS and I took the raffle quilt to the UHURU guild. What a fun group! If I lived closer I would join them. One of the nice things about them is that they always feed us lunch. They loved our quilt and I got a better appreciation for the quilt's beauty being near it. So I have asked MARYBETH LITTLE to bring the quilt to some of our meetings so everyone can have that same appreciation. The photos don't do it justice. Yes, we must sell tickets!

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

## MONDAY NIGHT MEETING CHANGES

### From Amy May

The church will be participating in their cold weather shelter from February 8th to February 22nd. This will affect the guild's Monday night meetings. On Monday the 8th, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be meeting at Spring Water Designs in Columbia.

The business portion of the meeting will start at 7pm and will conclude at 8pm. Spring Water Design's address is: **9691 Gerwig Lane Columbia, MD 21046 (410) 381-0695**

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## LOVE QUILTS

### From Marianne Hendrickson

As we dig out from the 2016 blizzard, I know some of us have enjoyed the extra time at home. Hopefully you were able to work on your quilts for the upcoming show and we will get to see some of those masterpieces in the next week or two. However let's not forget those who are in less fortunate circumstances. The agencies that we work with always look forward to our donations of bright colorful quilts for their clients.

The guild invites you to assist with Love Quilts at the following guild meetings- Monday evening (2/1/16) at Spring Water Designs and Thursday morning (2/4/16). If you are unable to attend either of these meetings, but would like to help with Love Quilts, please call me and I will make sure that you have a kit to stitch, a quilt to bind or attach label to or fabric to cut into squares. Remember "many hands make light work"!

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## BUS TRIPS FOR 2016

### From Sandy Lynch

Our next bus trip is to the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza by AQS in Lancaster, PA on Friday, March 18, 2016. Cost for the trip is \$48 and includes the bus fee, admission to the show and drivers tip. Lunch is on your own.

On September 16, we have the show in Oakes, PA and October 14 is our shopping trip to Lancaster County PA. All trips are \$48 per person.

To sign up for any of the trips please see ELEANOR HOWE, SHERRI THOMPSON or SANDY LYNCH.

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## UHURU QUILTER'S GUILD MID-ATLANTIC QUILT FESTIVAL BUS TRIP

The Uhuru Quilter's Guild is going to the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival on February 27<sup>th</sup> and FCQ members are invited! The cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes transportation and admission to the festival, however, food isn't included and there will be no dinner stop. The bus leaves 6009 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill MD at 7:00 am and returns to Oxon Hill at about 8:00 pm. Please note that *pull carts are not allowed on the show floor.*

The festival includes a Merchant's Mall for lots of shopping! The cost of the trip is non-refundable, so if you are unable to attend, you must find your own replacement. If you are interested, your \$60.00 check should be sent immediately to: UHURU QUILTERS GUILD, c/o MS. CAROL WILLIAMS - Uhuru P.O. Box 898 Clinton, MD 20725. Any questions, please contact TAMMIE MORROW at 301-848-0544.

## **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.

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## **PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE & KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT**

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

We will be donating approximately 70 Cuddly Critter quilts to Project Linus after the quilt show. If you are finished your critter quilt, there are more opportunities to make donation quilts for TAPS and Wounded Warriors, with patriotic colors and themes. TAPS quilts will be given to children during Memorial Day weekend and can be small (lap size) or large (twin bed size). 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 for these worthy causes.

The next Komen raffle quilt due date is April 1, 2016. Komen quilts can be whatever you want to donate; any size, any pattern, any color. If you need patterns, fabric, or batting, contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or DARLYS HUGHES.

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## **SPRING RETREAT MAY 2016**

*From Paula Henry*

Registration is NOW OPEN for the spring retreat scheduled for 20-22 May 2016 at the Riverview Retreat Center in Centreville, MD. Registration is limited to 28 individuals with a waiting list created once spaces are filled. The cost for the retreat is \$250 per person for double occupancy and \$390 for a single room. The registration fee includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals and 24 hour access to the sewing room from 9 am Friday to 4 pm Sunday. This is a UFO retreat where everyone is welcome to bring their own projects. Please send your deposit of \$50 in the form of a check made out to Faithful Circle Quilters to Paula Henry. Please include information regarding who will be your roommate, request to be matched with a roommate, or the desire to have your own room. Contact PAULA HENRY with any questions.

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## **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

Thursday Sept 8 - 1pm Class with Cheryl See

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

Saturday Nov 5 - Class with Norma Campbell

Please note that the Quilt Show Chairs will meet on February 6th 9:30 a.m. at the church.

## QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop*

As of the time of this writing (1/20), we have a total of 9 quilts registered! Registration ends Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. **Remember: No registrations will be accepted after registration ends.**

Someone from the registration committee will be at all meetings to take photos as needed and to continue nagging and pestering everyone to get their entries completed early.

Each FCQ member may submit up to five (5) quilts. Keep priorities in mind!

In addition, each member can enter their Project Linus Cuddly Critters Challenge quilts. Register these with a priority "0."

## QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

*From Margaret Minton*

Yeah, yeah, we're nagging again. Oops - no, we are REMINDING members that donations for the Silent Auction will be very gratefully accepted. So far we have a small collection of table runners, small quilts and wall hangings, purses and wearables. But we do need more, more, more to make a successful fund-raiser. Bring items to meeting and you will be thanked, personally, by co-chairs SANDY READING and MARGARET MINTON. Thank you.

## QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

*From Beth Bohac*

The quilt show is coming! Only 73 days (from Feb 1) until the show, so please keep working on your \$10 and under table items. But don't wait until the last week - when we will be frantically putting the binding on our own show quilts - to submit your lovely items! Thanks for all your help!

## UPCOMING FAITHFUL CIRCLE BOARD MEETINGS

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

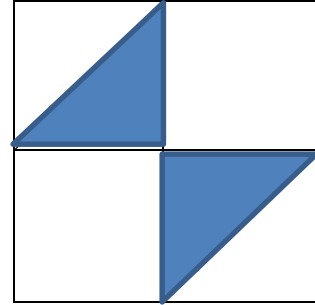
Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

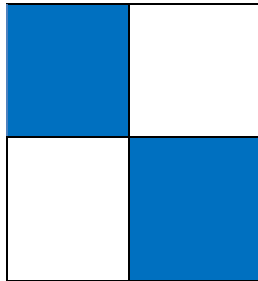
## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### Quarter Star Block

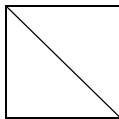
These measurements will give you a 9" (9 ½" unfinished) block.



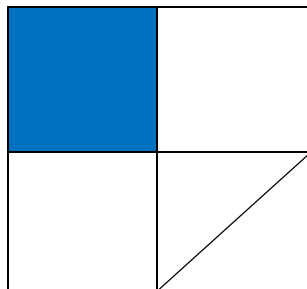
You will need four 5" white squares and two 5" blue squares. Make a four-patch block using 2 white squares and 2 blue squares, as shown below. This unit will measure 9 ½".



On the 2 remaining white squares, draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of fabric.



Place a white square on top of each blue square (right sides together), and with the drawn line as shown below, sew on the line. Do this with both white squares and trim the excess fabric. Press the white fabric back, and you have a Quarter Star Block.



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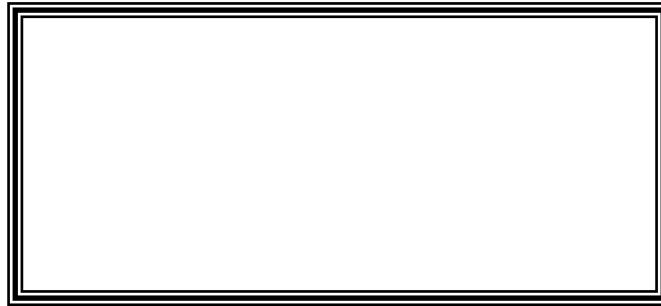
Faithful Circle Quilters  
welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

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](http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com)



## Betty Kilroy's 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 Lynda Gaidis  
24 Sue Haynie  
28 Jonnifer Lennon

28 Cathy Oliver  
29 Rita Kaiser

## CALENDAR

February 1 - Love Quilts  
February 4 - Love Quilts