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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

Ever get into reading blogs? There are so many really talented writers who love to write about anything and everything. My daughter has a good friend (known as the "mommy blogger") who has been quite successful financially writing her blog. I'm not sure how there is so much money to be made in blogging. But it works for some.

I recently decided to look up quilt blogs. There are so many of them that you could easily spend all your time reading about quilts instead of making them. But I must admit it is interesting to see what others have done and what they have to say about it. Some talk about what inspired them, some about their goals (are they organized or what?), some about their quilt problems and mistakes (often with very funny results). There are lots of beautiful pictures, a sense of style and color, free patterns and of course lots of ideas.

If you need something else to do with your time (of course you do!), try searching out quilt blogs. Here is a blog that sends you to interesting blogs:

<http://quiltyfolk.blogspot.com/2012/03/top-15-favorite-quilt-blogs.html>

And don't forget to check out our very own Bonnie Stapelton's blog:
<http://institcheswithbonnie.blogspot.com/>

www.photobucket.
com/albums/w517
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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 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.

SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

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

T-SHIRTS FOR KIDS

From Georgia Morris

Thank you to all who donated t-shirts for children at the Howard County Hospital Emergency Room. I delivered almost 200 shirts after the December Luncheon and the staff were very grateful. I will continue to collect through the end of January -- Looking especially for small (toddler size) or extra-large (teen size).

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

How is that Round Robin "Challenge" coming along? Hopefully all participants have been working on the assembly of the four blocks in your bag. This is the toughest round, so take your time and be creative as you define the shape of the final piece. However time is passing and the next round takes place 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 or 410-465-5038, so that we can make other arrangements.

GUILD YARD SALE

From Carolyn May

Last fall several of you indicated you would like to have a "yard sale" to sell off quilt related items. The Board has set the dates as Monday, April 27 and Thursday, April 30. Anyone may participate--just sign up and bring your items to sell. And everyone plan to attend and bring money. I'm sure there will be lots of bargains.

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

The Howard County chapter of Project Linus will be sending quilts to the annual Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Good Grief camp, held in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend. TAPS provides grief counseling to children grieving the death of a loved one serving in our Armed Forces. Project Linus wants to give a quilt to every child attending the camp. Quilts with a military design, military fabric, or red, white, and blue design are preferred and need to be given to Stephanie Sanidas by May 1, 2015.

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.

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 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.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

Greetings from north of the border! I've been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to spend the holidays with all 9 of my grandkids, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years. I felt so blessed and hope that others were able to spend time with loved ones be they friends or family. I traced all 19 members' handprints which will eventually be made into a quilt, a memory of the wonderful time spent together. We will be getting back on schedule with our Love Quilts at the 1/5/15 Monday evening meeting and the 1/8/15 Thursday morning meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Last month just prior to Christmas we were able to deliver 10 large and 20 small quilts to the Howard County Hospital foundation.

NEWS OF INTEREST

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

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

QUILT RETREAT

From Paula Henry

There are 25 people already signed up for the quilt retreat in June, but there's room for more! 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 will close on January 31st in order to give sufficient time for planning.

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 – January 2015
Split Nine-Patch from January 2000
From Pat Wyatt

Happy New Year fellow Block Makers!! Just to make your lives a bit easier, I decided to repeat December's block for January. I look forward to seeing some truly special "Split Nine-Patches". There were two winners for November's BOM -- Mary Beth Little and Eleanor Fabiszak.

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).



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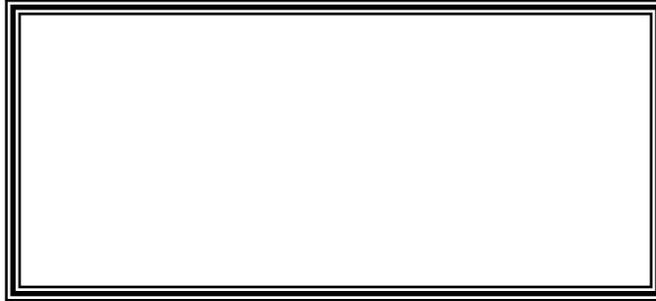
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interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on Monday
evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from
10 am to 2 pm
At the
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Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy January Birthday Party

- 02 Gladis McKoy
- 09 Linda Kerrick
- 14 Jackie Hall
- 17 Julie Holmes
- 20 Ellie Layman
- 21 Sandy McDonald
- 26 Carol Roberts
- 27 Julie Cascio
- 28 Sri Poedjastoeti
- 29 Roma Knee
- 29 Geri Flester

CALENDAR

- Jan 5 & 8 -Love Quilts
- Jan 10 - Board Meeting
- Jan 14 & 28 - Caring Hands
- Jan 22 & 26 - Round Robin due
- Feb 6 - Bus trip money due