



# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Nancy Meier*

Let me begin with wishing everyone a Happy New Year. I hope you all shared good food, good friends, and lots of laughs over the holidays. I certainly did. I spent time over the stove rather than at the sewing machine. That's okay because I ended up with lots of tasty left-overs, and, as usual, I have made no new resolutions for the New Year. Maybe the rest of you have made your quilting resolutions; like finishing those UFOs and WIPs; vowing to use the fabric you have rather than grow your stash; or trying a new technique. I read this and think, "these ideas pose serious challenges!" Maybe an easier idea is to contribute to the charity quilts we make such as love quilts, Linus quilts, or other items through Caring Hands. What we do is greatly appreciated.

In any case, please enjoy Judy Bellingham's delightful poem, "A Quilter's Resolve," found at the end of this newsletter.

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

## NEW MYSTERY QUILTS AND QUILT ALONGS

*From Linda Kerrick*

Three new quiltalong/mystery quilt series will start in January. All are free unless you decide you want a fabric package. The X-Files quilt will begin on [www.fandominstitches.com](http://www.fandominstitches.com). Joe Wood's Halloween mystery quilt should begin mid-January on [www.thimblecreek.com](http://www.thimblecreek.com). You may need to subscribe to his weekly *Thimble Creek Gazette* for this. A modern half square triangle project begins January 11 at [blossomheartquilts.com](http://blossomheartquilts.com). For paper-piecers, *QuiltArtDesigns* ([quiltartdesigns.blogspot.com](http://quiltartdesigns.blogspot.com)) continues to offer free patterns throughout the year.

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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 open, and there are a few spots left.

Class fee is \$30 (Polygon Affair book and Polygon and Polygon 2 tools are required).

See MARIA O'HAYER to sign up.



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## 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.

Twenty wonderful blocks made using a wide range of specialty rulers were won by MARGARET MINTON at the December drawing for the last BOQ.

## PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE & KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

Hopefully your cuddly critter quilt is finished and ready for registration in our April 2016 quilt show. It is heartwarming to display our charitable works of art to family, friends and visitors attending our show year after year. If you have not finished your challenge quilt yet, then think patriotic (red, white, blue) so your cuddly critter quilt can be sent to the annual Memorial Day weekend TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) camp. And if you are not entering your quilt in the show, the finish date is May 1, 2016.

Most guild members are busy working on the quilt show, but the next Komen raffle quilt due date is April 1, 2016. Thanks to SUE HAYNIE and GEORGE HUBBLE, FCQ has one Komen quilt top ready. If you need patterns, fabric, or batting, please contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or DARLYS HUGHES.

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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 this includes the bus, 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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### 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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### THANK YOU

*From Georgia Morris*

A big thank you to everyone who donated plain white T-Shirts for the Pediatric Emergency Room at the Howard County Hospital. My husband Mike and I delivered 125 T shirts to the hospital on December 15. Adding in the 42 shirts that were delivered in November (collected over the summer and fall from FCQ members who took advantage of sales), we have donated 167 shirts this year!! Again, thank you for your generosity. The Hospital staff are very grateful. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop*

Registration for quilts to be displayed in our 2016 show begins on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and will end Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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!

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## QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

*From Margaret Minton*

The holidays are over and now the countdown to our fantastic quilt show has begun. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, there are only a little over one hundred days for us to create those wonderful items for the silent auction. We're looking forward to seeing all your wonderful creations. Someone asked if we only accept large items such as quilts and the answer is a definite "No!" We love a variety from large to small, totes to quilts, kitchen to bath, children to adult items. Talk to MARGARET MINTON or SANDY READING and thank you in advance.

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## QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

*From Beth Bohac*

Some members have asked for ideas for what to make for the table. The quick answer to that is - just about anything you want, and that you are willing to let us sell for \$10 or under. Handcrafted items or quilt-related gifts (new or in excellent condition) are welcome.

Here are a few links if you are looking for ideas. Janet O'Leary and I also have some printed patterns for things that you are welcome to browse.

<https://amisimms.wordpress.com/2015/12/11/origami-folded-fabric-ornaments/>

<http://craftygeminicreates.com/>

<http://jenniferjangles.com/pages/free-stuff>

<http://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2013/3/13/pretty-lanyard-tutorial-and-kit>

(PS: If you want to make a few fabric lanyards, I have the lanyard hooks)

[http://24blocks.com/cathedral-window-ornament/?utm\\_source=24b-24b&utm\\_medium=social-fb&utm\\_term=112515&utm\\_content=link&utm\\_campaign=cathedral-window-ornament&orig=24b 24b social fb link cathedral-window-ornament 112515](http://24blocks.com/cathedral-window-ornament/?utm_source=24b-24b&utm_medium=social-fb&utm_term=112515&utm_content=link&utm_campaign=cathedral-window-ornament&orig=24b%2024b%20social%20fb%20link%20cathedral-window-ornament%20112515)

The Internet is full of free tutorials and ideas. Happy stitching!

## 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

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## A QUILTERS RESOLVE

The holidays are past A New Year at last  
Time to resolve my intent for the year  
Twelve months of plans, To do with my hands  
Achieving goals with good cheer

My stash it has grown, In brights, whites and tones  
It's threatening to overpower.  
I resolve not to splurge, Ignoring the urge  
Instead, I'll take a cold shower

I have purchased some tools That state "stress free for fools"  
But are still in their wrapping, ignored  
I resolve to attempt To use as they're meant  
Not simply acquired and then stored

My library of quilt books Not there just for looks  
Lies idle, and I full of guilt  
I resolve to absorb All interesting words  
And put them to use in my quilts

My cottons and threads Blue, greens, blacks and reds  
Are a gnarled, knotted mess in the tin  
I resolve to unravel Even delay any travel  
Until they're as neat as a pin

But what of my projects All works in progress  
They await my attention and time  
I resolve to apply My keen hand and eye  
And complete them by end of 09

As long as I'm itching, I resolve to keep stitching  
Creating heirlooms as I go  
Each available hour, Within all my power  
I'll design, quilt, thread, stitch and sew

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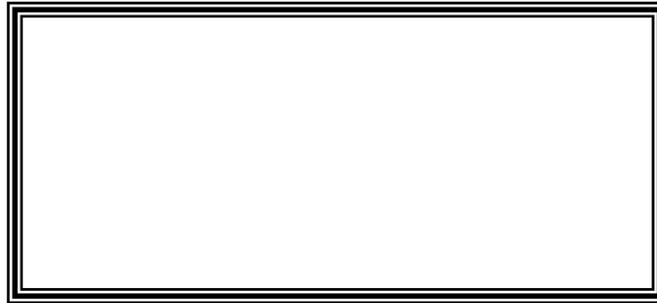
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welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm  
AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

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Rt. 108 at Rt. 29  
Columbia, MD

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### Betty Kilroy's January Birthday Party

- 02 Gladis McKoy
- 09 Linda Kerrick
- 14 Jackie Hall
- 20 Ellie Layman
- 21 Sandy McDonald
- 26 Carol Roberts
- 28 Sri Poedjastoeti
- 29 Geri Flester
- 31 Amy May

### CALENDAR

- January 4 - Love Quilts
- January 7 - Love Quilts