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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND BLOCK OF THE MONTH
WILL RETURN IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE**

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER:

QUILT ODYSSEY

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

July 24-27, 2014

Merchant's mall & exhibits open Thursday-Saturday 10-6, Sun 10-4

For directions to the show go to <http://www.hersheylobby.com/>

and click under "location & directions."

QUILT TRAIL

To see quilt blocks painted on various barns in Carroll County, go to the following website for addresses

<http://carrollcountytourism.org/index.php/barn-quilt-trail/>.

MULTI-STATE SHOP HOP

Go to <http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/> to see the shops in this multi-state shop hop. Travel and collect patterns from July 1 to September 2, 2014. Bring in completed quilt for prize July 1 to October 31, 2014.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS FOR MARGARET WARD

Margaret is leaving in the fall to move to Georgia to be closer to family and to enjoy the grandkids. Margaret has been an active member of Faithful Circle since 2006. Before that you might have run into her while she worked at Bear's Paw. She is also a member of Village Quilters and has been in other guilds before these. She is a member of Caring Hands helping with many charity quilt projects as well as working on Love Quilts. She also formed a group at her church to make mastectomy pillows which are donated to two area hospitals.

Margaret would like the Friendship Block with a white center. The other colors should be Christmas colors. We will collect blocks and give them to Margaret before she moves South. Please be sure to sign your block.

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

Several new classes are open for registration now. Contact Maria O'Haver for more information or to sign up. Payment is due upon registration.

Mary Lou Weidman is coming to Faithful Circle

Registration is now open for Mary Lou's class, Story Quilts. Mary Lou is a process teacher and with this workshop we work with process, stretching, thought, growth, design, colors and how they work with other colors around them, composition and imagination. This class is for the quilter who wants to do something a little more involved (not hard), to develop and stretch and go on the road "less traveled." These quilts tell about you, what and who you love and with sentiments and smiles make the viewer know something special about the artist that they didn't know before. This class helps you "think" of events in your past with a positive, happy outlook and offers up many ideas that tell of you and events you remember. This surprises the artist often and lets process take flight as you stretch and learn as you sew. It is both fun and satisfying too.

The class will be held Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5 from 9-4pm. The cost for the class is \$100. FCQ will be sharing the class with Milltown, so there are 12 seats available in the class. Mary Lou will also be presenting a lecture called "The Creative You" on Thursday Oct. 2. Check out her website for more about Mary Lou's quilting (<http://www.marylouquilt designs.com>)

Omiyagi - Handmade Gifts from Fabric

Patty Wheeler will be teaching a class on how to make these wonderful small fabric gifts in the Japanese tradition. These little "packages" are cute enough to be gifts in themselves but also act as the wrapping or container for another small gift. In class, you will be completing one or two of these floral Omiyagi. The class will be on Thursday, August 28 from 12:30 - 3:30pm after the guild meeting. The cost of the class will be \$5.

Woolfelt Applique

Sandy McDonald will be teaching a class on wool felt applique. If you love applique, but don't like the many hours it takes, then this class is for you. You will be introduced to the fun of working with wool felt. Any applique pattern can be adapted for wool felt use. The best part is no turned edges! You will learn how to design a candle mat base to fit your desired size and then add your favorite design. Join Sandy as she teaches you all the tips and tricks she's learned over the years. You will have a complete candle mat to take home with you after class. Sandy will have lots of samples to show and will help you plan your next project. The class will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 9-3pm. The cost of the class will be \$15 (includes a material fee).

SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015

Susan Carlson lecture Thursday Feb 12 and class Fri/Sat Feb 13 & 14, 2015

Bonnie Hunter lecture Thursday Apr 9 and class Friday Apr 10, 2015

AQS BOOK ORDER



Sharon Rhoton will be placing a book order with the American Quilter's Society in July. We receive a 20% discount on all books, and may qualify for free shipping if the order is large enough. If it's not, shipping is still very reasonable -- usually about \$1 extra per book. To see the books available, visit www.americanquilter.com. Select "Shop AQS" across the top banner, and then "Books." An order form will be available at meetings in the near future, or you can email Sharon at rhoton@comcast.net with the list of the books you would like. **Orders are due to Sharon by July 11.**

BUS TRIPS FOR 2014



September 19 for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza and October 17 for the shopping trip. All trips are \$45, checks payable to MILLTOWN QUILTERS. The fee includes transportation, entrance to the show and driver's tip. The bus leaves from the parking lot in front of the church at 7:30 a.m. and is back close to 7 pm. The September trip has space, so please sign up and go along, always fun. The shopping trip has a waiting list. If you think you are interested please give Eleanor Howe, Sheri Thompson or Sandy Lynch a call. **Payment for the September 19 trip is due by August 8.**

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - PATRIOTIC

From Sharon Roton



Between Memorial Day and Fourth of July, summer is filled with patriotic moments. To celebrate that, the theme for the block of the quarter is "patriotic." Make any 9" block (9-1/2" unfinished), using any technique, in red, white, and blue. Appliquers: please start with a 10" block so that if it draws up a bit as you stitch, it can still be trimmed to the correct size. The drawing will be held at the first Monday meeting in September, the 8th.

ROUND ROBIN FOR 2014-2015

From Janette Tarr

We are going to have another Round Robin Challenge this year. It will be similar to the previous one (2012-13) in that it will start out with the inner blocks made by different members during the first few rounds. Once completed, the four blocks will be assembled. Then we will switch over to a more traditional Round Robin and during the final three rounds, borders will be added.

If you are interested in participating in this year's round robin, you must first select a *single* focus fabric. Then come up with any block you would like using the *single* focus fabric. This be a pieced block, an applique block, a mix of the two, or something I haven't thought of at this point.

The size of your block is your choice from a 6" minimum to a 15" maximum. It can be a square or a rectangle, but keep in mind that a rectangle may be more of a challenge to some of your fellow FCQ members - not too many blocks are rectangular. Whatever size you pick, three more blocks that exact size will then be made by your fellow members.

I like to think that a challenge like this should be fun, challenging and a learning experience. One of the goals for this challenge is for all of us to work on the precision of our measuring.

As my engineering husband says: "Measure twice, cut once"

Once you have completed your block, contact me, Janette Tarr (jmtarr79@gmail.com), and I will make sure you have an exchange bag and a 'block 1' marker. Pin the marker to your block. In the bag place your block and your *single* focus fabric.

You will need to complete your block and turn it in at the meeting on Thursday, September 18 or Monday, September 22. At the meeting you will receive a different bag containing someone else's block and fabric. You will also receive instructions for the next step and deadline dates.

More information regarding this challenge will be discussed at meetings prior to the first turn in dates. Contact me if you have any questions.

HELPFUL HINTS

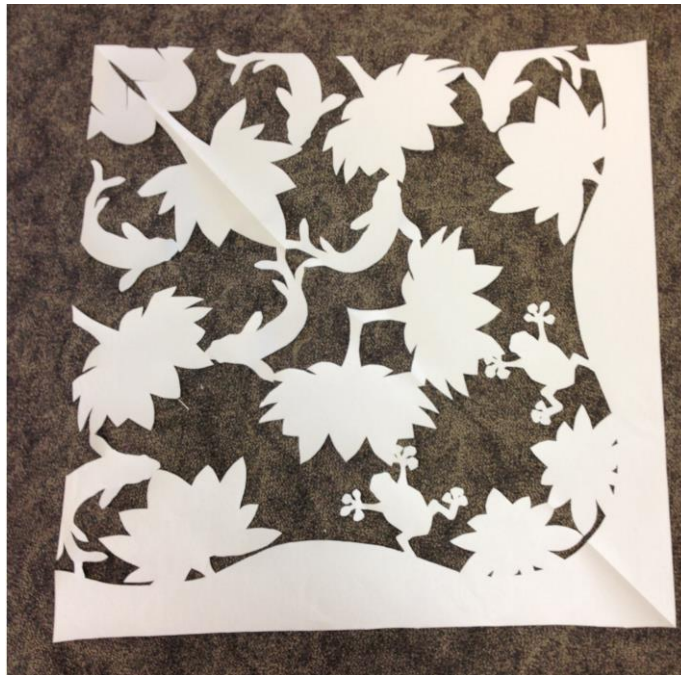
FABRIC BOXES: Patty Stenpeck showed the fabric boxes she made from the information in this blog. Go here to find the information for making these boxes:

<http://seaside-stitches.blogspot.com/2013/03/fabric-box-tutorial.html>

CARING FOR CUTTING MATS: Stephanie learned that we really should be cleaning our cutting mats. Go to this link to learn that your mat really likes a soak in the tub! <http://www.generations-quilt-patterns.com/olfa-cutting-mat.html>

HAWAIIAN QUILTING

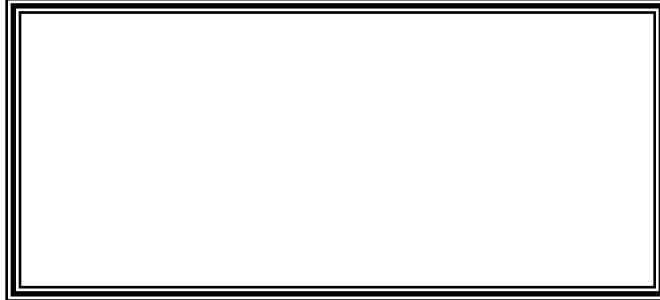
Nancy Chong gave a wonderful lecture on June 19. Then an inspiring class if we can judge by Maria's paper cutout done during the class. Do you see fish and frogs? She was basting the finished cloth version of this design to the background fabric at the June 26 meeting. So we can expect a finished product soon! How about the rest of you. We would love to see your designs either in paper or cloth.



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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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Betty Kilroy July Birthday Party

- 02 Sherrin Murray
- 02 Summer Rankin
- 03 Dawn Stewart
- 06 Irma Bast
- 06 Peg Gregory
- 08 Judy Mummert
- 15 Patty Stenpeck
- 17 Caren Fitzpatrick
- 18 Peggy Duke
- 20 Nina Godfrey

- 21 Donna Louise Adams
- 31 Becky Hassell

CALENDAR

- July 3** - Love Quilts
- July 7** - Love Quilts
- July 11** - AQS order due
- July 24-27** - Quilt Odyssey
- July 26** - Board Meeting
- Aug 8** - Pay for September bus trip