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**The President's Message and Block of the Month
will return in September.**

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER:

QUILT ODYSSEY

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center July 23 - 26.

Merchant's mall and exhibits are open Thursday - Saturday from 10-6, and on Sunday from 10-4.

For directions to the show go to <http://www.hersheylobby.com/> and click under "location & directions."

ROW BY ROW EXPERIENCE SHOP HOP

Go to <http://rowbyrowexperience.com/> to see a listing of all the participating shops in all 50 states, as well as in Canada.

Travel and collect free patterns from June 21 to September 8. Bring your completed quilt in to a participating shop for a prize from June 21 to October 31, 2015.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

BUS TRIPS 2015

From Sandy Lynch



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

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

The 2015 bus trips 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. For the shopping trip, it includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Please make checks payable to Milltown Quilters.

We are taking signups for all of the trips now. See Sheri Thompson, Eleanor Howe, or Sandy Lynch. Give one of us a call to sign up or to ask questions.

FALL RETREAT AND CLASS WITH MARGE TUCKER

From Maria O'Haver

Our Fall retreat this year is from October 2 - 4, 2015, and will be held at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Housing is hotel-style, double occupancy, with two rooms available for single occupancy. Six meals are included; from dinner on Friday to lunch on Sunday. Arrive mid-morning on Friday with a bag lunch. Classes will be Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 9-4pm and Sunday 9-3pm. The sewing room will be available Friday at 10am until Sunday at 4pm. The cost will be \$291 for double occupancy, \$418 for single occupancy, with a 20 student limit.

Our instructor, Marge Tucker, was recommended to us by Gwen Marsten, and will be taking over teaching of Gwen's "liberated quilt making" techniques. Marge will be teaching the class "Small Studies." We will be using fabric sketches, learning new techniques, and exploring color and composition. You will be able to develop your own aesthetics in a safe, worry free space.

Registration is now open and a deposit of \$50 is required to sign up. Contact MARIA O'HAYER and indicate single or double room preference, and the name of your roommate if you have a friend you'd like to room with.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Thursday, Oct 15 - Lecture with David Taylor

Monday, Nov 9 - Diane Rusin Doran Lecture 7pm

BACK-BASTING APPLIQUE CLASS

Our own applique expert, MARGO CRAMER, will be teaching a class on the back-basting applique technique on Saturday, September 26 from 10-3 pm. The class will be given in the Lyle Buck Fellowship Hall and will cost \$15 (includes a supply kit).

While there is no one single method of appliqué which is perfect for absolutely every situation, back-basting comes close. It's ideal for paper-cuts, Hawaiian quilts, and helpful for multi-layered flowers.

In this technique class, we will explore some suggested tools for marking the design and techniques for removing the marks as well as suggestions for needle and thread for the back-basting. To sign up for the class, contact MARIA O'HAVER.

PROJECT LINUS

From Stephanie Sanidas

Our Cuddly Critters Mystery Fabric Challenge began in June. There are still challenge bags left if you want to participate. It's not too late to join! Quilts should be finished by January 2016, in time for quilt show registration. Challenge quilts will be donated to Project Linus after the quilt show. Thank you for supporting Project Linus by bringing comfort and warmth to children who need a quilted hug.



Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS to get your mystery bag or if you have any questions.

HEART BLOCKS

ELLIE LAYMAN would like red hearts on a white background. See the web site for the size information. Send your blocks to Ellie with a card to wish her well.

PATRICIA LANE has requested bright hearts on a deep dark background. Send your blocks to Patricia with a card.

AMY MAY would like black and white hearts, any combination. Send your block to Amy with a card to brighten her day.

THANK YOU BLOCKS

ALKA MITAL would like 6 ½" finished rail fence blocks using 2 ½" by 6 ½" batiks.

JANETTE TARR would like yellow and floral magic nine patch blocks.

MICHELLE TARR black and bright colors magic nine patch blocks.

FAREWELL BLOCKS

JULIE HOLMES would like lavender or turquoise with cream.

SHERRIN MURRAY would like green with white.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - RED AND WHITE

From Sharon Roton

Are you seeing red yet?! Red and white is the theme for our current block of the quarter. Red, in any shade, from pale pink to bright red to deep burgundy, with white, in any size, technique, or pattern. A winner will be drawn on Mon. Sept 14.



NANCY MEIER was the lucky winner of 19 fabulous animal-themed blocks last quarter.

Susie's Magic Binding

From Sheva Farkas

SHEVA FARKAS would like to share a tutorial from "Aunt Marti's 52 Quilts" page. There are both a video and transcript on how to sew a flanged quilt binding completely by machine. Check out this great tutorial at <http://www.52quilts.com/2012/05/tuesday-tutorial-susies-magic-binding.html>.

Love Quilts

From Marianne Hendrickse

This past year has been a great one for Love Quilts. Our guild has been blessed with numerous donations of fabric, and we have been able to donate over 300 quilts. Thank you to all the members who are so generous with their time. The agencies that we assist are so grateful for the beautiful "quilted hugs".

Over the summer we use our love quilt days to put together kits. I will bring the tubs of 8 inch and 6 inch squares to the meeting, and I encourage all to use their artistic talents to help put the kits together. It's fun seeing the different layouts that some members are able to put together.

Love quilt days for July will be Thursday morning 7/2/15 and Monday evening 7/6/15.

There will not be a Love Quilt committee meeting in July.

Photobucket News

From Jane Scott

Now that spring is over, why not take a few minutes to review the beautiful quilts we've made in the past few months at <http://s1079.photobucket.com/user/FCQuilters/Spring%202015/story>. Use the arrow on the right side of the screen to scroll through the collection.

If you want to see the collection individually, go to the Spring 2015 Album and click on "Slideshow."

We have used most of our free space on photobucket and will be removing 2012 - 2013 pictures. If you want to save a picture, open it and then right click to open options and click on copy. Paste the picture in a file on your own computer. My apologies that not all show and tell quilts are included due to human error and technical difficulties. Email me if you need help in navigating photobucket.

Emanuel AME Comfort Quilt Project

Former Faithful Circle member LIZ RUTH-BRINEGAR would like our members to be aware of a national quilting project to make quilts for families of victims from the horrific Emanuel AME shooting. The project is being facilitated by Cobblestone Quilters Guild in Charleston, SC., and Liz is working with them to get the word out to national guilds.

Information on the project is available on their blog: www.emanuelcomfortquilts.wordpress.com

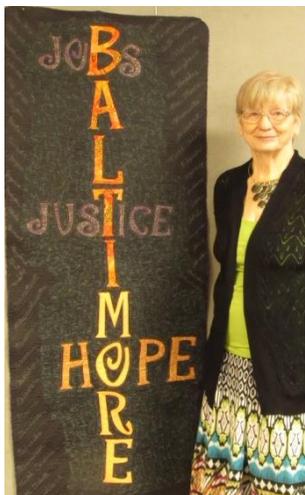
There is also a pdf link to the Cobblestone Quilters Guild with details as to how you can help. The Cobblestone Quilters Guild thanks you for your assistance and support!

<http://cobblestonequilters.com/documents/temp/Emanuel%20Comfort%20Project%20FINAL.pdf>

Our Quilts Matter

From Mary Beth Little

Our quilts matter. They impact lives. Never doubt this. It has been brought to our attention several times over the last few weeks. We've received thank you notes from children who've been placed in harm's way by the people who should be loving them the most. Your quilts are being used to help in their healing process.



People experiencing serious illness have been the recipients of your quilts. We received a thank you from a woman whose mother had been given one of FCQ's love quilts relaying how much it meant to her mother and now to her. They reach far beyond our geographic area. A thank you note came from California after the TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) camp over Memorial Day weekend in DC.

Recently Joyce Ritter made a quilt to express her feelings about the Baltimore riots. Joyce's hope is that "the country can look to Baltimore to see how to get it right" as Baltimore continues to work towards recovery, and her quilt reflects this vision. "Jobs, Justice, Hope" is quilted with 301 neighborhoods and 50 states and depicts her vision of what Baltimore can be. It has so impressed Baltimore's Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake that it will soon be hanging in the mayor's lobby. It will be seen by all those having business with her each day.

So whether your talents are used to make baby quilts, lap quilts, bed quilts or wall hangings, never doubt that your quilts touch lives for the better. **Remember: Your quilts matter!**

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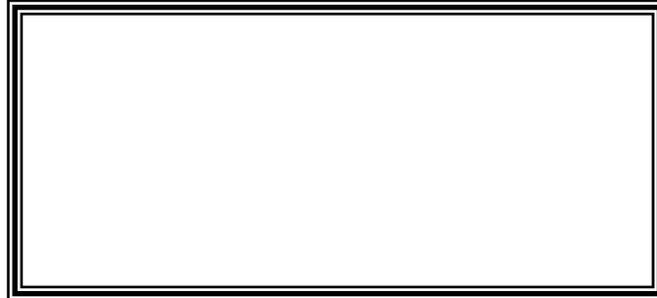
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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



Betty Kilroy July Birthday Party

02 Sherrin Murray
06 Irma Bast
06 Peg Gregory
08 Judy Mummert
15 Patty Stenpeck
17 Caren Fitzpatrick
17 Robin Rothstein
18 Peggy Duke
20 Nina Godfrey
21 Hillary Fay
28 Alina Rauch
31 Becky Hassell

CALENDAR

July 2 & 6 - Love Quilts
July 18 - Board Meeting, 9:30am