

The Circular

The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

June 2015

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

SPRING LUNCHEONS

Monday, June 1 6:30pm-9:00pm (set up is at 6:00pm)
Bring a fat quarter.

Organizer contact: Amy May adalsmommy@comcast.net

Thursday, June 4 11:00am-3:00pm (Set up is at 9:30am)
Bring a colorful small-medium size quilt for display.

Organizer contacts: Susan Lutz ltz14sus@verizon.net
and Susan Mann mannsusann@verizon.net

A sign-up sheet is being passed around at meetings for food to share: appetizers, salads, entrees, sides and desserts; help with set-up and clean-up is also appreciated. If you cannot attend a meeting to sign up, contact one of the organizers and give your name/food to share/email address and you will be put on the list.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

To the Faithful Circle Quilters:

Our family offers our profound thanks to the members of the Faithful Circle Quilters for the fun, friendships and many kindnesses you provided to Carolyn May for the last 15+ years. We especially thank you for the support you offered all of us during Carolyn's coping with cancer since 2009. We wish we were better with specific names in FCQ, but after the major operation in the fall of 2009, members attended to Carolyn at Mercy hospital in the evening then provided weeks of meals while Carolyn recovered. Members also visited Carolyn during two subsequent hospitalizations at Mercy and her final hospitalization at Gilchrist.

We were appreciative in FCQ's help in displaying Carolyn's Baltimore Quilt at her memorial service, the big turnout at the memorial service, the numerous cards and notes we received and finally the many memorial donations to Gilchrist Hospice.

Thank you.

- Elizabeth Case
- Rachel Chamberlain
- Bill May
- Sr. Marise May

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.

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.

YARN DONATIONS

From Georgia Morris

NO MORE YARN FOR NOW - Thank you to everyone who has donated yarn to the North Laurel Knitting and Crocheting group. The ladies are so very appreciative and grateful. I will not be collecting yarn over the summer months but plan to resume in September. Happy summer to all.

FALL RETREAT AND CLASS WITH MARGE TUCKER

From Maria O'Haver

We will be holding an educational event at the Fall retreat this year on October 2 - 4, 2015. The retreat will be at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Housing is hotel style, double occupancy with two rooms available for single occupancy. There will be six meals included, beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Arrival will be mid-morning on Friday (bring a bag lunch). Class will be held Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 9-4pm and Sunday 9-3pm. The sewing room will be available for use from Friday at 10am until Sunday at 4pm. The cost of this educational retreat will be \$291 double occupancy or \$418 single occupancy. There will be a limit of 20 students at the retreat.

Marge Tucker will be our instructor. Marge, who was recommended to us by Gwen Marsten, will be taking over teaching of Gwen's "liberated quilt making" techniques since Gwen is retiring soon. At our retreat, Marge will be teaching the class "Small Studies". This class is built on the idea of exploring abstract design by making small studies or sketches. Just as painters use sketches to explore possibilities, fabric sketches are for working things out; for learning new techniques, exploring color and composition. They are your ticket to play, and to develop your own aesthetics in a safe, worry free space. Making sketches is like taking a crash course in design.

Registration is now open for the Fall Education Retreat. A deposit of \$50 is required to sign up. Contact Maria O'Haver to sign up. Please indicate single or double room preference, and name of 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

PROJECT LINUS

From Stephanie Sanidas



The next FCQ Project Linus challenge, "Cuddly Critters", begins at the June parties. FCQ Members are encouraged to join the challenge to make a donation quilt that will make a child smile. You must use the fabrics from your mystery bag in the quilt (front or back). You may add fabrics you think are necessary to complete the quilt. Completely finish the quilt by the January 2016 deadline, just in time to register your quilts for our 2016 quilt show. Contact Stephanie Sanidas to get your mystery bag or if you have any questions.

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE - ALL DONE

From Janette Tarr

The round robin is complete and everyone did a great job! I hope everyone had a chance to see some of the results. Everyone was so creative and did their best even when working 'outside their box'. You rose to the challenge! I also hope all our participants had fun and received a final product they really love. Don't forget that our show is next year and if we get enough of these completed it would be fun to have a special display of our RRR (Round Robin Results)!

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

As another year draws to an end, we have an opportunity to look back and give thanks for all the blessings in our lives. Whenever I hear about other groups that have problems with their membership, I'm always so proud to tell people that I belong to the Faithful Circle quilters' guild. Our quilters are so generous with their time and talents. We come from many different backgrounds with a wide range of ages, but our love of quilting unites us all. This past year we have been fortunate to receive many wonderful donations of fabric and combined with the generosity of our members, we were able to deliver 290 quilts to agencies in our community. We will meet for Love quilts on Monday evening (6/8/15) and Thursday morning (6/11/15). At this time will put together quilt kits for the following year. Those who are would like to assist with Love Quilts, but are unable to attend these meetings can contact me by telephone or email and I will have supplies ready for you. Thank you once again to those who cut fabric squares, stitch quilt tops, tie and bind quilts and finally sew on labels. A special Thank You also to my Monday evening coordinator - Stephanie Sanidas.

HEART BLOCKS

FOR ELLIE LAYMAN

Ellie has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She will be having surgery soon. Ellie 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.

FOR PATRICIA LANE

Patricia has had surgery on her foot and is undergoing rehab. She has requested bright hearts on a deep dark background. Send your blocks to Patricia with a card.

BLOCKS FOR RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

FOR JANETTE TARR - 9-patch, yellow with floral print

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - RED AND WHITE

From Sharon Roton



This quarter's challenge is a color challenge -- from palest pink to Christmas red to darkest burgundy, let's explore the color red. Is there a block you've been wanting to try, or a new technique you've wanted to experiment with but you don't want to commit to making a whole quilt until you've tried it out? Make a sample for this challenge! Make any block, any size, any technique, in red and white. A winner will be drawn at the first Monday meeting in September (10 September).

SAYING GOODBYE

From Julie Holmes

To all members,

I have had an amazing time living in Maryland and I will be taking back many great memories and stories. I have enjoyed attending the guild but I am unsure if I will be able attend any future meetings as I am preparing my trip back, and my car has been sold. I want to say thank you to you all for making me feel welcome to the guild. Everyone has been so welcoming, friendly and helpful and I have met some lovely people. I have learnt a lot about quilting and other crafts throughout my time at the guild which I am hoping to build upon once I return to the UK by firstly finding one then joining. If I do find one I will let you know and maybe send pictures of members' quilts, they may have new designs/ideas.

I also want to thank the lady (I'm terrible with names), who organizes the shopping trips I loved those I had such a great time and seeing new places. It must be a nightmare to organize you do a great job, keep it up. Also to thank the ladies who organize the parties and set up what a great job you do, the tables always look so pretty and welcoming.

I have also been amazed with everyone's generosity in helping good causes, making and donating quilts, volunteers and bringing in free craft items for us all to share. This is something that we British need to learn from.

My husband and I (oh that sounds like something the Queen would say), leave Maryland on the 13 June and arrive in the UK 11 July, we are having a vacation on the way back. So if you are interested I have a travel blog and you can follow us and see where we go (www.usatoukthelongwayround.wordpress.com)

So lovely ladies I will miss you, and I hope the guild continues for many more years to come.

Love & hugs,

Julie Holmes (the British lady with the funny accent) xxx

FCQ GENERAL POLICIES (REVISED 2015)

The board has made some changes to the FCQ General Policies for 2015. Attached are the revised policies with the changes highlighted. The Board changed the weather policy to clarify it. Also, after much discussion on the policy for bringing children, we decided that there are times and circumstances when a member may need to bring a child. We do not necessarily encourage this, and chose to highlight the members' responsibility for consideration of others and for overall safety of members and children.

Faithful Circle Quilters
General Policies
May 2015

1) Eligibility to Hold Office

In order to be eligible for elected office, a quilter must be a member of FCQ for at least 12 months at the time of the election.

2) Article 8, Section 3, interpretation

If one person holds 2 voting positions, then they only get one vote on the board...thus the number in the quorum can vary. If a standing committee has 2 persons, only one vote may be cast.

3) Article 10, Section 4 interpretation

If there are two or more candidates for any office, then printed ballots will be used. There will be a voice vote if only one candidate is on the slate for any office. Whether printed or voice vote, the office will go to the candidate with the majority of votes of the members present at the annual meeting.

4) Article 10, Section 6

If the entire board resigns, then a special election will be called by the general membership. If available, the last nominating committee shall be requested to solicit nominees for the open offices.

5) Inclement Weather Policy

- If Howard County Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather there will be no day meeting.
- If Howard County schools are closed, cancel evening activities, or close early due to inclement weather there will be no evening meeting.

6) Timeline for Bylaws Changes

- Deliver proposed bylaws at regular day and evening business meetings in a designated week, or by posting to our website for members who have elected to receive their newsletters electronically. Proposed bylaws will be addressed to each member and passed out over 2 weeks. Any remaining bylaws will be mailed.
- Discuss changes at regular meetings during the following month and address any problems or issues.
- A vote of the membership will be held on the next regularly scheduled meeting (day and evening) following the one-month discussion period.

7) Treasury

- The Treasurer will draft an operating budget for the coming year and present it to the Executive Board each August for discussion and approval. The Board-approved budget will then be presented to the general membership at a pre-announced September meeting (day and evening) for discussion and approval by a majority vote of members present.
- One elected treasurer will serve as the primary and the other as assistant treasurer.

- Disbursement over \$350, other than those approved in the budget or those approved by contract (e.g. for teachers), requires approval of the FCQ Board.
- Two different color forms will be used to distinguish reimbursements from deposits.
- Meal reimbursement is limited to a per diem rate of \$50/teacher + \$50 /member host(s). The FCQ hostess must file a disbursement transmittal and a restaurant receipt.
- If the balance of the checking account exceeds \$6,000, money will be put into an interest-bearing account at the discretion of the FCQ board.
- Restricted funds will be applied to expenses for Education, Library, and Love Quilts.
- Another officer will sign checks to reimburse the treasurer.
- An independent audit will be performed by members appointed by the president at the end on each fiscal year.

8) Education

- If a person withdraws from a class, then the person who takes the slot pays that individual. If the slot is not filled, then there will be no refund.
- Refunds will be given only if the class is full and the replacement is from the waiting list or if there are enough registrants to cover the cost to the Guild for the class.
- Money and checks will be submitted monthly to the treasurer for deposit.
- Class registrations can be made available to non-members one month prior to class. Non-members will be charged an extra \$10/day to take a class.
- Provide a W-9 Form (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification) to any teacher whose teaching fee exceeds \$600. The completed form will be turned over to the Treasurer.

9) Membership

- All new members joining after mid-October will be included in an addendum to the annual directory. These addenda will be published periodically.
- Members joining April 1 or later pay half the annual dues.

10) Quilt Show

- As a general rule, Quilt Display Poles will not be rented out. Rental requests for quilt display poles from FCQ members will be decided by the board on a case by case basis at a fee of \$250 with a \$500 damage/security deposit.
- Proceeds from the Quilt Show Silent Auction will be reserved for education expenditures.

11) Nominating Committee Timeline

- Late January to Early February – Executive Board will appoint a nominating committee.
- 1st week in April (April Newsletter) – Slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee will be published.
- 3rd week in April – Open nominations will be accepted from the floor (day and night).
- 1st week in May (May Newsletter) The amended Slate of Officers will be presented to the membership (day and night).
- 3rd week in May – Annual meeting – Membership will vote (day and night).
- June – New officers will be installed.

12) Sunshine

- If a member of FCQ dies, a book will be purchased for the FCQ Library and a book plate will be added to dedicate it to the member. (This donation will be taken from Sunshine budget, not from “donations” or library funds.)
- Heart blocks will be sent to an FCQ member in the event of a life threatening illness or an illness with a long-term recovery.
- Postage for birthday cards is taken from the sunshine budget line.

13) Special Projects

- From time to time, FCQ will participate in and possibly fund special projects, e.g. hero quilts, Amish quilts, memorial book donations, events where proceeds are donated to our Presbyterian Church hosts (such as the Silent Auction held in October).
- If the Guild participates in making Love Quilts (day and evening), the recipient charities are coordinated by the Love Quilt Chairs, keeping the membership informed.

14) Library

Library materials will be loaned for a period of one month. In the event of meeting cancellation, e.g. due to inclement weather, there will be a one-week grace period for materials return.

15) Children at Meetings

In consideration of other members and for the safety of all, members are requested not to bring children under the age of 10 to the Guild meetings.

16) Quilt Retreat

- The Quilt Retreat must cover all its expenses
- Registration and refund policies should be the same as FCQ Education policies.
- The Retreat Chair’s fees may be discounted up to ½ the fees of other members attending the retreat, yet keeping the Retreat funding self-sustaining.

17) Membership Privileges include:

- Fellowship
- Show and Tell
- Block of the Month and Block of the Quarter
- Assistance in basting quilts
- Showing one’s own quilts in the Biennial Quilt Show
- Reduced rate and first choice on classes
- Library Borrowing Privileges
- Luncheons and Potlucks
- Bus Trips
- Peddler’s table
- Saturday Sew-Ins

- Newsletter
- Membership Directory
- Membership Card
- Voting privileges

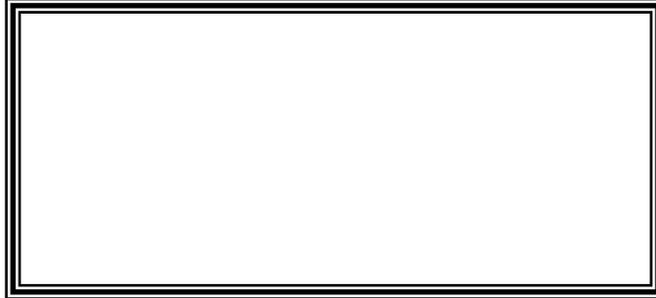
18) Membership Responsibilities include:

- Regular attendance
- Share your talent freely
- Assist fellow guild member
- Participate in the activities of the group, for example:
 - Chair or serve on committees or serve as an officer
 - Work on quilt show
 - Sell raffle quilt tickets (estimated at 20 per member)
 - Participate in community outreach
 - Participate in charitable projects

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/// Faithful Circle Quilters
/// welcomes anyone
/// interested in quilts and
/// quilting.
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/// We meet on 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
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/// Please come join us and
/// visit our web site at
/// www.fairfulcirclequilters.com
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Betty Kilroy June Birthday Party

- 01 Monica Thomas
- 03 Betty Tyler
- 05 Martha Swallow
- 07 Jane Pollitt
- 12 Ann Seed
- 20 Jane Scott
- 26 Amy Evseeff
- 27 Linda Bernard
- 29 Jackie Rider
- 30 Diana Morraye

CALENDAR

- June 1 & 4** - Spring luncheons
- June 5-6** - Spring Retreat
- June 8 & 11** - Love Quilts
- June 24** - Caring Hands