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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

March already! (Here's hoping that the worst of the snow is behind us!). And now is time to get ready for our quilt show. Hope y'all are making progress on your "masterpieces". Don't forget that quilt registration ends March 30!

All of our committee chairs are hard at work. The poles used for our hanging have all been cut to the same length (Thanks Amy May and Columbia Oak Furniture) so putting the pieces together this year should be easier than the Chinese puzzle we usually deal with. Vendors, demonstrations and raffle baskets are all in the works. Caren is asking for fat quarters from each of us to put together a fabulous fat quarter raffle basket.

And there is lots for each of us to do before the show. The more raffle tickets each one of us sells, the more our profits. And the more places the raffle quilt travels, the better. Lots of items are still needed for the silent auction and the "under 10" table. And of course, it's never too early to organize your items for the peddler's table. (Check the web site for procedures). Closer to the show, there will be plenty of opportunity to volunteer to bring food and to work on many of the jobs needed during the show. This year you can sign up online with automated email reminders of when you are to work. What could be better? What's the saying? "Many hands make light work". Let's make this the best show ever!

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

QUILT SHOW INFORMATION

QUILT SHOW NEWS

From Margaret Minton

Have you registered your quilts yet? Members may display up to 5 quilts, but they must be registered by the 31 March deadline! We're looking forward to a lot of beautiful quilts this year. As a new addition to our raffle baskets, we are planning for a Fat Quarter Basket. A donation of two fat quarters is requested from every member. Caren Fitzpatrick is chairing this effort - if she is not available, your quilt show chairs will be happy to collect the FQs you bring in. We appreciate all your help in making this year's show a success.



QUILT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

From Janette Tarr and Sheva Farkas

Registration of your quilts for display in our 2014 show has is coming to a close! It ends on Monday, March 31; no registrations accepted after March 31. Don't delay!

Directions and information are available at all meetings and either Janette Tarr or Sheva Farkas will be available at every meeting during the registration period (to continue with the nag and pester routine to get everyone to get their entries registered early). We will be available to take photos of your quilts if needed.

The registration via the online questionnaire has worked very well for most members - even those who are not comfortable with computers. We have learned that most people have better luck following the link at the top of the email containing the questionnaire. This will open a new window with the questionnaire in it. Also, when filling in the length and width fields, enter numbers only - no need for units (inches, ").

If you have lost the email containing the questionnaire, call or email us and we will send you another one. If you have any problems or questions, contact Janette, Sheva or email us at fcq2014quilts@gmail.com Good Luck and keep the registrations coming!

ITEMS FOR THE 2014 SILENT AUCTION

From Sandy Schlossberg, Susan Mann, Sherrin Murray

It's time to get started on projects for the Silent Auction for 2014. Some suggestions for items that have sold well include handbags, totes, children's items, appliquéd squares and tops, lap quilts, pin cushions, scarves, and other textile-related pieces. Quilt show visitors are looking for exciting, dynamic, and innovative pieces. It is gratifying to hear the responses of the visitors when they visit the Silent Auction space. All Silent Auction items will be offered with a "buy it now" option. A patron can take any item if they pay four times the opening price. Remember, all proceeds collected here go toward the education fund and pay for the well-known instructors who come to teach and lecture.

PEDDLER'S TABLE

From Anne Kelly

Sunday April 20 is the cut-off date to submit the spreadsheet with your items for sale. Throughout the show add-ons and changes are acceptable, so send as much as you have prepared by the end of the day on April 20. NEW for 2014 is a category called "discount". At noon on Saturday May 3 items marked for discount (and not all will be) will be reduced 50%. Otherwise the rules have not changed. See the website for complete instructions. <http://faithfulcirclequilters.com/guild/quilt-show-2014-members-guide> Anne's cell is 410 419 1377 and email is amksews@gmail.com.

Rules:

- 1 All peddlers need to be current members
- 2 Items must be quilting or sewing related
- 3 Limit of 200 items/peddler
- 4 At noon on Saturday May 3, select marked items will be reduced 50%; partial dollars will be rounded up when sale is final. (Only one round up per customer sale.)
- 5 10% fee will be deducted from dispersal of actual sales money
- 6 All unsold items must be picked up from 4 - 5:00 on Saturday May 3
- 7 No early sales except to volunteers for first 2 hours on Thursday am; it's a hard slot to work and deserve a special perk.
- 8 Forms must be received by April 20, but changes to items and/or markdowns can be made during the show
- 9 Drop off is the same time as the quilt drop off - set up day, Wednesday April 30. Check-in requires going through the list with the volunteers who will be accepting the items and attaching the stickers from the Peddlers committee.

Initials	number	email address // description	price	sale amt	Discount
Amk	0	Amksews@gmail.com			
	1	1 yd x 42 Green fabric	\$2		
	2	fq Red dots	\$1		y
	3	3 yds mini green ducks	\$2		

2014 QUILT SHOW: \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac and Peg McClelland

Many wonderful things are coming in for the \$10 and Under Table - thank you to everyone who has contributed! You can bring your finished items to any meeting from now until the quilt show. If you can't find us at a meeting, please give your finished items to either Janet O'Leary or Stephanie Sanidas.

If you are still looking for ideas, we plan on having a holiday corner and one devoted to things for babies and children. Also keep in mind that the FCQ show is just a week or so before Mother's Day - and folks

always want something nice to give to Mom! There are also many free patterns for items available on the Internet - www.craftsy.com and www.allfreesewing.com are good sources.

QUILT SHOW DECORATIONS

From Sandy McDonald

It's that time again to begin looking for decorations for our quilt show. Decorative items enhance the beauty of the quilts and make the bays a place you want to linger while you study the quilts. Our quilt show decorations always seem to be a big hit with viewers, and that's because of the generosity of our members. Items needed are: anything country, sewing-related, small pieces of furniture, old toys, dolls, stuffed toys, floral items, baskets, or any items you think would look great with a quilt or just make you smile. To keep our items safe, there will be a "white glover" nearby and someone will always be sitting at the table in front of the exit door in Lyle Buck Hall.

I will attend the Thursday morning meetings and pass out decoration forms and instructions. For Monday-night members, I will be glad to mail the information to you. I will be glad to accept any decorations on Thursday mornings or you may drop them off at my home if you prefer. I will also be at the church early on the set-up day if you would like to drop your items off at that time. Those of you who have provided decorations in the past will be familiar with the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 410-461-4337. I want to thank you all, in advance, for helping to make our quilt show so special and beautiful.

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

Upcoming Demos:

Janette Tarr demo on applique - Thursday March 13

Sandy McDonald trunk show - Thursday May 22

Upcoming Classes:

Nancy Chong is coming to FCQ:

Nancy Chong, owner and designer for The Pacific Rim Quilt Company (www.prqc.com), will be coming to Maryland in June. On Thursday, June 19, she will be giving a lecture on "Hawaiian Quilting: Its History, Traditions & Superstitions". Nancy will also be teaching a 2-day class on "Designing your Personal Hawaiian Quilt". If you can cut with scissors you can do this. The class will be Fri/Sat June 20 & 21 from 9-4pm each day and the cost for members will be \$100. **Class registration will start Monday March 10 and payment is due at time of registration.** See Maria O'Haver to sign up for the class after March 10.

Save the Date:

Mary Lou Weidman is coming to FCQ for a lecture on Oct. 2, 2014 and 2 day class on Oct. 4&5. Mark your calendars!

Class at Capital Quilts

Sue Moats will be teaching the Cutting Edge Jacket class at Capital Quilts in Gaithersburg MD Mondays March 3 & 10, 2:00 - 4:30 PM. This is a simple denim jacket with easy construction methods and lots of opportunity to use decorative stitches & threads for embellishments.

Sample jackets in all sizes are available to try on before the class to determine how much of the Indygo Junction denim to purchase. Many beautiful colors of the denim are available and the denim needs to be pre-washed before starting the jacket to control the shrinkage. Come and make a fun jacket to wear this Spring and Summer.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

Thanks to all guild members for your continued support. This month we were able to donate 10 large and 20 small quilts to Sarah's House, an agency in Fort Meade that provides emergency housing for families. We are fortunate to receive donations of fabric on an almost monthly basis.

The Love Quilt committee meets at my house on the 3rd Monday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. At this time we cut fabric, match up tops and backings, stitch on labels and complete bindings. If you would like to help with any of these, but are unable to attend the meeting give me a call. I will then make sure that you have the supplies available to work on at your home.

BUS TRIP FOR 2014



BUS TRIPS -- Space is still available for the AQS show in Lancaster, PA on Friday March 14. This is one of the biggest shows in our area. Cost is \$45 pp and includes your entrance to the show. Checks are payable to Milltown Quilters. Contact Eleanor Howe or Sandy Lynch (days) or Sheri Thompson (nights). Or you can call Sandy at 240-593-6616 or email any of us. This is a fun trip with lots of beautiful quilts and many vendors with new products. The bus leaves the Park & Ride at 7:30 am and returns approximately 7 pm.

There are two others trips, September 19 for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza and our annual shopping trip on October 17. Get your names on the list, payments are due 60 days prior to the trips.

KOMEN RAFFLE QUILTS

From Stephanie Sanidas

If you are working on a Komen quilt for the April 13th race, your quilt must be turned in by April 1st. If you are unable to meet the April deadline, please consider making a quilt for the October Komen quilt raffle in Hunt Valley. Talk to Darlys Hughes or Stephanie Sanidas if you have any questions.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Southern Comforters Quilt Show

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, March 23, 2014, 11 am to 4 pm at C. Elizabeth Rieg Special Center, Bowie, MD. Admission \$7; save \$1 with donation of a nonperishable food item to be given

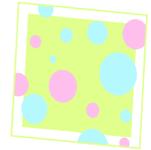
to Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. For more information, visit www.southerncomforters.org or contact Mary Nielsen, Quilt Show Chairman, (443) 223-4066 or Mary Kay Kerr at sewsewirish@gmail.com

Original Sewing & Quilt Expo

The Expo has moved and will be at the Hunt Valley Inn on March 6, 7 & 8, 2014. Check for more information at www.sewingexpo.com.

"DOTS FOR TOTS" QUILT CHALLENGE FOR PROJECT LINUS

From Stephanie Sanidas



If you are entering your challenge quilt in our quilt show, it must be finished and registered before March 31st. Otherwise, your dot quilt needs to be completed and turned in by May 1st. We will donate all polka dot challenge quilts to Project Linus after the quilt show.

HISTORY COMMITTEE AT WORK

From Nancy G. Martin

Do you know how Faithful Circle Quilters got started, or when? Do you know that there are at least 12 albums of history? The books are heavy, and some are deteriorating. It was decided to try to make the information more accessible, and to edit out repetitions. A committee has met a few times to begin the sorting process. Soon we'll be ready to select essential elements for digitizing to be able to have our history available on our web-site. Excess photos will be available to guild members.

Committee members are: Nancy Meier, Susan Lutz, Carol Petranek, Jane Scott, and Nancy G. Martin. The goals that we've set are: 1. To create a concise history of the guild, 2. To organize and scan materials, 3. To decide what to keep in "hard copy", 4. To develop a format to follow going forward.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - FLOWERS

From Sharon Roton



With the long winter that we've gone through (and don't seem to be out of yet), I'm sure that most of us have started dreaming of Spring! With that thought in mind, the next block of the quarter will be the flowers that will (hopefully) soon be filling our gardens. So -- any flower, any size, any technique, on a sky blue or grassy green background. Our outside gardens may still be white with snow, but our indoor quilting garden is about to start blooming!

NOTE: The winter BOQ, Hearts, will be drawn Monday night, March 3rd, so you still have time to get a block in and have a chance to win the more than two dozen gorgeous heart blocks that have already been turned in.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - March 2014
Bonnie Hunter's Boxy Stars Block
From Pat Wyatt

Here's the Bonnie Hunter block for March. Note: Each of these blocks below forms a block quarter that fits into a larger boxy block star. Check out the link for directions and block examples.

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/boxy-stars.html> Please note -- I found her cutting directions on this block a bit confusing.

For each block quarter you will need: (3) 2.5" squares of light background fabric. This example uses polka dot and paisley accent material.

Accent pieces: Polka dot (1) 2.5" square and (1) 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle.



Accent pieces: Paisley (1) 2.5" X 4.5" rectangle and (1) 2.5" X 6.5" rectangle.

Assembly: Beginning with the polka dot 2.5" accent square, stitch the block pieces around the light background fabric center square in log cabin fashion. Press all seams away from the center square as you go.



Next with right sides together, place the two remaining background squares in each corner on top of the star point logs. Draw a diagonal line on the squares and stitch from corner to corner across the light corner square.

Trim the excess and press away from the center. Voila -- a Boxy Star Block (or at least a quarter of a star). You can save or toss the half square triangles that are left over.



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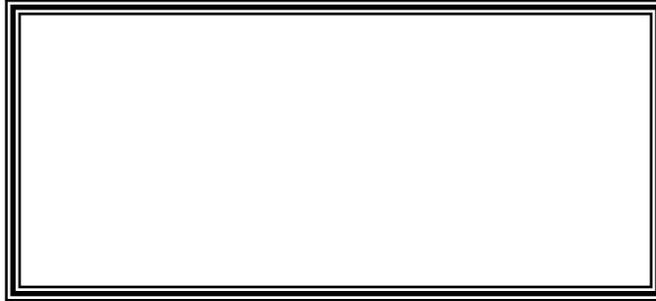
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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on Monday
evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from
10 am to 2 pm
At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
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Please come join us and
visit our web site at
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Betty Kilroy's March Birthday Party

- 03 Janet Currotto
- 03 Jean Salvalchak
- 03 Bonnie Tester
- 03 Nikki Walsh
- 07 Barbara Laskowski
- 11 Cynthia Porter
- 13 Judith Young
- 14 Bonnie Stapleton
- 15 Jeannie Gouel
- 15 Georgia Morris
- 19 Barbara Bregman
- 20 Virginia Wray
- 22 Athena Andrzejewski
- 22 Margaret Minton

- 24 Elaine Bishop
- 25 Ann Payne
- 26 Darlys Hughes

CALENDAR

- Mar 3** - Love Quilts
- Mar 6** - Love Quilts
- Mar 8** - Board Meeting
- Mar 12** - Cutting Day
- Mar 13** - Applique demo
- Mar 14** - Lancaster Bus Trip
- Mar 26** - Caring Hands
- Mar 27** - Y-seam demo