

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Nancy Meier*

Okay, ladies, we have just over a month until what will be a grand quilt show, no doubt! I won't nag you about selling tickets, registering your quilts, etc. I know that Sheva, Rose, and the other quilt show chairs will do a fine job of that. I am pleased that CAROLYN MAY will be part of our show. She left Sheila Riess her quilting items, to include an unfinished quilt-as-you-go project. It's bright and colorful on one side with soft batiks on the other. (Guess which side I like best!) I said I would finish binding the small quilt and put it in the silent auction. I gave the other unincorporated blocks to JANET O'LEARY to be made into items for the \$10 and under table. I have a feeling that Carolyn would like that.

I have been helping two of the prison quilters make their first blocks. They were rightfully pleased with themselves when they finished. The challenge I have is finding a piecing pattern for a beginner. It's one thing if you are using a machine, but they are piecing by hand. I found a pattern and CAROL ROBERTS provided me with fabric in the desired colors. I really want to see this new quilter succeed with her first pieced quilt. Hopefully, in the spring we will be having a quilt show at the prison, so stay tuned for more information.

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

## BUS TRIPS FOR 2016

*From Sandy Lynch*

It was very sad to have to cancel the March 18th trip to the Lancaster AQS show for lack of participation. We needed 43 people signed up and paid by February 8<sup>th</sup>, and we were short on numbers so it become necessary to cancel.

Our next trip will be Friday, September 16th to Oaks, PA for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza show. We need 43 people signed and paid by August 8th.

Our last trip of the year will be our annual shopping trip on Friday, October 14. We will go to Burkholder's Fabrics, Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch and then to the Kitchen Kettle area where there is Sauder's, Zooks, and the Country Store.

You may sign up for any of the trips now. If you have any questions contact ELEANOR HOWE, SHERI THOMPSON or SANDY LYNCH.

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## VIKKI PIGNATELLI WORKSHOP AND LECTURE

*From Maria O'Haver*

Vikki Pignatelli, nationally known quilt artist, teacher, author and lecturer, will visit FCQ for a lecture Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and hold a workshop Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Vikki is the founder of the biannual "Sacred Threads Quilt Exhibition" here in DC. She will share her amazing and unique nature inspired quilts during the lecture.

In the class, students will learn the basic concepts of Vikki's "Crazy About Curves" technique using a small, simple teaching pattern. With this method, a meld of piecing and machine applique, students learn to create even sharp curves and narrow points effortlessly. This is a very simple, "anyone-can-do" technique suitable for all skill levels. The cost of the class is \$50. Contact MARIA O'HAYER for registration or questions.

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## FALL EDUCATIONAL RETREAT WITH DIANE RUSIN DORAN

*From Maria O'Haver*

Our Fall Educational Retreat will be Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. The retreat will be held at the Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center and will include two nights lodging and six meals. Also included are two classes taught by Diane Rusin Doran: Screen Printing on Fabric and Designing your own Mariner's Compass. There will also be plenty of free time for sewing and relaxing. Single rooms are available for \$463 and double rooms are \$324. A deposit of \$75 is due upon signing up. Registration is now open. Please contact MARIA O'HAYER for registration or questions.

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## QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

*By Sheva Farkas*

The Quilt show committee chairs will meet on Saturday, March 5th at 9:30. The place will be determined based on availability in the church.

## LOVE QUILTS

*From Marianne Hendrickson*

Thanks to all the hard work of our members, I was able to drop off 29 quilts at Sarah's House in Fort Mead and 44 quilts at the Howard County Hospital Foundation in the month of February. The agencies tell me that the quilts are always greatly appreciated.

All members are welcome to assist with Love Quilts at our regular meetings on Thursday morning (3/3/16) and Monday evening (3/7/16). All quilting supplies will be available for you to tie a quilt or stitch on a label. If you would like to assist with Love Quilts but are unable to attend, contact me and I will have supplies for you to cut fabric or bind a quilt in the comfort of your home.

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### SEW IN

*From Peg McClelland*

43 days until the quilt show (as of March 1)!!! To give us some more time to concentrate on getting all our projects done, we have scheduled a sew-in for March 12, from 9:30 - 3:00. Please join us to work on any project that you might have. It would be a great time to get bindings done or sleeves on the back of your registered quilts.

Another idea is to use this time to finish up your items for the Silent Auction and/or the \$10 and under table. We will have some kits to make items for the \$10 and under table, just in case you have been having trouble deciding what to make. For these, you come with your sewing machine and basic sewing needs such as pins and scissors. The kits will contain everything else you need to complete the item. So mark your calendars for March 12! (Or 31 days before the show)!!

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### BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - STRIPES!

*From Sharon Rhoton*

Whether it's the luck o' the Irish, trees exploding with leaves, or new growth in our gardens, **green** is the color of Spring! So this quarter's challenge is to make any block using shades of green. Any style or technique can be used, but your blocks should finish to 9" (9-1/2" unfinished) and have green as the primary color with a cream or beige background. A winner will be drawn on Monday, June 6th.

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### 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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## PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE & KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

Our guild will donate approximately 70 Cuddly Critter quilts to **PROJECT LINUS** after the quilt show. If you are finished with your critter quilt, there are more opportunities to make donation quilts for TAPS and Wounded Warriors, with patriotic colors and themes. TAPS quilts will be given to children during Memorial Day weekend and can be small (lap size) or large (twin bed size). Wounded Warrior quilts are for adults at Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda. Recommended Wounded Warrior quilt sizes are 48" x 72" for bed quilts, and 42" x 50" for lap quilts. Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS if you would like a kit or fabric for these worthy causes.

April 1, 2016 is the deadline for **KOMEN** raffle quilts for the April Race for the Cure. Since everyone is focused on our quilt show in April, please consider making a quilt for the October Komen quilt raffle. Quilts donated to Komen can be whatever you want to create - any size, pattern, or colors. If you have questions, contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or DARLYS HUGHES.

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### QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop*

As of the time of this writing (2/24), we have a total of 82 quilts registered! Registration will end Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> which means *time is short to register your quilt. No registrations will be accepted after registration ends.*

Also, there is another category: "Other". Don't forget some of those great bags, pillows, aprons, etc. Each FCQ member may submit up to five (5) quilts plus any and all of your Project Linus Cuddly Critters Challenge quilts. Register these with a priority 0.

Someone from the registration committee will be at all meetings to take photos as needed and to continue nagging and pestering everyone to get their entries completed early.

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### QUILT HANGING INFORMATION

*From Shelley Tarr and Maria O'Haver*

Classification of quilt size categories has changed slightly from previous shows. They are now based on the **top** measurement of the quilt. This is due to the size of the poles that are used to hang the quilts.

The size categories are as follows:

- Small "**top**" measurement: <= 39"
- Medium "**top**" measurement: 40" - 59"
- Large "**top**" measurement: 60" - 91"
- X-Large "**top**" measurement: >= 92"

The Large and X-Large will still be considered the same category for the 'Viewer's Choice Awards'. All quilts that do not fit into the "Small" category must have sleeves. They may not be put on a pole, but that can't be predicted in advance, *so please add sleeves!*

## QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

*From Margaret Minton*

The clock is really ticking now! It'll soon be time for our wonderful show! We have received some fantastic items for the silent auction, and we can't wait to display them all. You'll be amazed at the variety of items we've received from such talented ladies. BUT we need more, more, more. Remember, all proceeds are added to the education fund which provides us with the outstanding classes and speakers we've come to know. Please bring your wonderful contributions to SANDY READING, MARGARET MINTON (Thursday) or NORA GOLDSTEIN (Monday). Thank you for all your help!

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## QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

*From Beth Bohac*

In last month's newsletter, those nice Silent Auction folks said they wouldn't nag members about bringing in items for the quilt show. Well, unlike them, the \$10 and Under Table chairs *do* nag. And nag, and nag, and nag ... That's because the success of the \$10 and Under Table - and every part of the quilt show - depends on YOU. We need your creativity and your willingness to sew up a storm and give us thousands - yes, we are aiming for well over 1,000 - items to sell to quilt show attendees. We know we can count on you, so thanks in advance for all your help. If you need suggestions for items to make, or just want to sit and sew with a group, the March 12 sew-in is a perfect opportunity to work on all sorts of quilt show projects. See the article in this newsletter for more details.

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## QUILT SHOW DECORATIONS

*From Sandy McDonald*

It's that time again, ladies, 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 at 8:00 a.m. 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.

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## UPCOMING FAITHFUL CIRCLE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings begin at 9:30am and all members are welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

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### QUILTING NEWS!

Southern Comforters of Bowie Quilt Guild will present "The Best Little Quilt Show in Maryland, March 12 - 13, 2016, Samuel Ogle Middle School, 4111 Chelmont Lane, Bowie, MD 20715. There will be hand quilting demonstrations and casual lessons. Appraisals available with Phyllis Twigg Hatcher. \$1 off admission with a non-perishable food donation. For more information: <http://www.southerncomforters.org/>

AQS QuiltWeek, March 16 - 19, 2016, Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen Street, Lancaster, PA. <http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster/>

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## March Block of the Month Three Dimensional Pinwheel



This is a super easy block. Use a white background and 1930's colored fabric. Pinwheels can be of one fabric, or use multiple fabrics. Finished block size will be 6".

1. Cut four 3 1/2" squares each of white and 1930's colored fabric.
2. Fold each colored square in half on the diagonal. Fold again to make a smaller triangle as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Lay four colored folded triangles on four white squares as shown in Figure 2. Pin in place. Arrange squares in a pinwheel shape as shown in Figure 3. Join two squares together; repeat. Join the pieced units to complete square. Press seams. You might want to press the seams open as they are somewhat bulky.



Figure 3

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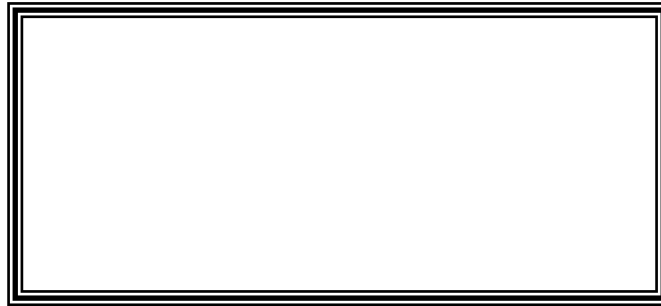
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welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm  
AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the  
First Presbyterian  
Church on  
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29  
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visit our web site at  
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### **Betty Kilroy's March Birthday Party**

- 02 Nikki Walsh
- 03 Bonnie Tester
- 03 Janet Currotto
- 04 Sandy DeLaney
- 07 Barbara Laskowski
- 11 Cynthia Porter
- 12 Kathy Goodin
- 13 Judith Young
- 13 Kesten Blake
- 14 Bonnie Stapleton
- 15 Georgia Morris

- 19 Barbara Bregman
- 22 Margaret Minton
- 24 Elaine Bishop
- 26 Darlys Hughes
- 31 Marge Bowers

### **CALENDAR**

- March 3 - Love Quilts
- March 7 - Love Quilts