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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

May 2015

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

It's a beautiful spring day today. Who would have thought we would see such a day as we slogged our way through this past winter. I pulled out the book "101 Log Cabin Blocks" circa 1997 and decided to paper piece a variety from the block. I have to admit I got some motivation from Bonnie Hunter as she talked about saving scraps. So I pulled out my brightest bits and pieces. I found a particular favorite block, skewed windows, and find this very addictive. I don't suppose any of you have found quilting to be additive!

We have another unique quilt show coming up: the 15th Annual Circle of Friends show at the Patuxent Institute for Women. I hope many of you signed up for this by the May 1 deadline. The quilting group takes great pride in the quilts they make. For you machine piecers, imagine sewing everything by hand. But the inmates do it and enjoy it. The neat thing about these women is how much they enjoy helping others through the quilts that they donate. I recently began volunteering at PIW and have seen and heard these emotions. In my mind the show is about these women, giving them a much-needed pat on the back. So I encourage you all to attend if you can.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR FAITHFUL CIRCLE BOARD MEMBERS

As required per our bylaws, the Nominating Committee is presenting the proposed slate of officers for 2015-2016.

- President - Nancy Meier
- Night Vice President- Amy May
- Day Vice President - Mary Beth Little
- Day Secretary - Sandy Reading
- Night Secretary - Linda Kerrick
- Primary Treasurer - Geri Flester
- Secondary Treasurer - Nancy Evans

Voting for board members will be on Monday May 18 and Thursday May 21. The installation of officers ceremony is Monday June 1st and Thursday June 4th at the parties.

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

The round robin is in the final stage and we should all be working on the last border! This is the third border and should include at least 3 different fabrics (including the focus fabric). This border must incorporate some square or rectangular elements. NOTE TO ALL: The final results will be displayed to all members on Thursday, May 7th and Monday, May 11. If you have problems with either the assembly or the due dates, please contact Janette Tarr, jmtarr79@gmail.com or 410-465-5038, so that we can make other arrangements.

PRISON QUILT SHOW

From Sandy McDonald

Members of Faithful Circle are invited to the show scheduled for May 20 at the Patuxent Institute for Women in Jessup, MD. Due to updated nation-wide security requirements, all guests are now required to provide their: name, date of birth, social security number, and driver's license number. A background check will be completed for each guest in order to enter the facility. If you would like to attend the quilt show at Patuxent, please contact me (410-461-4337).

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.

PROJECT LINUS

From Stephanie Sanidas



Our "Cuddly Critters" Project Linus Challenge will begin at the June parties. FCQ Members are encouraged to join the challenge to make a donation quilt that will make a child smile. Quilts can be abstract, literal, whatever inspires your creativity. Think about the Susan Carlson lecture, where unconventional fabric was used to make animals. Or think about quilt blocks named after animals (geese, bears, etc.). Quilts should be finished by January 1st 2016, just in time for registration for our 2016 quilt show. Thanks to Genie Corbin for storing five large bins of donation fabric until we could begin this challenge. Make sure you pick up your mystery challenge fabric bag in June. Contact Stephanie Sanidas if you have any questions.

If you are wondering if Project Linus really needs so many quilts, the answer is YES. Our Howard County Project Linus Coordinator told us Johns Hopkins Children's Center needs 60 quilts each month for new pediatric patients. Our challenge will produce enough quilts for one hospital, for one month. Our quilt donations are needed and greatly appreciated.

And thanks to our members for making 25 patriotic quilts that were donated to the TAPS Memorial Day weekend camp. It's wonderful to belong to a caring and charitable group.

KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT

From Stephanie Sanidas

Thank you for supporting Komen's efforts to find a cure for breast cancer. FCQ donated 5 quilts and a pink shawl to the April Quilt Raffle in Ocean City. Special thanks to the following members for sharing their time and talents: Sue Campise, Genie Corbin, Margo Cramer, Sue Haynie, Marianne Hendrickse, Darlys Hughes, Maria O'Haver, Janet O'Leary, Jane Pollitt, and Janette Tarr. The next Komen quilt raffle is October 25th in Hunt Valley. Contact Stephanie Sanidas or Darlys Hughes if you have questions.

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.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

A big Thank You to all our guild members who so generously give of their time to help with Love Quilts. This past year we were very fortunate to receive some very large donations of fabric and thread. Quilts donated to date total 250, and have gone to agencies in our area who help those in need. This year quilts were donated to Sarah's House, GrassRoots, Christian Services of Howard County and the Howard County Hospital Foundation. The guild will work on Love Quilts on Monday evening May 4 and on Thursday morning May 7. At this time we will we tie quilts, sew on bindings and labels. The Love Quilt committee will meet at my house May 18, 1pm to 3 pm. Anyone wishing to help with Love Quilts, but unable to attend these meetings can contact me and I will provide fabric and other supplies. Some of our members are able to do the following at home....cut squares, stitch on bindings and of course stitch up quilt tops.

HEART BLOCKS

FOR ROSE PANCZENKO

Rose has requested batik hearts on cream background. The unfinished size for the web site block is 7-inches. Blocks will be finished at 6 1/2". Send your blocks to Rose with a card to wish her well.

FOR MITSN MITCHELL

Mitsn is recovering from a bilateral mastectomy and is recovering at home. She has requested red hearts on a cream background. Send your blocks to Mitsn.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - GO WILD!

From Sharon Roton



Our menagerie is growing! You have one more month to make a block and get into the drawing for all the great blocks that have been turned in already. Our theme is animals -- wild ones, domesticated ones, insects, fish, or birds. Your block can be pictorial or you can use animal-themed fabric, any technique, 9-1/2" x 9-1/2" unfinished (9 x 9 finished). The drawing will take place at the Monday summer party on June 1st.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - May 2015
Barbara Fritchie Star from January 1993
From Pat Wyatt

Congratulations to March's BOM winner – Janette Tarr.

May's Block of the Month is the **Barbara Fritchie Star** last done by Faithful Circle quilters in January 1993. Barbara Fritchie is recalled as an elderly woman who waved a Union flag from her attic while General Stonewall Jackson marched his Confederate troops through town. Jackson ordered his men to fire at the defiant woman. "Shoot if you must, this old gray head, but spare your country's flag, she said." In the 1930s *Needlecraft Magazine* published an article by Helen Rockwell Adams who had visited the recreation of Barbara Fritchie's house in Maryland. On the bed she saw a saw tooth star, which "tradition assures us that Barbara made...with her own hands." Adams pictured a block, naming it Barbara Fritchie's Design. This version is Block Base number #1140, given the name Barbara Fritchie by the Grandmother Clark needlework company in 1932. It is one triangular pattern piece, sewn into squares and shaded as a star and pinwheel. Information Source: Civil War Quilts, Reproduction Quilts & Fabric from Barbara Brackman's BlogSpot on <http://civilwarquilts>.

Cutting an 8" Finished Block

Cut squares 2-7/8". Cut 4 dark, 2 medium light, 2 medium dark and 6 light. Cut each in half diagonally. Please use your choice of fabrics. It will be interesting to see the results! You need 8 dark triangles, 4 medium light, 4 medium dark and 12 light triangles



Stitch triangles to make 4 squares like this.



8 squares like this

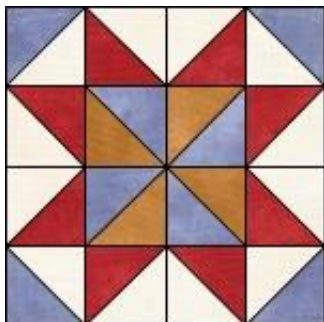


And 4 squares like this.



Make 4 patches for each corner, being careful to place the shading correctly.

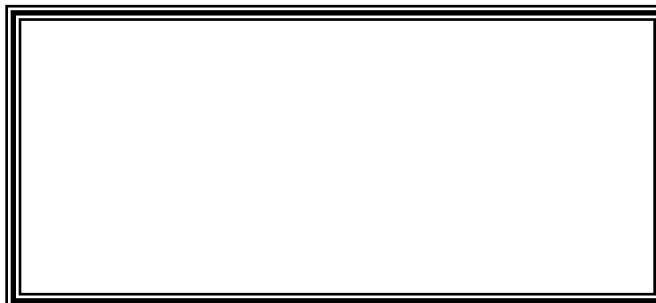
Stitch the 4 patches together as shown below.



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/// interested in quilts and
/// quilting.
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/// evenings
/// from 7 to 9 pm
/// AND
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/// from
/// 10 am to 2 pm
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Betty Kilroy May Birthday Party

- 01 Shelby Sanett
- 03 Carol Brown
- 05 Barbara LaNore
- 06 Loren (Buck) Buchanan
- 06 Edith Candee
- 08 Kim Reading
- 10 Dede Edwards
- 12 Margo Cramer
- 15 Inge Stocklin
- 16 Marianne Hendrickse
- 17 Jane Ebert
- 20 Barbara Walkup
- 23 Mary Beth Little
- 26 Barbara Blue
- 30 Nora Goldstein

CALENDAR

- May 1** - TAPS quilts due
- May 4 & 7** - Love Quilts
- May 7 & 11** - Final Round Robin due
- May 9** - Board Meeting
- May 13 & 27** - Caring Hands
- May 20** - Prison Quilt Show
- May 18 & 21** - Vote for Board
- June 1 & 4** - Summer parties
- June 5-6** - Spring Retreat