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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

One of the most compelling Project Linus stories I have read was that of a woman named Joni Crane in Colorado. Joni was asked to make a film about Project Linus. She had interviewed the founder Karen Loucks Baker and filmed several quilting bees and the faces of children in hospitals who were the recipients of a hand-made blanket. Then there was Columbine.

Joni worked with her Church to set up memorial services, prayer vigils, hire counselors and establish discussion groups for the 126 young people in her Church that were involved. She also called Karen Baker to ask for Project Linus blankets. She took the 26 quilts she received to the counselors and was told they wouldn't be needed-- "we're not dealing with 6 year olds here". But a miracle happened. The first small group of teen agers, who were not able to communicate at all about their experiences, wrapped themselves in the quilts, begin to cry and talk all at once. The counselors immediately called Joni, said they were wrong, and "please, please send more blankets". Joni organized a marathon quilting session, making 150 quilts in a 24 hour period. And then the requests poured in and Joni organized a 3 day round the clock quilt-a-thon to meet the demand. And if there is a moral to the story, it's that events as Columbine reminds us that the world is not all that secure. But with people like Joni (and maybe our Stephanie), we can provide warmth and love to those children in need. I'm proud of us for doing our part.

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

SUSAN CARLSON IS COMING TO FCQ IN FEBRUARY

Susan will be giving a lecture for Faithful Circle Quilters on Thursday Feb 12. This is an inspirational and informative slide-show and lecture starting with her first fabric experiments of more than twenty years ago, in which she began to combine fabric and art. Susan believes these early projects led to the fabric collage method that began in 1990. The slide lecture traces this progression of her quilts to the present day, with insights and stories for each. The step-by-step development of a piece is shown, from the original inspiration to the finished wall hanging. Susan shares techniques and hints for design, fabric selection, construction, borders, and quilting. To accompany the slide presentation, she displays a selection of quilts, allowing viewers to examine completed pieces and to see up-close how her techniques are applied. Susan's website: <http://www.susancarlson.com>

Susan will also be teaching a class for us on her fabric collage technique on Friday & Saturday Feb 13&14. The fee for this two day class is \$100 for members. The class is called "Cutting Loose". Cutting Loose demonstrates a looser approach to the piecing and assembly of a wall quilt. Emphasis will be placed on the collage piecing process. Patterns or templates will not be used. Instead, students will sketch their design onto a foundation fabric and fill in the design with fabrics of their choice. This encourages playfulness, serendipity, and a willingness to "cut loose." Due to time constraints, students need to create a fish, butterfly, or bug. Designs will be available from Susan for a small fee. Registration for this class is open now. Contact Maria O'Haver (maria.ohaver@gmail.com or 410-750-3866).



BONNIE HUNTER CLASSES ANNOUNCED

Bonnie Hunter will be at FCQ for a lecture on Thursday April 9, 2015 and two classes on Thursday April 9 and Friday April 10. Both classes will include a potluck meal, so class members will each bring an item to share.

Thursday's class will be from 1pm - 7pm and will be "Love Shack". Learn to piece Maverick Stars, Wonky Hearts, Happy Scrappy Houses, Strings, Crumbs and Alphabet Letters to make a small wall

hanging. Similar to the Modern Art guild class, you will learn techniques to make several scrappy blocks. This pattern is not currently published and is only available at Bonnie's workshop. Friday's class will be from 10-4pm and will be "Talking Turkey" from the String Fling book. Improve your piecing skills by creating 12 inch blocks made from smaller units of nine patches, flying geese, and string triangles. Units can be made using the Easy Angle and Companion rulers if so desired. Signup for the classes will begin January 12. You can contact Maria O'Haver after that date to sign up. Final class lists will be selected by lottery, if necessary, on February 9. You do not need to be present to get on the class list in January or be selected by lottery. Lottery details will be available at meetings. The lecture will be limited to attendance by members only.

SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

June 13, 2015 Lecture from Sue Nichols
June 11 & 13, 2015 Two classes from Sue Nichols
October 2-4, 2015 Fall retreat at Pecometh with workshop by Marge Tucker

OCTOBER SILENT AUCTION

From Rose Panczenko

Because of your generosity, we raised \$1649.50 for the Church for their Thanksgiving Baskets. YOU made it possible for deserving Howard County families to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you so much. A special thank you to all who helped and supported me and the auction before, during and after this event. I couldn't have done it without you!

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

From Peg McClelland

Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas Stockings again this year. The day of the sew-in we put together 52. In total, we have about 130. The stockings are lovely and will help to brighten the lives of many children. I do not know yet exactly how many stockings the church needs this year, but I am sure we have plenty, including enough to give one to each of the Head Start children if the church wishes to do that again this season. I also want to recognize the ongoing efforts of Beth Bohac, Stephanie Sanidas, Janet O'Leary, Margaret Ward and the ladies of Caring Hands who are pivotal each year in cutting fabric, putting together kits and just doing whatever they can to ensure that the project is a success.

NOVEMBER SEW-IN

From Beth Cooper

On Saturday November 8 at 10:00 we will have a sew-in to repair the drapes for the Quilt Show. They've all gone out to be washed and if you have any at home or in your car please bring them back to me so I can measure and sort them before Saturday morning. You will need to bring a sewing machine and white thread. I'll bring an ironing board and iron but we'll probably need 1 more so if someone can bring them let me know. It will be a productive and rewarding morning and just think HOW NICE THE DRAPES WILL LOOK in 2016. Looking forward to seeing you November 8th! If you have any questions, please contact me at 410 461-3659 or beth.cycle@gmail.com.

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

The Round Robin Challenge continues with your fourth block due on Thursday, November 20 or Monday, November 24.

If you have problems with any of these dates, please contact Janette Tarr, jmtarr79@gmail.com or 410-465-5038, so that we can make other arrangements.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

"Many hands make light work." This phrase fits our guild perfectly.....each individual does what she is capable of and /or enjoys doing, and together we are able to provide quilts for those in need. Thanks to our generous donors, and all those members who cut squares of fabric, piece the tops, tie the quilts and stitch on bindings and labels. And last but not least a big thank you for the yummy snacks provided each month. Love quilts days for November are Monday 11/3/14 and Thursday 11/6/14. The Love Quilt Committee will meet at my house Monday 11/17/14 from 1 to 3 pm. Call for directions or if you have any questions regarding Love Quilts.

PIW QUILT SHOW

From Sandy McDonald

Inge Stocklin, Sandy McDonald, Gayle Sternheim, Virginia Fry, and Nancy Meier would like to invite the members of Faithful Circle to the 15th annual quilt show at the Patuxent Institute for Women. The show date is Wednesday, November 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the facility in Jessup, Maryland. Please plan to be at the facility by 12:30 p.m. You must have a photo ID with you. You may only take into the facility your driver's license and your car keys. Please leave everything else locked in your car. Members from

Faithful Circle have attended the show at Patuxent in the past to show their support for the women in our program. The women are always anxious to speak with other quilters, especially those from Faithful Circle.

All of the quilts produced by the women at PIW are donated to local-area charities. Those charities have included: The House of Ruth, Sarah's House, Johns Hopkins Children's Center and Grass Roots, St. Josephs and Villa Maria, and St. Ann's Children's Home. Over the past 15 years, the women have produced over 800 quilts as well as many crocheted baby items.

If you are interested in attending, please call or email Sandy McDonald at (410-461-4337) or slmcdonald121@gmail.com. **You must register by November 4.** This is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon in the company of quilters who have given so much of themselves. It's their way of giving back to their community. They are proud of their accomplishments, and we're proud of them.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

From Nancy G. Martin

October saw the FCQ History committee accomplishing a major goal: over 200 photos and 133 documents have been scanned and digitized! Carol Petranek led the way through this process with her knowledge of the hardware and software available at the Family History Center in Silver Spring. What a great facility! If you are at all interested in tracing your family's roots, this would be the place to start.

Next, we need to pick out the highlights that will trace FCQ's long history and accomplishments that will go onto our website. For this, we are looking for a few more volunteers, particularly members who have "roots" in FCQ's past. This would consist mainly of reading through materials, looking at pictures, and jotting down what YOU think is important to share. Then, we'd have (hopefully) ONE meeting of us all to find areas of agreement, and choose pertinent photos. Monday members, please feel free to join us! Your input is just as important. We'll find a way to juggle the schedules.

There still will be a few albums. Instead of 14 or 15, we're down to 4 or 5. And that was one of our goals, too. I think we began last January. It would be nice to finish by this January!

NEWS OF INTEREST

QUILTER'S QUEST SHOP HOP - MD & northern VA

November 7-16, 2014

Go to www.quiltersquest.org for information.

QUILT RETREAT

From Paula Henry

Our annual quilt retreat will take place June 5-7, 2015 at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Housing is hotel-style, double occupancy with 2 rooms available for single occupancy. This year, six meals will be provided beginning with lunch on Friday and ending with brunch on Sunday. The sewing room will be available for our use from Friday at 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday. The cost for the retreat will be \$230 per person for double occupancy and \$355 for single occupancy. The current plan is for an unstructured weekend where you can bring and work on any of your own projects. This is a great opportunity to get away, relax, sew and socialize with some of your fellow guild members. Registration will begin on **December 1st** and end when the maximum number is reached. Registration is first come, first served, and your spot is secured once your deposit is received. Space is limited to 26 people. To reserve your spot, contact Paula Henry, 410-531-6632. Please provide the name of your roommate, indicate that you would like to be paired up with someone, or state that you are requesting a single room when sending your deposit.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - Black and White with a Touch of Bright

From Sharon Roton

Have you seen all the gorgeous black/white/bright blocks that have come in already? They are amazing, and they could be yours if you put a block in and we draw your name at the Monday night holiday party on 1 December! You still have time, but don't delay -- December will be here before you know it! Blocks should be 9" finished (9-1/2" unfinished), any pattern, style, or technique, using black and white fabrics with a touch of any bright color.

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

NEW ADDRESS

Margaret Ward has moved into her new house in Georgia. If you have made a friendship block for her you can send it to her at - 1121 Blankets Creek Drive, Canton, GA 30114.

FOR BONNIE DANK

Bonnie Dank has recently undergone bilateral mastectomy and is recovering at home. In support, she has requested ANY (not necessarily heart) pink and white 9.5-inch blocks (to finish at 9 inches square). Please do not sign the blocks, as her intention is to sew them into a quilt for a future Susan G. Komen raffle.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - November 2014

Star

From Pat Wyatt

November's Block of the Month is "Star" from November 2000.

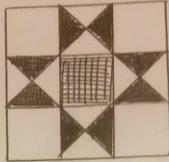
The block size is 9" finished. I recommend choosing a "fall" color scheme with four complementary colors (A, B, C, D).

We had almost 30 blocks for September's Railroad Crossing. The winners were Linda Bernard and Kathy Lee. Congratulations!

November Block-of-the-Month

"Star" block

Block size 9" finished
9 1/2" unfinished



FCQ
11/2000

Color Scheme: "Fall" colors; You'll need 4 of them - A, B, C, D

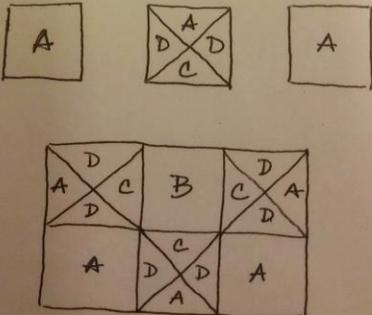
Cutting Instructions:

- Cut 4 - 3 1/2" squares (A)
- Cut 1 - 4 1/4" square (A), then cut in half diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles
- Cut 1 - 3 1/2" square (B)
- Cut 1 - 4 1/4" square (C), then cut in half diagonally twice to yield 4 triangles
- Cut 2 - 4 1/4" squares (D), then cut in half diagonally twice to yield 8 triangles

Assemble 4 units as shown;



Assemble block:

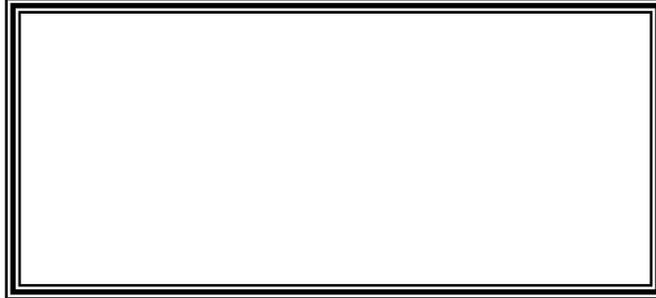


The assembly diagram shows a 3x3 grid of blocks. The top row consists of a star-shaped block (A, D, C, D), a square block (B), and another star-shaped block (D, C, A, D). The bottom row consists of a square block (A), a star-shaped block (D, C, D, A), and a square block (A).

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/// welcomes anyone
/// interested in quilts and
/// quilting.
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/// We meet on Monday
/// evenings
/// from 7 to 9 pm
/// AND
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/// Thursday mornings
/// from
/// 10 am to 2 pm
/// At the
/// First Presbyterian
/// Church on
/// Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
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Betty Kilroy November Birthday Party

- 03 Virginia Fry
- 11 Mary McCahill
- 12 Maggie Nebel
- 14 Emily Wheeler
- 23 Linda Schiffer
- 24 Janette Tarr
- 27 Trish Loesch
- 28 Leah Hurwich

CALENDAR

- Nov 3 - Round Robin due
- Nov 3 & 6 - Love Quilts
- Nov 8 - Board Meeting and Sew In
- Nov 12 & 19 - Caring Hands
- Nov 20 or 24 - Round Robin due