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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

I was so pleased today to give the First Presbyterian Church a check for \$2,075 for their Thanksgiving baskets. The woman who heads up that program for the church seemed amazed and very appreciative. If this guild is nothing else, it is very involved with helping the community.

At the guild meeting today I announced the need for two volunteers. That doesn't include FRANCES PARKER's willingness to run the block-of-the-month for the next six months. Thank you, Frances. The board agreed at the last meeting to reinvigorate Saturday sew-ins and demos at guild meetings. When I asked for someone to coordinate the sew-ins and demos, CAROL PETRANEK agreed to be that person and so another "thank you" goes to her. The more difficult position to fill will be the Love Quilt chair in September, when MARIANNE HENDRICKSE needs a replacement. I know it could be a challenging position and Marianne is doing such a great job. And the fear of all that fabric and quilts looms in many minds. The job doesn't *have to* be just one person, and I always welcome creative ideas for getting our jobs done. Our love quilts are an important part of our community outreach. And there is much talent within the guild to help with this effort.

So I will go back to looking out the window from my sewing machine. This time the stinkbugs are gone and trees outside have reached their fall peak. Such color!

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

Over the years, Faithful Circle quilters have donated hundreds of quilts to many organizations and individuals in need. In September that need hit close to home when a number of people were left homeless after a gas explosion and fire in Columbia. With STEPHANIE SANIDAS and VICKI GREISMAN as the liaisons, we were able to donate 11 quilts. We received beautiful handwritten thank you notes from the recipients. One was so pleased to have a quilt as she had lost quilts, which had been made by her grandmother and great-grandmother, in the fire. Another recipient thanked us for the "his and her quilts" that the family received.

Although we might never know where each and every quilt goes, it certainly warms our hearts to know that they are greatly appreciated. Thank you quilters for all your donations of fabric, time, and talent.

Love Quilts will meet Monday evening 11/2/15 and Thursday morning 11/5/15 at our regular guild meetings. The Love Quilts committee will meet at my house on Monday 11/16/15 from 1 to 3pm. At these group get-togethers, we cut fabric, put kits together, and stitch on bindings and labels. If you would like to help with love quilts but are unable to attend any of these meetings, contact me and I will make sure that you have the necessary supplies.

LECTURE WITH DIANE RUSIN FORAN CONTEMPORARY QUILT MAKER MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 7:15PM

From Maria O'Haver

Diane Rusin Foran, Contemporary Quilt Maker, has always been fascinated by color and fabric. She has been sewing since childhood, and quilting since 1987. Her work focuses on digital imagery and complex machine quilting. Diane's quilts have been widely exhibited and won numerous awards at a variety of major shows. She is the author of two instructional DVDs, *Digital Collage for Quilt Design: From Start to Finish* and *Digital Surface Design*, as well as many magazine articles. Diane is an editor for *Machine Quilting Unlimited* magazine and has appeared on QATV several times.

Having tried nearly every style of quilting over the years, from traditional to cutting edge, Diane has lots of quilts to share, many of them award winners. Early on she began using computers to assist her in designing her quilts, and also as a means of connecting with quilters around the world. In her lecture/trunk show she shows these quilts and tells the story of how her work has evolved through the years, along with the many ways that computers have been invaluable to her from an artistic and networking standpoint. You can see her quilts at www.dianedoran.com and visit her at oohprettycolors.blogspot.com.

PROJECT LINUS CRITTERS CHALLENGE

From Stephanie Sanidas

It's not too late to join the challenge: there are 3 fabric mystery bags left! Challenge quilts should be finished by January 2016, for quilt show registration. If you are not entering your quilt in the show, quilts should be finished by May 1, 2016. Contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS to get your challenge fabric, so you can create a cuddly quilt for Project Linus.

QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION INFORMATION

From Janette Tarr and Elaine Bishop

Registration for quilts to be displayed in our 2016 show begins on Monday, January 4th and will end Monday, March 21st, 2016. Please get your entries ready!

Also, remember that *no registrations will be accepted after registration ends*. A representative of the committee will be at all meetings to "gently" remind you to have your entries ready for early registration. All members may submit up to five (5) quilts, but please remember there is limited space in the church. Prioritize your quilts as "1", "2", "3", etc. In the event that there are too many quilts to display, your prioritization will help our quilt hangers decide which of your quilts is most important for you to have shown.

All of the Project Linus Cuddly Critters Challenge quilts will be displayed, so please remember to enter your "Critters" quilt!

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

By Margaret Minton

Calling all the busy bees!! We know you are busy making those wonderful wall-hangings, purses, table runners, banners, placemats, and other delightful gifts for the upcoming holiday season. It would be so easy to just make *one more* to be donated to the quilt show silent auction. We are looking forward to a very successful show with your help. Please see SANDY READING or MARGARET MINTON to submit your wonderful donation.

QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac

Have you finished your to-do list for holiday gift giving? Maybe you have an extra hour while the turkey is in the oven on Thanksgiving Day (or even better, you aren't the chef this year!)? Why not make a few items for the \$10 and Under Table?

Check out sites like www.sewcanshe.com, www.jenniferjangles.com or www.craftsy.com for free patterns. Or check with Janet O'Leary, who's keeping a notebook of possible projects. Think of the fun you will have making a quick project - and the fun we'll all have shopping at the quilt show! Thank you all so much for your support.

WHITE TEE SHIRT COLLECTION

From Georgia Morris

It's that time of year!! I will be collecting plain white tee shirts for the Howard County Hospital Emergency Room for children with ruined shirts. Collection will begin with the first meeting in November and end at the Holiday Party in December. Shirts must be new, still in the package. Looking for medium, large, and extra-large sizes but all sizes are welcomed. Shirts can be found in the boys department (these are undershirts) in most department stores--WalMart and Target usually have the best prices. Thanks very much, GEORGIA MORRIS.

HISTORY PROJECT DRAWS TO A CLOSE

By Nancy Martin

A little more than a year and a half ago, a committee was organized to look into Faithful Circle's voluminous amount of physical history. Our goals were to:

- 1. Create a concise history of the guild*
- 2. Organize and scan materials*
- 3. Decide what to keep in "hard copy"*
- 4. Develop a format to follow going forward*

Goal number 3 was tackled first and consisted of going through the many carefully kept, but deteriorating, albums. We worked as a group, at meetings, and also took albums home. We marked important items thought worthy of keeping, and then took a consensus of the committee members.

That led to Goal number 2. I made a listing of all of the items we had chosen. Then, all of the photos and newspaper articles and other memorabilia were scanned and stored on a thumb-drive under the excellent direction of CAROL PETRANEK. It was all done in just one day! All of the hard copy is still intact, and just needs to be organized.

Now for Goal number 1. We created a sort of mini-timeline of very important events up to the 25th Anniversary, keeping the guide-word "concise" in mind. These items have been organized in one album (down from 13 or 14!). Included are some of the social outreaches done by various members and groups such as "Caring Hands". Digital copies of these pages will be given to NANCY MEIER so they can be put on the website.

In addition, we kept the "Quilt Shows" album, which will be updated after each quilt show with a photo of the raffle quilt and other pertinent information. We had albums of special challenge events too, and these have been saved into one volume along with later challenges. It was felt that this would be a source demonstrating the creativity of the membership, as well as being an inspiration.

That leaves Goal number 4. We don't need to take and save lots and lots of photos anymore. We have wonderful access to photographs of finished quilts on our website, plus many of us photograph items at each meeting. We do need to collect materials about really special events that may occur in the future. We probably do need a designated "historian," and we definitely need a specified space in our cabinet where everyone can have access to the few scrapbooks that we have retained. (Executive board and/or librarian please take note!)

By January 2016, I expect to be able to "introduce" our historical archives to the guild. It has been a very educational undertaking. I have enjoyed working with fellow committee members: SUSAN LUTZ, CAROL PETRANEK, and JANE SCOTT.



"STAR STRUCK" WORKSHOP WITH GYLEEN FITZGERALD

From Maria O'Haver

On Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 9:00am-4:00pm, we will host Gyleen Fitzgerald for a workshop. She will teach her "Star Struck" project. One day is all it takes to make this 22" x 80" table or bed runner. She will teach her butterfly seam technique that makes the piecing effortless. Registration for this workshop is now open. Class fee is \$30 (Polygon Affair book and Polygon and Polygon 2 tools are required). See MARIA O'HAVER to sign up.



SPRING RETREAT MAY 2016

From Paula Henry

The annual FCQ spring retreat will be May 20-22, 2016 at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Cost for the retreat will be \$250 for double occupancy and \$390 for single occupancy. Registration will not take place until January 2016. For questions, please contact PAULA HENRY.

FUTURE "SAVE THE DATES"

From Maria O'Haver

Monday, July 11, 2016 - Lecture with Vikki Pignatelli

Saturday, July 16, 2016 - Workshop with Vikki Pignatelli

September 30-October 2, 2016 - Fall Educational Retreat with Diane Rusin Doran

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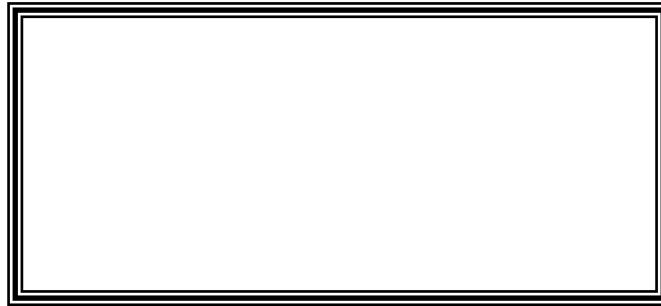
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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
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Columbia, MD

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www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



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

- November 2 & 6 - Love Quilts
- November 9 - Lecture with DIANE RUSIN
FORAN, 7:15pm