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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

Last spring I read [The Invention of Wings](#) by Sue Monk Kid. It's a fictional work based on Sarah Grimke and her sister, Angelina, who in the early 1800's became passionate speakers for the anti-slavery movement. They also had an impact on later feminists such as Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. One of the most interesting parts was the side story of a slave named Charlotte and her daughter Hetty (a.k.a. Handful). Charlotte was the slave seamstress for the Grimke family. And she sewed her life story into a quilt. Since most slaves couldn't read or write, these beautiful artistic quilts became a way to leave their story behind. Some early examples of story quilts can be found today in the work of a Georgian slave named Harriet Powers. Two of her quilts-- the Bible Quilt (1886) and the Pictorial Quilt (1895)--are now archived at the American History Museum in Washington and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Both are great examples of folk-art appliqué and can be found on the Internet.

It got me to thinking. If I were to make my own story quilt, what would I put on it? What are the most memorable events that I want to remember about my life or that I would want others to remember about me? And how would I portray these events? It seems appropriate that our class with Mary Lou Weidman should be on story quilts. How about you? What would your story quilt look like?

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

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).



SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

Bonnie Hunter Workshops: Thursday April 9 and Friday April 10

Registration for classes will be January 8-29. Final class rosters to be selected by lottery process. Contact Maria O'Haver to sign up in January. You don't need to be present to get on the class lists. More info at meetings.

Fall Retreat and Workshop - October 2-4, 2015

OCTOBER SILENT AUCTION

From Rose Panczenko

LAST REMINDER that our Annual Silent Auction to benefit First Presbyterian's Thanksgiving Basket Program will take place on Monday evening, OCTOBER 6th. Set up will begin at 6:45; bidding from 7:30 - 8:15. ANY ITEM MAY BE DONATED: small finished quilts, unfinished tops and projects, fabric (yardage, cut squares, strips, etc.) and patterns. NON QUILTING items are also welcome ... picture frames, jigsaw puzzles, plants, pottery, romance and mystery novels, yarn, embroidery, cross stitch ... anything you might consider to be a nice gift for someone would be wonderful. And, of course, FOOD!!!

PLEASE DONATE what you can and BID GENEROUSLY; it's all for A VERY GOOD CAUSE. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a monetary donation, any officer would be happy to pass it along to us. PAYMENTS will be CASH or CHECK ONLY; we are not set up for credit card payments.

Looking forward to seeing you OCTOBER 6th! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Panczenko at 410-992-1695 or roseofwashesquare@gmail.com.

ROUND ROBIN FOR 2014-2015

From Janette Tarr

The Round Robin Challenge is currently underway. Your second block is due on Thursday, October 9 or Monday, October 13. The third block will be due on Thursday, October 30 or Monday, November 3. 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

A great big "Thank You" to our generous guild members. Please note change in dates for love quilts. Because we have a visiting lecturer and the Silent Auction this month, we will be doing Love Quilts on Thursday morning 10/9/15, and Monday evening 10/13/14.

The Love Quilt Committee will meet at my house on Monday 10/20/14 at 1 to 3pm. Please call for directions. If you would like to help in any way but are unable to attend one of these meetings, please notify me and I will provide you with the necessary supplies. Some of our members stitch on bindings and labels or cut fabric into squares at their homes.

KOMEN QUILT FOR THE CURE OCTOBER 2014

From Stephanie Sanidas

Faithful Circle Quilters have made TWELVE raffle quilts for the Komen Quilt Raffle on October 26th. THANK YOU to the following members for donating their time and talent to raise money for Komen: Sue Campise, Carolyn May, Genie Corbin, Nina Godfrey, Jackie Hall, Marianne Hendrickse, Darlys Hughes, Silvia Hunter, Maria O'Haver, Janet O'Leary, Sandy Reading, Joyce Ritter, Stephanie Sanidas, Joyce Schneider, Janette Tarr, Margaret Ward, Pat Wyatt, and the FCQ EQilters (Pam Wilson, Beth Allendoerfer, Bonnie Stapleton, Fran Reardon, Joan Thorpe, and Janet Piche). The quilts will be photographed and added to the FCQ website if you miss viewing the quilts at an upcoming meeting. If you are planning ahead (Sue Haynie and Jane Pollitt already have their quilt tops finished), the next Komen quilt raffle is April 2015.

BALTIMORE APPLIQUE SOCIETY ON-LINE SILENT AUCTIONS

From Mary Beth Little

The BAS will be holding 2 on-line silent auctions in October. The proceeds will be divided between BAS and the Maryland Historical Society. The first auction will be held October 1-15 and the second continues October 20 - November 2. Small quilts (single blocks) are beautifully appliqued by such notable quilters as Mimi Deitrich and our own Janette Tarr and Della LaConte. If you missed catching the quilts at Spring Water Designs, they can be viewed at Baltimore Applique Society's website: <http://www.baltimoreapplique.com/bitsofbaltimore.php>

More quilts will be posted as pictures become available. Enjoy the online "quilt show" and consider supporting our sister guild and MHS in the conservation of antique quilts.

QUILT RETREAT

From Paula Henry

Our annual spring quilt retreat will take place June 5-7, 2015 at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Needlechasers Quilt Show and Artisan Boutique

When: Friday and Saturday October 17-18, 2014

Where: Kensington Armory/Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD.

Hours: Friday Oct 17 from 9am-6pm and Sat Oct 18 from 9am-4pm

Cost: Admission \$5, Children under 12 free, Free parking

200+ Traditional, Modern, and Art Quilts and fiber arts, Artisan Boutique of handcrafted gift items, Raffle Quilt, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction of quilts and fiber items, Calico Elephant (gently used quilting goodies), and Demos.

For more information call 301-951-0712 or go to www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show/

Four County Quilt Guild Quilt Bingo

When: October 18, 2014

Tickets: \$25.00 in advance (\$30 at the door)

Dinner prepared by the Mt. Airy Vol. Fire Co. and is included in the Ticket Price

Reserved seating for parties of 6 or more

Only 225 seats available so get your tickets early by contacting Coreen Burnett cb7cpa@verizon.net

See the flyer at <http://www.fourcountyquilters.com/> for dinner and address information

Southern Comforters Quilt Bingo

When: Sunday, October 19, 2014, Doors open 12:30pm, Bingo starts 2:00pm

Where: Knights of Columbus - Boswell Hall, 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD 20715

Cost: Admission \$20

With a donation of nonperishable food for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry you will receive one free raffle ticket that you may enter for the raffle basket of your choice.

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

From Sharon Roton

A recent trend in both fabric design and quilt making -- particularly modern quilts -- is the use of black and white with just a pop of a bright color, so that's what we're going to do for this block of the quarter. Make any 9-1/2" unfinished, 9" finished block, any design or technique, using either black and white and one bright fabric, or a black and white fabric that incorporates a touch of a bright color. Blocks will be drawn at the first Monday night meeting in December.

Kathy Lee won 28 gorgeous red, white and blue blocks in the September drawing.

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

For Margaret Ward - white center with Christmas colors

Margaret's new house is still under construction and we will be sending her blocks as soon as she moves in. Meanwhile, she sent this note to the guild:

"Thank you to all for the beautiful friendship blocks. Once I get the top done I will send a photo. I would love to have it done for this Christmas in our new home. Thank you again. Margaret"

For Anne Kelly - cream colored center and pastel floral corners

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - October 2014

London Stairs

From Pat Wyatt

October 2014 -- Block of the Month – A walk down memory lane continued: This block, which came from Anna Draper in May 1996, is called *London Stairs*. It is an *Endless Stairs* variation. Anna mentioned that it reminded her of a trip to England in 1986. The finished block is 12 ½” including seam allowances. Anna used blue fabric (her favorite color) in light, medium and dark. Please use light, medium and dark values of your favorite color. We'll have a rainbow of London Stairs!

Cutting Directions:

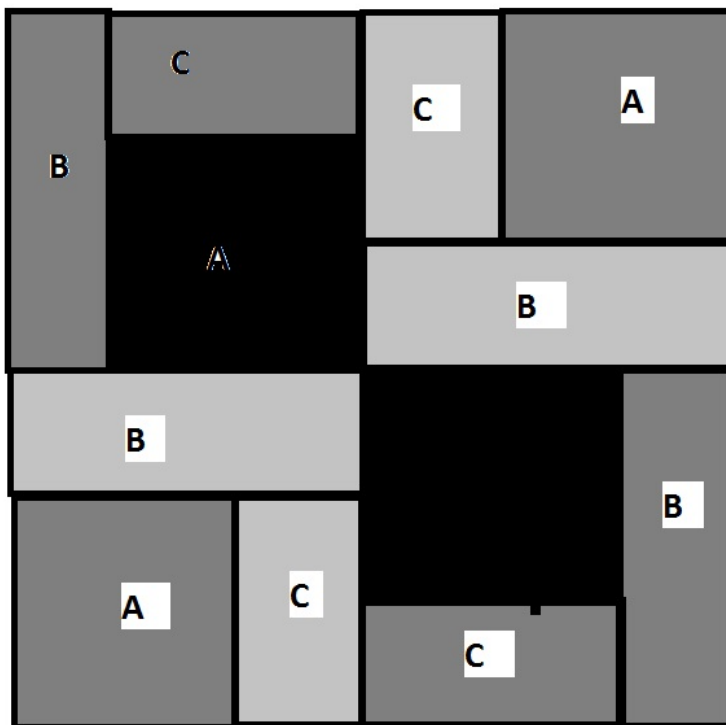
Square A: Cut four 4 ½ inch squares – 2 medium value and 2 dark value

Rectangle B: Cut four 2 ½ x 6 ½ inch rectangles – 2 light value and 2 medium value

Rectangle C: Cut four 2 ½ x 4 ½ inch rectangles – 2 light value and 2 medium value

Assemble four units consisting of one square A, one large rectangle B, and one small rectangle C. As you join the units together, pay attention to which way the square is pointed as well as the placement of light and dark to get the stair effect. (Please note that the drawing below is not to scale -- I've pretty much forgotten how to draw things like this on the laptop...)

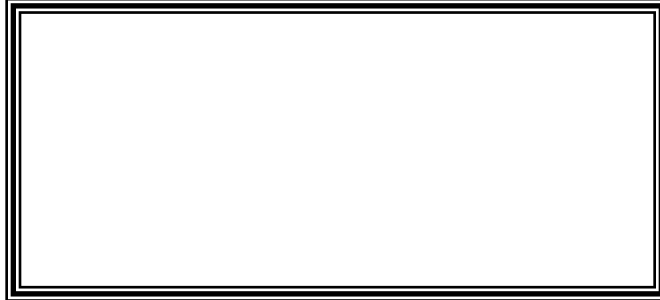
Hope you have fun making these squares for October! September's square was quite popular.



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/// from 7 to 9 pm
/// AND
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/// Thursday mornings
/// from
/// 10 am to 2 pm
/// At the
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/// Church on
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Betty Kilroy October Birthday Party

- 03 Stephanie Sanidas
- 03 Terry Wilson
- 04 Silvia Hunter
- 04 Janice Liesch
- 04 Susan Mitchell
- 05 Veronica Christensen
- 06 Sue Campise
- 07 Joyce Rozas
- 16 Sharon Rhoton
- 17 Beth Bohac
- 17 Mary Corbin
- 18 Alka Mital
- 19 Sandy Schlossberg
- 23 Jane Sonn

- 25 Maria O'Haver
- 26 Patricia Wyatt
- 28 Dawn Byrd

CALENDAR

- Oct 2 - Mary Lou Weidman Lecture
- Oct 4-5 - Mary Lou Weidman Class
- Oct 6 - Silent Auction
- Oct 9 & 13 - Love Quilts
- Oct 9 & 13 - Round Robin due
- Oct 17 - Shopping bus trip
- Oct 29 - Caring Hands
- Oct 30 - Round Robin due
- Nov 3 - Round Robin due