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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

September 2014

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

Ever wonder how our Guild got to where we are today?

FCQ has been around for over 40 years, founded in March 1971. Many of our "traditions" date back to our beginnings and live with us today. We were the 10th chapter of NQA (we're still members). As soon as we outgrew home meetings, we began to meet at the First Presbyterian Church (Betty Buck was one of our original members). Our first quilt show was in 1972, our first bus trip in 1986 (to the Great American Quilt Show in NY), our first block-of-the-month in 1987.

Over the years, we've participated in many quilting demos, art shows and sponsored various training events (Jenny Beyer was our first "outside" instructor). We've steadily grown from 35 members in 1975 to approximately 200 today. We've changed too. In the beginning, we only allowed hand piecing and hand quilting. Wow have we come a long way--enhancing our art of quilting to the many varied forms we do today!

This promises to be another great year. We have our traditional bus trips, education (fabulous classes planned this year), block of the month, Love Quilts as well as a round robin, a spring retreat, several sew-ins. But most of all, we still have that creativity and enthusiastic spirit of our founding quilters.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

***** MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 29 FOR YOU TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY *****

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

Several new classes are open for registration now. Contact Maria O'Haver for more information or to sign up. Payment is due upon registration.

Mary Lou Weidman Lecture on Thursday Oct. 2 10:30am - "Creative YOU"

This lecture covers all kinds of ways to become more creative. Mary Lou explains avenues of creativity, the personality of the creative person and how you can stretch and become more creative with your thoughts and your quilts. Prepare to be inspired and to go away thinking of things you want to do to be a new "creative YOU."

Mary Lou Weidman Class October 4 & 5

Registration is now open for Mary Lou's class, Story Quilts. Mary Lou is a process teacher and with this workshop we work with process, stretching, thought, growth, design, colors and how they work with other colors around them, composition and imagination. This class is for the quilter who wants to do something a little more involved (not hard), to develop and stretch and go on the road "less traveled." These quilts tell about you, what and who you love and with sentiments and smiles make the viewer know something special about the artist that they didn't know before. This class helps you "think" of events in your past with a positive, happy outlook and offers up many ideas that tell of you and events you remember. This surprises the artist often and lets process take flight as you stretch and learn as you sew. It is both fun and satisfying too.

The class will be held Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5 from 9-4pm. The cost for the class is \$100. FCQ will be sharing the class with Milltown, so there are 12 seats available in the class. Mary Lou will also be presenting a lecture called "The Creative You" on Thursday Oct. 2. Check out her website for more about Mary Lou's quilting (<http://www.marylouquilt designs.com>)

SAVE THESE DATES IN 2015:

- Feb 12 Lecture from Susan Carlson
- Feb 13/14 Class with Susan Carlson
- April 9 Lecture from Bonnie Hunter
- April 9 & 10 Two classes with Bonnie Hunter

OCTOBER SILENT AUCTION

From Rose Panczenko

This is a 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 by **cash or check only**; we are not set up for credit card payments.

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

BUS TRIPS FOR 2014

From Sandy Lynch, Eleanor Howe, Sheri Thompson



October 17 - shopping trip. The shopping trip to the Lancaster area is full, but we do have a waiting list. Cost is \$45, checks payable to MILLTOWN QUILTERS. The fee includes transportation, entrance to the show and driver's tip. The bus leaves from the parking lot in front of the church at 7:30 a.m. and is back close to 7 pm. Please give your payment to Sandy, Eleanor or Sheri or mail them to Sandy.

COLLECT YOUR PIECE OF HISTORY

From Nancy G. Martin

Over 13 Faithful Circle history albums have been reviewed, so far, in the process of reviewing and consolidating. Three volumes are being retained with small edits. All others have been carefully combed for the most significant information and photographs. The committee's goals are to retain those documents, digitally record them, and make them more accessible on our web-site and in our cabinet.

In the process, there are hundreds of beautiful photos that we must part with. They range from 1972 through 2013. These will be available at meetings for the next several months. Please browse through and take what you'd like. You may find yourself (or your quilts!) more often than you may think. If you see photos of former members, or Milltown members, please take them and pass them on! More will be added shortly, as there are about 6 more albums to review yet!

Our history has been long and productive. It's been a privilege to be able to view and sort through it. We hope that our efforts will create a more efficient way to store and view a history that continues to grow.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

Thanks to all guild members who have been very generous with donations of fabric and time. With the kids back at school it's time to get back on track with our Love quilts. Last year the following agencies benefitted from our "quilted hugs": Sarah's House, Christian Services of Howard County, GrassRoots Crisis Intervention, Howard County Hospital Foundation and Project Linus.

Please join us to assemble love quilts on Thursday 9/4/14 and Monday 9/8/14 at our guild meetings. The Love Quilt committee will meet at my house on Monday 9/15/14 from 1 to 3pm. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings but would still like to assist with Love Quilts, notify me and I will provide you with the needed supplies. Some of our members do the following at home.....cut fabric squares, bind quilts and stitch on labels. And remember.....Quilts are like friends- a great source of comfort.

ROUND ROBIN FOR 2014-2015

From Janette Tarr

Is your Round Robin Challenge block completed? Once again, four blocks will be made in the first four rounds, then assembled. The assembled piece will then be added to by a more traditional Round Robin and during the final three rounds, borders will be added.

If you are interested select a single focus fabric. Then come up with any block you would like using the focus fabric. This can be a pieced block, an applique block, or a combination of the two—anything you want.

The size of your block is also your choice from a 6" minimum to a 15" maximum. Whatever size you pick, three more blocks that exact size will then be made by your fellow members.

Also, the size of the block will help govern the amount of focus fabric needed. If you make a small block, no more than a yard need be included. With a 15" block, you may want to include as much as 2 yards.

Once you have completed your block, contact me, Janette Tarr (jmtarr79@gmail.com), and I will make sure you have an exchange bag and a 'block 1' marker. Pin the marker to your block. In the bag place your block and your focus fabric.

You will need to complete your block and turn it in at the meeting on Thursday, September 18 or Monday, September 22. At the meeting you will receive a different bag containing someone else's block and fabric. You will also receive instructions for the next step and deadline dates.

More information regarding this challenge will be discussed at meetings prior to the first turn in dates. Contact me if you have any questions.

FRIENDSHIP BLOCKS

For Margaret Ward

Margaret has moved to Georgia. She would like the Friendship Block with a white center. The other colors should be Christmas colors. Her new address will be available as soon as her house is ready.

For Anne Kelly

Anne is downsizing and moving to Talbot County. Anne would like a cream colored center and pastel floral corners.

Please be sure to sign your blocks.

KOMEN QUILT FOR THE CURE OCTOBER 2014

From Stephanie Sanidas

Thanks to the generous donations of time and talent, Faithful Circle Quilters have made four raffle quilts for the Komen Quilt Raffle on October 26th in Hunt Valley. If you want to donate a raffle quilt for the October race, the deadline is October 1st. If you are unable to meet this deadline, plan for the next quilt raffle in April 2015. Talk to Darlys Hughes or Stephanie Sanidas if you have any questions.

NEWS OF INTEREST

QUILT BINGO

The Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild will be holding a Quilt Bingo on Friday October 3. Doors open at 6 p.m. the games start at 7p.m. The event will be held at Tall Cedars (2501 Putty Hill Ave, Parkville, MD). Tickets for entry and bingo cards for 20 games is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. There will be door prizes, raffle baskets, food for sale, four special games (for special quilts) and more. Prizes are quilts made by BMQG members! Tickets are available from Maria O'Haver. All monies raised will go to help the BMQG put on their first quilt show sometime in 2015.

QUILT SHOW

The Flying Geese Quilt Guild of Hartford County presents "Harvest of Quilts"

When: Oct 4 10 am - 5 pm; Oct 5 11 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$7, Children 6-11 \$4

www.fggg.com

QUILTS WANTED FOR A TRAVELING EXHIBIT!!

Announcing an open call for Northern Virginia Quilt Consortium's (NVQC) (not to be confused with Virginia Consortium of Quilters) first exhibit entitled "Sheep Behaving Baaadly".

Specifics: Create a quilt which portrays a sheep exhibiting naughty behavior - or a sheep behaving baaadly!! Quilt size: between 20" x 24" and 40" x 48" (or shippable in a 20" x 24" box).

Due date: To the home of Renelda Peldunas-Harter by 15 October 2014. For more information check out QuiltedCora.blogspot.com or contact Renelda Peldunas-Harter at r.peldunas@comcast.net

CELTIC QUILT TOURS

Celtic Quilt Tours is offering two tours in 2015:

- 10 day Shop-Hop & Tour of Western Ireland (June 2 - 12, 2015)
- 10 Day Shop-Hop & Tour of Scotland (September 22 - October 2, 2015)

See www.celticquilttours.com or www.irelandquilttours.com or www.scotlandquilttours.com for details.

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.

MORE PHOTOS FROM NANCY CHONG'S CLASS

Lots of creative ideas - can't wait to see the quilts!



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - September 2014

Railroad Crossing

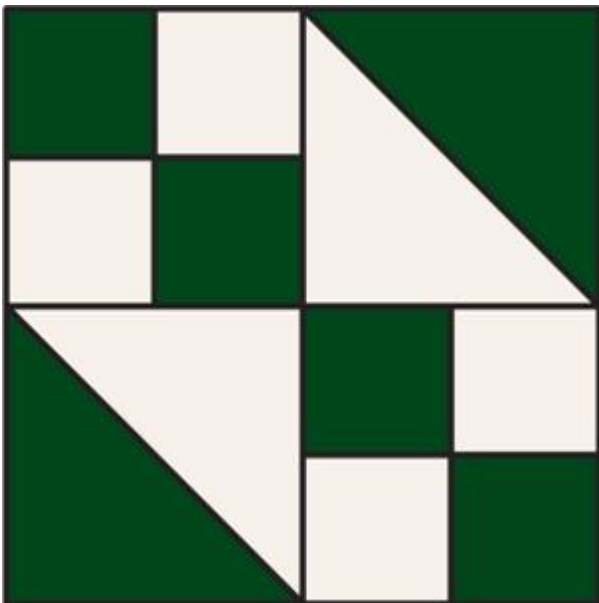
From Pat Wyatt

As I mentioned at the June Meetings, the Blocks of the Month for this year will be a trip down memory lane, based on blocks of the month done years ago by Faithful Circle quilters. We are starting our trip with a 12 inch Railroad Crossing Block (12 1/2 inches unfinished) from January 2005. Patty Stenpeck wrote up the following directions (slightly edited for brevity); she also made a *Wounded Soldier Quilt* using these blocks. Doing a bit of research I found that the Railroad Crossing block is a variation of the Irish Chain, often found in Amish blocks. Some sources also called this a Jacob's Ladder variation.

Railroad Crossing Block: This block is made up of two different units: 2 - four patch units and 2 - half square triangle units.

1. Cut two 7 inch squares of a light fabric and two 7 inch squares of a darker fabric.
2. **Half Square Triangle Units:** Take one light square and one dark square. Place right sides together with the dark fabric on the bottom. On the wrong side of the light fabric draw a line from corner to corner. Sew 1/4 inch away from both sides of the drawn line. Cut the square apart on the drawn diagonal line. Press to the dark fabric. Trim each to 6 1/2 inches.
3. **Four Patch Unit:** Take one light fabric square and one dark fabric square and place right sides together. Sew 1/4 inch seam on opposing two sides. Cut sewn square in half at 3 1/2 inches from cut edge. Press to the dark fabric. Next pair the sewn units right sides together reversing the values so that the light touches dark and the dark touches light. Sew 1/4 inch seam on two sides. Cut the sewn unit in half at 3 1/2 from cut edge. Press the units open. The resulting two units made should now measure 6 1/2 inches.
4. Sew the four units together as shown below. You can also reverse or play with the color orientation. The completed block will measure 12 1/2 inches square unfinished.

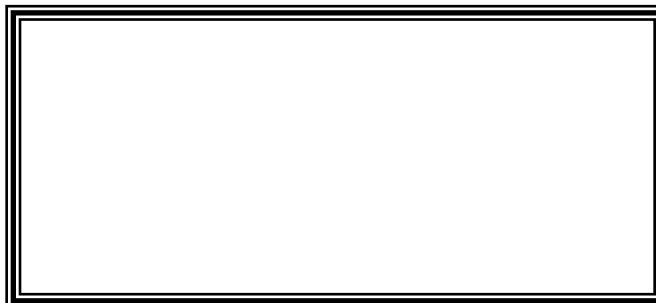
Patty found these directions in "Quick Quilt Tricks" by Billie Lauder. The picture below is from *501 Rotary-Cut Quilt Blocks* by Judy Hopkins.



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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
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Betty Kilroy September Birthday Party

01 Jane Sinek
03 Carolyn May
03 Cheri Nicodemus
08 Sue Ellian
10 Jane Lawson
10 Mitsn Mitchell
12 Barbara Buchanan
13 Eleanor Howe
14 Nelly Cuellar
16 Sharon Orange
18 Ann Corbett
19 Judi Warren
23 Rita Plonski
23 Joyce Ritter

26 Kenzie Preston
27 Kelly Walsh
28 Nancy G. Martin
29 Della LeConte
29 Sheila Riess

CALENDAR

Sep 4 & 8 - Love Quilts
Sep 6 - Board Meeting, 9:30 am
Sep 17 & 24 - Caring Hands
Sep 18 & 22 - Round Robin block due
Sep 29 - Membership form due
Oct 1 - Komen Quilts due