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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

The quilt guild isn't just about quilting--though it is a great place to get ideas and learn new quilting techniques. But in general conversation there is so much more to learn. I now know which workers to hire (or not hire) for various remodel and repair jobs, where the newest and best restaurants are located, all about the best cruises and trips (all over the world!), where to get my eyebrows tattooed or the best doctors--a whole range of important information necessary to everyday living.

But there are just interesting facts too--some loosely related to quilting. Did you know that cotton Baltimore Orioles fabric costs \$40 per 1/2 yard and that the wrapper from the inside of a cereal box makes a cool "food quality" crinkly sound when sewn into a tag blanket (kids and dogs love it)? And that the original Fort McHenry flag was made by Mary Pickerskill using dyed wool bunting that frays, a lot? Or on another note, that the space station is a very bright light that travels extremely fast when it flies overhead? (I saw it on a Monday night!). And who knew that cows lying down in a field doesn't actually mean it's going to rain?

I've also learned that everybody is unique and so ready to share of themselves. I'm so thankful for each and every one of you who has enriched my life. We have the best guild ever! And the best quilt show! Thanks to one and all.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

WHAT A FABULOUS QUILT SHOW!

It all started in 2013 with our beautiful *Birds of a Feather* raffle quilt (won by our own Dede Edwards). Since then many of us worked long and hard to make the show the success that it was. Final figures are not in yet, but it looks as if we have surpassed all our goals. Your hard work will definitely show benefits in our education and other activities throughout the coming two years.

Many thanks to all the committee chairs: Margo Cramer for the raffle quilt; Mary Beth Little for marketing the quilt; Nikki and Kelly Walsh for raffle ticket sale coordination; Nora Goldstein for show publicity; Caren Fitzpatrick for raffle baskets; Alka Mital for securing and assisting vendors; Janette Tarr and Sheva Farkas for getting our quilts registered; Beth Cooper and Kenzie Preston for display organization and set-up; Sandy McDonald for the charming decor; Carol Roberts for the well-attended demonstrations; Anne Kelly and Nancy G. Martin for Peddler's Table; Susan Mann, Sandy Schlossberg and Sherrin Murray for Silent Auction; Beth Bohac and Peg McClelland for the very popular "\$10 and under" table; Paula Henry for on-line coordination of volunteers; Margo Cramer for viewer's choice awards; and, of course, Susan Adams for outstanding kitchen coordination. This year's Silent Auction was really a treat, featuring so many items started by former member Joyce Schneider and finished by many of our members. Special, special thanks to Maria O'Haver for quilting several of these items.

Many, many special thanks to members who spent many hours in doing what was needed before, during, and after the show. We also thank the family members and friends who helped with set-up and take-down. A big thank-you is also offered for the members who presented demos in the library - good work!

The poles are back in the shed for two years, but soon it will be time to start on the 2016 raffle quilt. And thus it begins! We have proven that we have what it takes to put on a fabulous show. You have much to be proud of!

Heart-felt thanks from your quilt show chairs,
Sandy Reading and Margaret Minton

THE 2014 SILENT AUCTION

From Sandy Schlossberg, Susan Mann, Sherrin Murray

We are very grateful to all of the volunteers who helped us set up the room, distribute bid numbers and manage the closing process. Thanks to everyone who created the amazing items which helped to make this such a success.

\$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac and Peg McClelland

Thank you to everyone who made the \$10 and Under Table such a successful part of the quilt show!

QUILT SHOW FINANCIAL REPORT

From Janette Tarr

Yeah! We have successful completed another great quilt show. So, I will take off my Registration Committee hat and put on my Treasurer hat. Not all money transactions regarding the show are complete, but as of now (May 6), we have the following proceeds to report.

Admissions:	\$4409.00
Raffle Baskets	\$1058.00
Raffle quilt ticket sales	\$982.00
Silent Auction	\$3630.00
Peddler's Table (10%)	\$528.10
\$10 and Under	\$2567.00

There were lots of other miscellaneous incomes and expenses involved with the show, but the current net proceeds for the show are looking very good. Good job, everyone!

RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS

From Caren Fitzpatrick

Fat Quarters - Gail Orvos
Thread Basket - Carolyn May



RAFFLE QUILT WINNER

Dede Edwards

Other Basket:
Mary McKenna
Alka Mital
Jonifer Lennon
Linda Gleason
Marge Bowers

VIEWER'S CHOICE WINNERS

From Margo Cramer

Large Quilts: Geri Flester - Bountiful Blessings - Bargello
Runner up - Mary Corbin - Summer Daises
Medium Quilts: Joyce Ritter - Calm Seas and Prosperous Voyage
Runner up - Eleanor Fabiszak - Summer Garden
Small Quilts: Maria O'Haver - Sedona in December
Runner up - Sheila Riess - Cuppa Tea
Other: Athena Andrzejewski - Ellie Elephant
Runner up - Marianne Hendrickse - A Little Bit of Africa #2

BEST IN SHOW: Geri Flester - Bountiful Blessings

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The following is the slate for elected board members for the coming year:

President	Carolyn May
Night Vice President	Amy May
Day Vice President	Mary Beth Little
Night Secretary	Rose Panczenko
Day Secretary	Sandy Reading
Night Treasurer	Michelle Tarr
Day Treasurer	Janette Tarr

Elections will be held on Thursday, May 15, and Monday, May 19. Installation will be at our spring parties on June 2 and 5th.

THANK YOU BLOCKS

Traditionally we make thank you blocks for "retiring" board members. This year Margaret Minton, Nora Goldstein, Susan Mann and Sandy Schlossberg will be leaving. Here are their requests:

- Susan--blue and yellow, magic 9-patch
- Nora-- green and floral, magic 9-patch
- Sandy--black and white, magic 9-patch
- Margaret Minton - any color, 6 1/2" Bonnie Hunter "garlic knots"

Instructions for the magic 9-patch can be found on the website. Blocks should measure 6 inches finished. (Hint--start with two 7 1/2 inch blocks.)

Instructions for the garlic knot can be found in the December 2013 Newsletter.

Don't forget to sign each block. Let's make sure that Margaret, Nora, Susan, and Sandy know how much we appreciate them.

HEART BLOCKS FOR NIKKI WALSH

Nikki was recently thrown from her horse and has a long recovery ahead from her multiple fractures. To help keep her spirits up, please send her a heart block and a card. Blocks should be a cheerful color on a cream background. Kelly (her daughter) says she likes blue or "almost any color". Let's let Nikki know that we are thinking of her.

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

NANCY CHONG WORKSHOP - DESIGN YOUR OWN HAWAIIAN QUILT

Nancy Chong, owner of The Pacific Rim Quilt Company and master designer of Hawaiian quilts, will be teaching a two day workshop on Fri-Sat June 20 & 21 on how to design your own Hawaiian quilt. The cost of the workshop is \$100 for members (\$120 for non-members). Sign up now for remaining class slots by

contacting Maria O'Haver (maria.ohaver@gmail.com or 410-750-3866). Mark your calendars too for the lecture with Nancy on Thursday June 19.

ANTIQUÉ QUILT TRUNK SHOW

Our own Sandy McDonald will be sharing some of her antique quilts with us on Thursday May 22. Don't miss this great opportunity to see Sandy's amazing collection of quilts.

SAVE THE DATE - Mary Lou Weidman workshop on Oct 4 & 5

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

I do hope everyone enjoyed the quilt show and have had a few days to relax. While white-gloving, I received many compliments regarding the talent and friendliness of our guild members. Many people also expressed interest in our various volunteer groups. Last month we donated 10 large and 15 small quilts to Christian Services of Howard County, and have since received a beautiful note thanking us for our generous donation. Please note the date change for Love quilts this month - May 12 (Monday evening) and May 15 (Thursday morning). Love Quilt Committee will meet at my house May 19 (Monday 1pm to 3pm). You are all welcome to attend. Please contact me if you are unable to attend any of the love quilt events, but would still like to help out. I will prepare "Summer vacation packages" for those interested in stitching love quilt tops over the summer. Thank you for all your generosity.

BUS TRIP FOR 2014



Only two trips left for this year. September 19 for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza and October 17 for the shopping trip. All trips are \$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. The September trip has space, so please sign up and go along, always fun. The shopping trip has a waiting list. If you think you are interested please give Eleanor Howe, Sheri Thompson or Sandy Lynch a call.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Everybody's Quilt Guild is sponsoring a Miniature Quilt Bingo on May 8, 2014

Location: St. John's Portico, 43 Monroe Street, Westminster, MD 21157

Cost: \$15, (\$12 in advance - for these call Luray Rill 410-848-6633)

Time: 7 pm, doors open at 5 pm

QUILTERS UNLIMITED QUILT SHOW

You are cordially invited to the 41st Annual Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show - May 30, 31 and June 1. Go to the website for details: <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow/> Hope to see you there!

Carole Marti, Publicity Committee

QUILT TRAIL

To see quilt blocks painted on various barns in Carroll County, go to the following website for addresses <http://carrollcountytourism.org/index.php/barn-quilt-trail/>.

ON THE FCQ WEBSITE

New blog links on the FCQ site! This month links to machine quilting blogs have been added. Piece and Quilt follows a custom quilter and her designs and tips. You also can find some good ideas on using your walking foot at "31 days of walking foot." If you have a personal favorite, contact Linda Kerrick to have them added.

HELPFUL HINTS

Margo Cramer shares this caution. When I was reading the tip about the use of Press N' Seal for transferring Quilting designs, I was reminded of an experience of a FCQ member some years ago. She used a permanent black ultra-fine marker on the Press N' Seal and quilted through it with light thread onto a light fabric. Somehow the thread carried some of the black ink through to the light fabric and spoiled her quilt.

The fine tip permanent markers come in a variety of colors and I would suggest matching the color of ink to the color of the quilting thread. As an added precaution if you are tracing the quilting motif from a photocopy, I suggest placing a thin sheet of glass or plexiglass between the paper and the Press N' Seal to prevent it from picking up any copier toner from the paper and depositing it on the fabric.

I have taken these precautions ever since and have never had a problem with transferring ink or toner to my quilt.

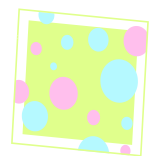
WANTED - CHAIRPERSONS FOR JUNE PARTIES

From Susan Mann

Chairpersons are needed to plan the Monday evening dinner scheduled for June 2 and the Thursday luncheon on June 5. Please step right up and volunteer. Just contact your friendly vice-president to let her know. Officers will be installed at each party.

POLKA DOT QUILT CHALLENGE CONCLUSION

From Stephanie Sanidas



If you were able to explore all of the rooms and hallways during our quilt show, you viewed 75 colorful and cheerful polka dot quilts. Each quilt is unique and special, like the children who will receive these Project Linus quilts. Our heartfelt gratitude to Margaret Minton for allowing us to be creative with her polka dot fabrics. Kudos to the following members for finishing TWO polka dot quilts with their challenge fabric: Geri Flester, Georgia Morris, Sri Poedjastoeti, Jackie Rider, Sally Timko, and Pat Wyatt. And special recognition to Barbara Laskowski and Nikki Walsh for each making THREE polka dot quilts. I hope everyone is looking forward to our next challenge opportunity to create a donation quilt.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - FLOWERS

From Sharon Roton



Now that the show is over and Spring is finally here, don't forget to make a flower block for the Block of the Quarter, to be drawn on Monday, June 2nd. You can make any flower, any size, any technique, on a sky blue or grass green background. Let's make our quilted garden as beautiful as our outside gardens!

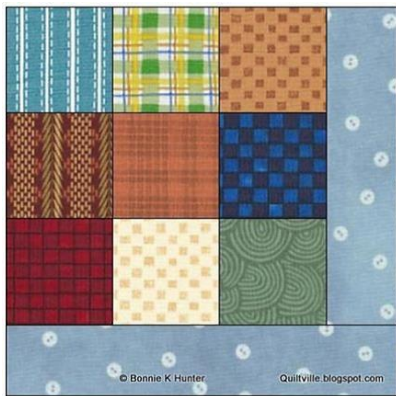
BLOCK OF THE MONTH - May 2014

Bonnie Hunter's Dancing Nine Patch

From Pat Wyatt

Stephanie Sanidas was the February winner. Jeannie Corbin was the March winner.

The block of the month for May is Bonnie Hunter's "Dancing Nine Patch" - <http://quiltville.com/pdf/Dancing%20Nine%20Patch.pdf> . This should be a quick and easy 11" square. These 9 patches were made with 2" squares cut from plaids, stripes and prints and sewn together with no attention paid to what was light or dark, just sewn randomly.

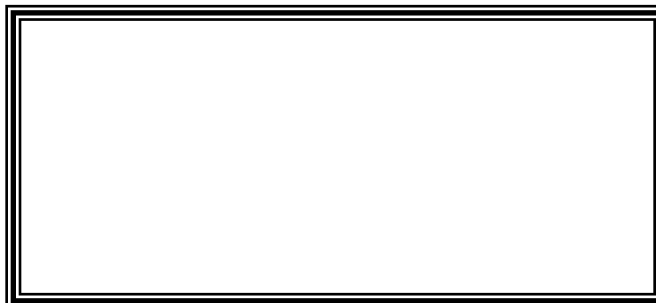


1. Cut: Nine -- 2" squares from random materials
2. Cut: One -- 1.5" x 5" rectangle and one 1.5" x 6" rectangle from the same material
3. Sew the nine patch together -- pressing center seams toward the center square.
4. Sew the shorter rectangle to the right side of each 9 patch, and press seams toward the rectangle just added.
5. Rotate the block and join the longer rectangle as shown.

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Betty Kilroy May Birthday Party

- 03 Carol Brown
- 05 Barbara LaNore
- 06 Buck Buchanan
- 06 Edith Candee
- 08 Kim Reading
- 10 Dede Edwards
- 12 Margo Cramer
- 16 Marianne Hendrickse
- 17 Jane Ebert
- 20 Barbara Walkup
- 23 Mary Beth Little
- 26 Barbara Blue
- 28 Jeanne Smith
- 30 Nora Goldstein

CALENDAR

- May 12** - Love Quilts
- May 15** - Love Quilts, Elections
- May 17** - Board Meeting
- May 19** - Elections
- May 22** - Sandy McDonald Trunk Show
- May 28** - Caring Hands
- June 2** - Dinner, Officers installed
- June 5** - Luncheon, Officers installed
- June 9** - Love Quilts
- June 12** - Love Quilts