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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carolyn May

Ever wonder about quilting without our favorite tools? Consider the story of the lowly rotary cutter. Back in the olden days we had to depend on cardboard templates and a good pair of scissors. Not as accurate and somewhat time consuming.

But thanks to a printer named Yoshio Okada, our world was revolutionized. In 1956, he noticed that the box cutters being used wore out rapidly. He invented a blade that snapped to reveal an unused part of a newer blade--saving valuable time and increasing productivity. Okada and his brother experimented with the shape, size and feel of their cutters, made prototypes and eventually started their own company, making 3000 knives. Unfortunately their idea didn't sell, but they persisted until they finally found a retailer to market them.

They named their company OLHA (means breaking blade in Japanese) and chose yellow as their signature color, meaning to provide a color that was easy to find in a tool box. It wasn't until 1979 that Okada was inspired by a wheel and the rotary cutter was born. They changed the name of their company to OLFA. Quilters very quickly adapted to the rotary cutter and the self-healing mats the company created. Today these tools are standard for almost every quilter. They make cutting more accurate and allow more than one piece to be cut at a time. Our quilting lives would be so different without Okada's ideas.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

WEATHER POLICY

The day meeting is canceled if Howard county schools are closed or open late. The Monday night meeting is canceled if schools close early or night events are canceled. However, if we have an outside speaker scheduled, we will make every attempt to hold our meeting.

EDUCATION

From Maria O'Haver

BONNIE HUNTER CLASSES ANNOUNCED

Bonnie Hunter will be at FCQ for a lecture on Thursday April 9, 2015. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. Classes are 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. The cost for each class is \$50. 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:

Thurs, Apr 9 Bonnie Hunter Lecture 10am

Thurs, Apr 9 Bonnie Hunter Class, Love Shack 1-7pm

Fri, Apr 10 Bonnie Hunter Class, Talking Turkey 10-4pm

Oct, 2-4 Fall Retreat

Mon, Nov 9 Diane Rusin Doran Lecture 7pm

SPRING QUILT RETREAT

From Paula Henry

If you are reading this and wanted to attend the retreat, **your time to register is NOW!** This year's quilt retreat is at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD, June 5-7, 2015. 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 a mid-morning 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. To reserve your

spot, contact Paula Henry by phone, email, or snail mail. 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. Registration closed on January 31st, so if you wanted to attend and didn't put your name in, get in touch with Paula Henry TODAY.

FALL RETREAT AND CLASS WITH MARGE TUCKER

From Maria O'Haver

We will be holding an educational event at the Fall retreat this year on October 2 - 4, 2015. The retreat will be at the Riverview Retreat Center at Camp Pecometh in Centreville, MD. Housing is hotel style, double occupancy with two rooms available for single occupancy. There will be six meals included, beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday. Arrival will be mid-morning on Friday (bring a bag lunch). Class will be held Friday 1-5pm, Saturday 9-4pm and Sunday 9-3pm. The sewing room will be available for use from Friday at 10am until Sunday at 4pm. The cost of this educational retreat will be \$291 double occupancy or \$418 single occupancy. There will be a limit of 20 students at the retreat.

Marge Tucker will be our instructor. Marge, who was recommended to us by Gwen Marsten, will be taking over teaching of Gwen's "liberated quilt making" techniques since Gwen is retiring soon. At our retreat, Marge will be teaching the class "Small Studies". This class is built on the idea of exploring abstract design by making small studies or sketches. Just as painters use sketches to explore possibilities, fabric sketches are for working things out; for learning new techniques, exploring color and composition. They are your ticket to play, and to develop your own aesthetics in a safe, worry free space. Making sketches is like taking a crash course in design.

Registration is now open for the Fall Education Retreat. A deposit of \$50 is required to sign up. Contact Maria O'Haver to sign up. Please indicate single or double room preference, and name of roommate if you have a friend you'd like to room with.

2014-2015 ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

Participants should now be working on the second outer border. The requirements for this round require that the border be least 2" wide; it must include at least 3 different fabrics (the focus fabric is optional); and it must incorporate some curves or circles. The next round exchange takes place Thursday, April 2nd or Monday, April 6th.

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

CRAFT/QUILT SUPPLIES YARD SALE

From Maria O'Haver

Members are invited to participate in the Yard Sale of craft related items that we will be holding during the meetings Monday April 27 and Thursday April 30. Items can be fabric, partially completed items or supplies related to quilting or any other craft. If you would like to reserve a table to sell your craft related items, or have any questions, please contact Maria O'Haver. There is no cost for "renting" a table. Each person is responsible for their own financial transactions.

BUS TRIPS 2015

From Sandy Lynch



The bus trips for 2015 will all leave from the park and ride outside the church at 7:30 am and return by 7:30 pm. The price has increased to \$48 per person, which includes the bus driver's tip and entrance to the show, and for the shopping trip it includes lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Checks are payable to Milltown Quilters.

The first trip is on Friday March 13, to Lancaster, PA for the AQS, American Quilter's Society show. We will also make a quick stop at the Stouffer's Outlet. We need to have 40 people signed up and paid by Friday, February 6 or the trip will be cancelled.

Our next trip is Friday September 18 to Oaks, PA for the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza show. We need 40 people signed up and paid by Friday August 7 or the trip will be cancelled.

Our last and most popular one is the shopping trip on Friday October 16. We go to Souder's Fabrics, Shady Maple Smorgasbord for lunch and then to the Kitchen Kettle area where there are several more fabric stores.

We are taking signups for all of the trips now. You can see Sheri Thompson, Eleanor Howe or Sandy Lynch or give us a call to sign up or to ask questions.

LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

Many thanks to all our generous guild members. We have been blessed with many donations of fabric these past 3 months. I received a beautiful note from the Howard County Hospital foundation, thanking us for our donation of "quilted hugs". We will be doing Love Quilts at our regular times this month on Monday evening (3/2/15) and Thursday morning (3/5/15). Please note the Love Quilt committee will meet at my house on Monday from 1 to 3pm on 3/16/15. If you would like to help with Love quilts, but are not able to attend the meetings please give me a call and I will arrange to get supplies to you. Many of our members cut squares, bind quilts or stitch on labels at home. Thank you.

PROJECT LINUS

From Stephanie Sanidas



Project Linus is in need of patriotic quilts for children attending the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Good Grief camp on Memorial Day weekend. Quilts with a military design, military fabric, or red, white, and blue fabrics are requested. Please give your donation quilt to Stephanie Sanidas by May 1st. Quilts received after the May 1st deadline can be stored and saved for the TAPS 2016 camp.

KOMEN RAFFLE QUILT

From Stephanie Sanidas

The next Komen quilt raffle is April 19, 2015 in Ocean City, MD. For inspiration, look at the donated fabric on top of the FCQ library cabinet. Komen raffle quilts can be any size, any pattern, any colors. Talk to Darlys Hughes or Stephanie Sanidas if you have any questions. Deadline for quilts is April 1st. Quilts received after April 1st, will be raffled at the October 2015 raffle in Hunt Valley.

FRIENDSHIP AND HEART BLOCKS

FOR ROSE PANCZENKO

Rose has requested batik hearts on cream background. For an example, see the heart pattern on the FCQ website. The unfinished size for the web site block is 7-inches. Blocks will be finished at 6 1/2". Send your blocks to Rose with a card to wish her well.

FOR MITSN MITCHELL

Mitsn is recovering from a bilateral mastectomy and has just completed four sessions of chemo. She is currently recovering at home and has requested red hearts on a cream background. See the website for the pattern. Send your blocks to Mitsn.

NEWS OF INTEREST

AQS QuiltWeek®

When: March 11 through March 14

Where: Lancaster, PA at the Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, PA 17603

Ticket and additional information can be found at aqsshows.com/Lancaster or by calling 1-800-626-5420.

LANCASTER QUILT SHOW

When: March 11-14, 2015,
Where: The Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster, PA
Free admission, free parking
See www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com for more information.

BALTIMORE HERITAGE QUILTER'S GUILD PRESENTS EXPO 2015

When: March 14-15, 2015, 10 AM to 5 PM
Where: Goucher College, Sports & Recreation Center Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD
Cost: \$8 at door, \$7 advance purchase, \$6 group of 5 or more, children under 12 free
The EXPO showcases quilts made by guild members, ranging in style from traditional to contemporary, as well as art quilts. The EXPO also features quilts and quilted items for sale, a Silent Auction, and an expanded Vendors Mall.
Website: www.baltimorequilters.com
Email: expo@baltimorequilters.com
Mail: PO box 4062, Timonium, MD 21094

YARD SALE

Friendship Quilters of Linthicum are having a "Yard Sale" on Saturday, March 21st from 9 am until noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 W. Maple Road, Linthicum, Md. All invited to help them redistribute their treasures.

SOUTHERN COMFORTERS QUILT SHOW

Where: Samuel Ogle Middle School, 4111 Chelmont Lane, Bowie MD 20715
When: Saturday, March 21, from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, March 22, from 11 am to 4 pm.
Cost: \$7—save \$1 with donation of canned goods to benefit Bowie Food Pantry.
For more information, visit www.southerncomforters.org.

BLOCK OF THE QUARTER - GO WILD!

From Sharon Roton



From barnyard friends to the biggest of big game, from below the waves to above us in the sky, animals are this quarter's theme. Make a quilt block depicting any animal, or use animal-themed fabric in any block pattern. Any colors, patterns, or techniques can be used. Blocks should be 9" finished (9-1/2" unfinished). These blocks will be drawn at the June party on Monday, June 1st. Let your wild side show!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - March 2015
Return of the Swallows from March 1994
From Pat Wyatt

After this long winter, I am sure that we all are looking for signs of spring! One of the famous ones is the Return of the Swallows to Capistrano captured in this lovely block made by FCQ in March 1994. The block finishes at 12". I suggest using white for the background, and then use two other colors that remind you of spring. Here's a link to a "how to" and where I got the picture from: <http://www.pieceandquilt.com/2015/01/how-to-return-of-swallows-quilt-block.html>. The designer used white, teal and gray as her fabrics.



Cutting:

White fabric - 16 - 3 1/2"x3 1/2" squares, (draw a diagonal line, from corner to corner on the wrong side of the fabric.)
Gray fabric - 4 - 3 1/2"x6 1/2" rectangles Teal fabric - 4 - 3 1/2"x6 1/2" rectangles.

Sewing: You are making flying geese.

Place one white 3 1/2"x3 1/2" square on top of one teal 3 1/2"x6 1/2" rectangle, right sides together.

Draw a diagonal line from outside corner to corner at center. Stitch along that line.

Trim 1/4" on the outside of the stitch line.

Press.

Place a 3 1/2" white square on the right side of the unit from the previous step.

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Stitch along that line.

Trim 1/4" on the outside of the stitch line.

Press.

Repeat this process, with all of the teal and gray 3 1/2"x6 1/2" rectangles.

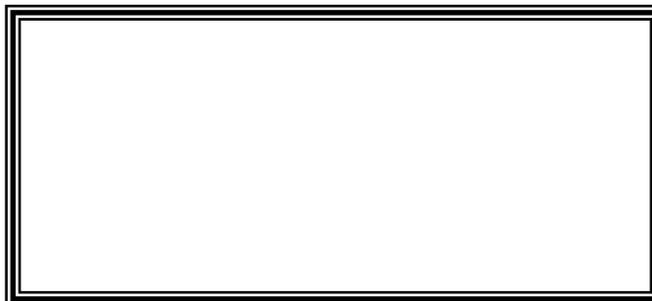
You need a total of four teal and four gray flying geese units.

Sew the flying geese units together as shown above, and enjoy welcoming spring.

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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
/// Columbia, MD
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Betty Kilroy March Birthday Party

- 02 Nikki Walsh
- 03 Jean Savalchak
- 03 Bonnie Tester
- 03 Janet Currotto
- 04 Sandy DeLaney
- 07 Barbara Laskowski
- 11 Cynthia Porter
- 12 Kathy Goodin
- 13 Judith Young
- 13 Kesten Blake
- 14 Bonnie Stapleton
- 15 Georgia Morris
- 19 Barbara Bregman
- 20 Virginia Wray
- 22 Margaret Minton
- 26 Darlys Hughes

CALENDAR

- Mar 2 - Round Robin due
- Mar 2 & 5 - Love Quilts
- Mar 13 - Bus trip to Lancaster, AQS show
- Mar 14 - Board Meeting
- Mar 18 & 25 - Caring Hands
- Apr 1 - Komen raffle quilts due
- Apr 2 & 6 - Round Robin due
- Apr 9 - Bonnie Hunter lecture
- Apr 9 & 10 - Bonnie Hunter classes