

# The Circular

## FCQ Officers

### **President**

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Nancy Evans

### *Thursday*

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Janette Tarr

### *Monday*

### **Vice President**

Terry Wilson

### **Secretary**

Linda Kerrick

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Nancy Meier*

I want to start off by telling you all how wonderfully kind you are! Carol Roberts had her accident on April 9<sup>th</sup> (turning left from the church onto Rt. 108, so be careful with that turn). She so appreciates all of your cards, prayers, donations, and visits. She is making good progress at Kernan. Carol is walking with little assistance and the use of her hands is coming back. But our girl still has a ways to go. Her tentative release date is May 11<sup>th</sup>, after which she will be staying with me.

The Milltown quilt show was a really nice show! Lots of quilts, and I came out of the peddlers' table with some new yellow and orange fabric. You know they are the true basic colors. We're going to have a pretty darn good show next year ourselves. Our raffle quilt is beautiful, bright, and cheery. I was looking for my blocks, but couldn't quite find them. I wonder what the quilt's name will be.

This is my last letter as FCQ president. It has been a good 2 years with a wonderful board and all of you supporting me. It pleases me no end when members step to volunteer for tasks. I have enjoyed the time, but I know that the new president will do an excellent job and garner the same wonderful support.

[www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters](http://www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters)

*By Nancy Meier*

As required per our bylaws, the Nominating Committee is presenting the proposed slate of officers for 2017 -2018.

President - Rose Panczenko  
Day VP - Kim Reading  
Night VP - Terry Wilson  
Treasurer - Kathy Lee  
Assistant Treasurer - Geri Fleister  
Day Secretary - Janette Tarr  
Night Secretary - Nancy Evans

No new nominations were announced from the floor at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, but the day group will get their chance on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Voting for board members will take place on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The installation of officers' ceremony are Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at the parties.

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### PROJECT LINUS CHALLENGE QUILTS FOR 2018

*By Stephanie Sanidas*

Yes, it's time for a new Project Linus Challenge! This topic for this year's challenge is Alphabet. Pick a letter, a word, or the entire alphabet for inspiration. Numbers and special characters can also be used. There are two rules: Alpha/Numeric/Special character AND at least one challenge fabric must be on the front of the quilt. Quilts can be designed for newborn babies (crib size), toddlers (lap size), or youth (twin size). For a fast and easy quilt, use a preprinted alphabet panel and the fabric in your bag. The show and tell date is the first meeting in January 2018. Challenge participants are encouraged to register their quilts in the FCQ 2018 Quilt Show. Challenge quilts will be donated to Project Linus after the quilt show in May 2018. Pick-up your challenge bag at meetings in May.

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### TAPS AND WOUNDED WARRIOR QUILTS

*By Stephanie Sanidas*

I am very pleased to announce that Faithful Circle is donating **23 quilts** to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors this Memorial Day weekend. Special thanks to the following guild members for fabric, quilt tops, machine quilting, and binding: LINDA BERNARD, BETH BOHAC, VONDA CLINE, BETH COOPER, NINA GODFREY, SUE HAYNIE, MARIANNE HENDRICKSE, GEORGE HUBBLE, BARBARA LASKOWSKI, JANICE LIESCH, MARY BETH LITTLE, MARIA O'HAVER, JANET O'LEARY, SHARON RHOTON, STEPHANIE SANIDAS, JANE SINEK, JANE SCOTT, BONNIE STAPLETON, JANETTE TARR, PATTY WHEELER, and PAT WYATT. It is heartwarming to belong to a guild that is so generous and supportive.

## JUNE LECTURE AND CLASS

*By Maria O'Haver*

We have an exciting lecture, and class, coming in June with renowned quilter Jane Sassaman. She will be giving a lecture entitled "Under the Influence" on Thursday June 1. In this lecture, she will talk about the visual and philosophical ideas that have influenced both her and her work. She will also be teaching a two day workshop entitled "Shape Shifting" on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3.

The "Shape Shifting" class will explore photographs and slides, of a variety of historic and ethnic decorative objects, to help uncover some of the motifs and symbols which may have powerful personal resonance. For example, you may be drawn to Buddhist mandalas or Mexican Milagros. You may be attracted to the design of an Inuit mask or the pattern from an Art Nouveau vase or the shape of an Egyptian chair. Each student will select historic motifs, shapes and images which they will manipulate and reinterpret into a unique statement in fabric and thread. By lifting an image from one time and place to another, the student will begin to exercise the power to recognize their personal touch stones to imagination.

The aim of the workshop is to nurture your intuitive skills. Students should have a desire to develop their own design language and unique visual symbols, plus an interest in the history of decorative design. The cost for the two day workshop is \$100, and registration is now open. Please contact either MARIA O'HAVER or LINDA KERRICK to sign up.

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## FALL RETREAT AT PECOMETH

*By Maria O'Haver*

Registration is still open for the Fall Retreat, Friday Sept.29 through Sunday Oct. 1 2017. The retreat this year is a UFO retreat - everyone will be working on their own projects. The cost is \$260 for a Double Room and includes 2 nights and 6 meals. A deposit of \$75 is required in order to sign up now, with the remaining fee due by August 1. See LINDA KERRICK to register.

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## UPCOMING "SAVE THE DATES"

*By Maria O'Haver*

June 1 - Lecture Jane Sassaman

July 31 - Lecture Philippa Naylor

Sept 29 - Oct 1 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh - no classes

Oct 9 - Lecture Karen Eckmeier

June 2, 3 - Class with Jane Sassaman

Aug 1, 2 - Classes with Philippa Naylor

Oct 7, 8 - Classes with Karen Eckmeier

## LOCAL QUILTING EVENTS

May 5           Everybody's Quilt Guild  
Annual Quilt Bingo  
For tickets - Luray Hill, (410) 596-5369

June 2-4       Quilters Unlimited  
"Wing It" quilt Show  
quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow

June 2-4       Bayside Quiltgers  
"A Garden of Quilts"  
baysidequilters.org

June 10-11    Annapolis Quilt Guild  
"Quilts by the Bay"  
annapolisquiltguild.org

July 1-9       Kutztown Folk Festival  
KutztownFestival.com

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### UPCOMING BUS TRIP TO HERSHEY'S QUILT ODYSSEY

This trip is being sponsored by a co-op of Quilt Guilds in Howard County:  
Faithful Circle Quilters, Milltown Quilters, and Village Quilters

**Hershey Quilt Odyssey 2017 - Saturday, July 22, 2017 - \$57**

**Departure: 8:00 a.m. (Park and Ride 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia)**

**Return: 7:30 p.m. approximately**

**Price includes transportation, driver gratuity, and show admission. There will be a dinner stop at Cracker Barrel (on your own) en route home.**

**Payment is needed by June 20<sup>th</sup>. 30 people must sign up for a guaranteed "go"**

**Please make checks payable to:**

**Village Quilters  
c/o Sheri Thompson  
7422 Cherry Tree Drive  
Fulton, MD 20759**

**If you have any questions, please contact SHERI THOMPSON at 301-490-4448.**

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## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### Avant Garde Double Disappearing Nine Patch

By Eleanor Howe

Use a white background and bright solids or fabrics that read as solids. To make a 10 1/2" unfinished block you will need:

- 5 colored 3" squares, 4 white 3" squares
- 1 colored 4" square, 4 white 4" squares



1. Sew a nine patch block using the 3" squares. Whatever color is in the middle will end up in all four of the final block units. It doesn't matter where you put the other colors. They will be cut apart in the next step.



2. Cut the block down the middle in both directions



3. Spread the blocks out keeping the same orientation.



4. Insert the 4" squares to make a new nine patch and sew.



5. Cut this block down the middle in both directions



6. Rearrange and sew together

## JUST CUTTING UP...

*Ten top reasons to start a new project when your closet is overflowing with UFOs...*

10. I just got a new book (magazine or pattern) and I just had to try this new technique.
9. The guild is doing a challenge and I really should participate.
8. I really should try this new workshop idea, since I spent all that money going to the workshop.
7. I have to start now if I am going to have something totally new for the quilt show.
6. I saw one and I just have to have one of my own.
5. My current project is too challenging and I need something simpler to work on.
4. My current project is too simple and I need something more challenging to work on.
3. My friends are: (pick one) getting married, having a baby, celebrating an anniversary, moving away.... and I just have to make a quilt for them.
2. I entered the block of the month and I just won 13 blocks.

*And the number one reason to start a new project is:*

1. My current projects no longer reflect my artistic style and I wouldn't want to limit my creative development!!

Pick a reason and start a new project, just don't blame me. I really am the UFO queen.

**Thanks to Sandy Cook from <http://www.quiltersbee.com>.**

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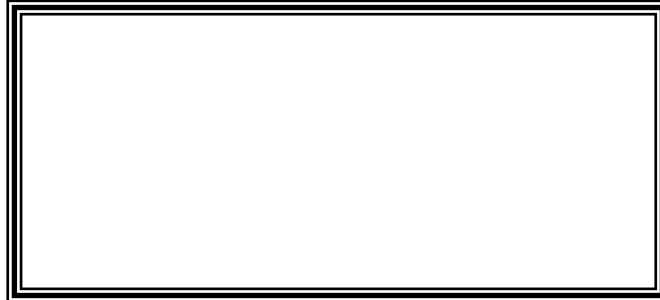
Faithful Circle Quilters  
welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm  
AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the  
First Presbyterian  
Church on  
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29  
Columbia, MD

Please come join us and  
visit our web site at  
[www.faithfulcirclequilters.com](http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com)



### **Betty Kilroy May Birthday Party**

- 03 Carol Brown
- 05 Barbara LaNore
- 06 Loren (Buck) Buchanan
- 06 Edith Candee
- 08 Kim Reading
- 10 Dede Edwards
- 12 Margo Cramer
- 15 Inge Stocklin
- 16 Marianne Hendrickse
- 17 Jane Ebert
- 23 Mary Beth Little
- 26 Barbara Blue
- 26 Vonda Cline
- 30 Nora Goldstein

### **CALENDAR**

- Monday, May 1 - Love Quilts
- Thursday, May 4 - Love Quilts