



# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Carol Petranek*

What is it about the color yellow that makes me feel so happy? This is the season when it is nature's favorite, surrounding us in abundance with forsythia, daffodils, pansies, and of course, the brilliant sunshine that eclipses winter's gray skies. I did a little research about this cheery shade and learned some interesting facts.

Yellow is the brightest color of the spectrum and the most noticeable of all colors by the human eye. It means happiness and optimism. It exudes warmth, inspiration and vitality. It signifies communication, enlightenment, sunlight and spirituality. It is believed to have an influence on the left side of our brain (deep thinking and perception) and can lead to increased mental activity, awareness and energy.

(source: <https://www.colorpsychology.org/yellow>)

Wow! All of these benefits can be ours by immersing ourselves in yellow! Color has profound effects on our minds and our moods. When we understand how we (personally) react to specific colors (both positively and negatively), we can proactively structure our surroundings to generate positive energy and even happiness.

Quilting allows us to create items that spark joy. Whether it's cheery yellow or radiant red, let your true colors show--start a new project with your favorite hues, and enjoy the onset of spring!

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

## **GOODBYE BLOCKS**

Debbie Baisel is moving at the end of May and she has asked for our friendship block pattern in the Maryland flag colors.

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## **LOVE QUILTS**

*From Sue Scott*

Thank you for working on Love Quilts. With only 3 months under our belts in 2019, the guild has donated almost 100 quilts to local charities. Our next Thursday Love Quilt day will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Monday night group is looking forward to April Fools' Day. Happy Stitching.

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## **APS PROJECT QUILTS**

*From Maria O'Haver*

This year, our guild is again organizing an effort to make quilts for TAPS (<https://www.taps.org/>). The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors offers compassionate care and resources to all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. The quilts are given to children who attend a summer camp. STEPHANIE SANIDAS has used a die cutter to cut pieces for 10 quilts. MARIA O'HAYER has made up kits for the seven different easy blocks we will need for the quilts. These kits are available at meetings for members to take home and sew. If you have any questions about the instructions, contact Maria. Return the blocks to MARIA or STEPHANIE no later than end March.

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## **TAPS QUILTS**

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

We are collecting quilts again this year for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Good Grief Camp held in Arlington, VA during Memorial Day weekend. Quilts may be any size (for ages 4 to 18) and any color. Patriotic and military themes would also make great quilts. Due date is Monday, April 29th.

## **SAVE THE DATES FOR 2019**

Thursday May 2 - No Meeting - Milltown Quilt Show

Thursday May 9 - Lecture with Debby Kratovil

Saturday May 11 - Workshop with Debby Kratovil

Thursday Sept. 26 - Lecture with Joyce Hughes

Friday Sept. 27 - Workshop with Joyce Hughes at Pecometh Retreat Center

Fri-Sun Sept. 27-29 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center

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## RAFFLE QUILT SEW-INS

*From George Hubble*

The Raffle Quilt Committee is holding the last of the sew-ins on Thursdays April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> after the regular meetings. We appreciate all those who have participated so far, and look forward to more help from the membership. Bring a bag lunch and stay awhile longer. Participation is painless and fun!

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## WORKSHOP AND LECTURE

*From Maria O'Haver*

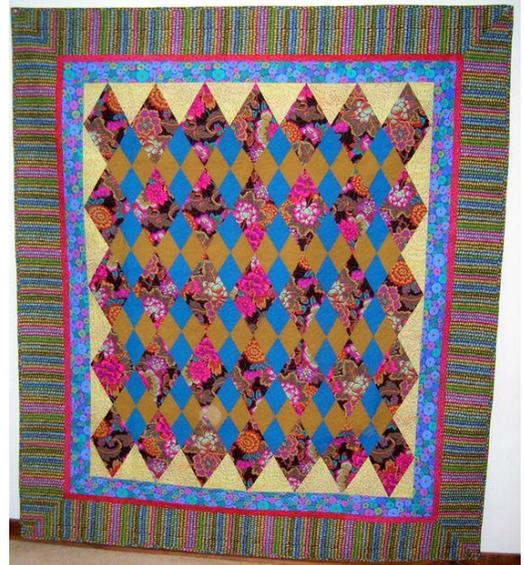
Debby Kratovil will give a lecture and trunk show on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at our regular Thursday meeting. She will also be teaching a full day workshop, "Cloisonne Diamonds," on Saturday

May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a class for all levels of quilters. Try your hand at stitching a 4 patch diamond and setting them with a bold and beautiful print diamond. There are no set-in seams or funky templates involved. All are rotary cut, using a standard ruler with a 60 degree marked line. The option of making a variety of quilt sizes will appeal to everyone. Make, and finish, a small project in class to try the technique, or make a larger bed sized quilt. This is a great scrappy-quilt project also.

There are lots of options!

Registration for the workshop is now open. The class fee is \$50, and the workshop will be held in Lyle Buck Hall. Contact MARIA O'HAVER to register.

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## FALL RETREAT

*From Maria O'Haver*

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the Fall Retreat at Pecometh. The dates are Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will host Joyce Hughes for a workshop on dimensional thread painting at the retreat on Friday. There will also be plenty of time for sewing on your own UFO projects. More info coming soon!

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## THURSDAY DEMONSTRATION

*From Carol Roberts*

This month our 4th Thursday demo will be Margaret Minton demonstrating English paper piecing.

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## NOMINEES FOR JUNE 2019 TO 2020 OFFICERS/EXECUTIVE BOARD

*From Susan Mann*

President: Carol Petranek;

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Treasurer: Janet Currotto

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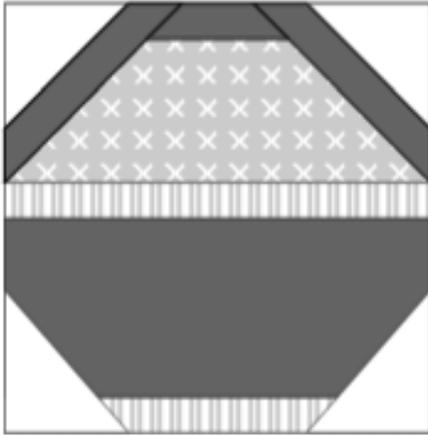
Thank you to all who volunteered.

You may also consider nominating yourself or another member to be added to the list of nominees.

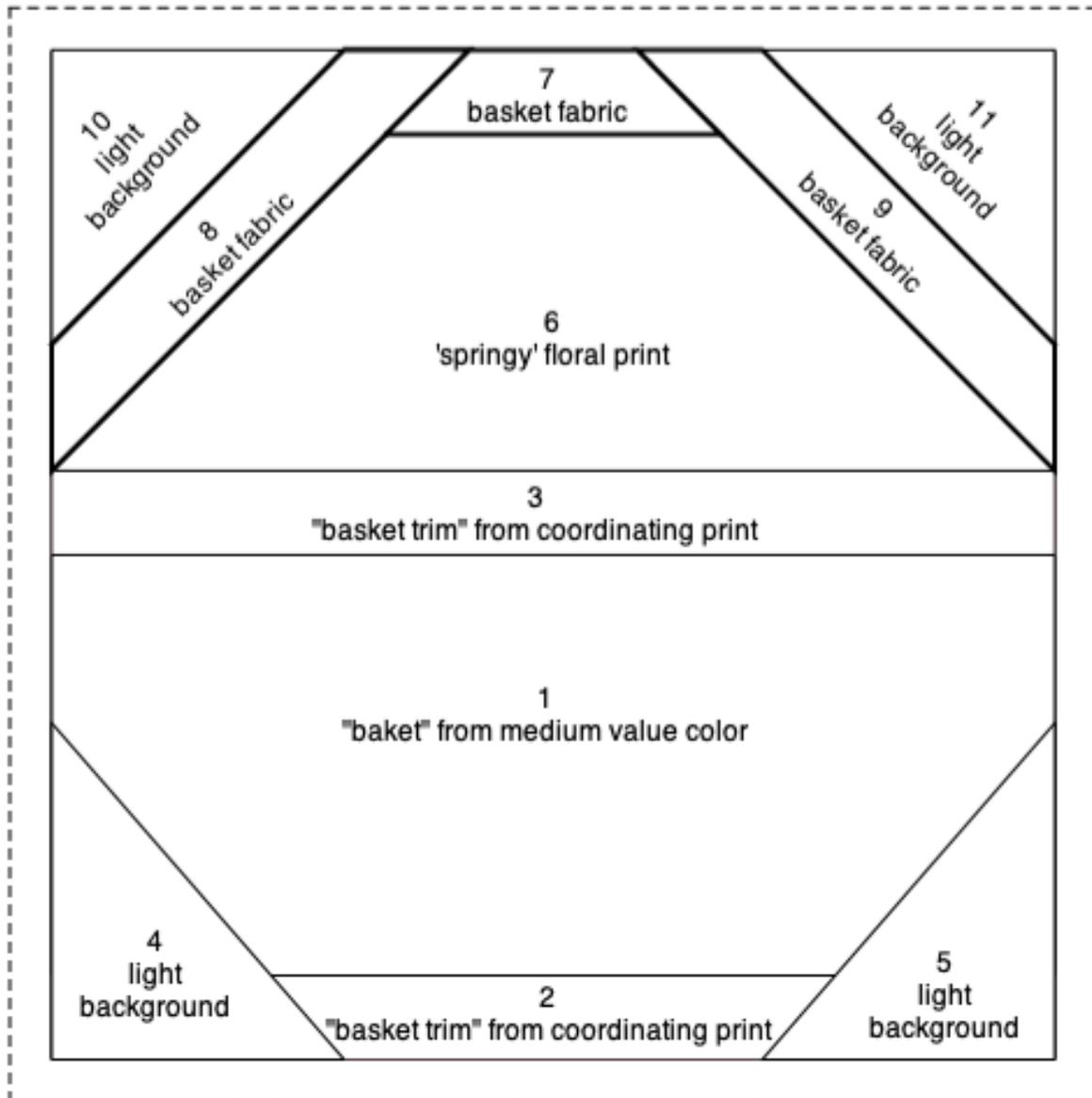


## SPRING BASKET

By Linda Schiffer



HAPPY SPRING! It is finally possible to pick some flowers in our early spring gardens to brighten our indoor lives. I hope you enjoy making this simple basket block. I have given the foundation pattern below for a 6" (finished) unit. Make four of these to complete a 12 (finished) block BUT LEAVE THEM SEPARATE so the winner can lay out the lovely spring colors as she pleases.



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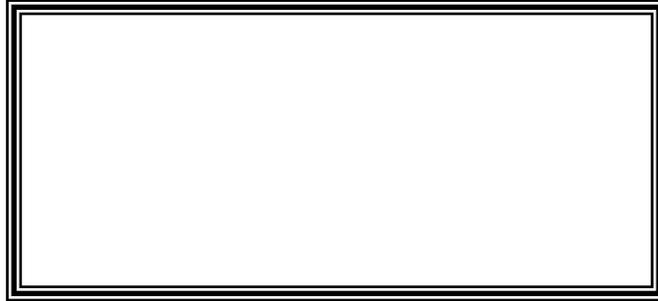
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welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm  
AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

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## Betty Kilroy's April Birthday Party

- 03 Michelle Tarr
- 06 Anna H. Norton
- 12 Carol Everett
- 13 Susan Mann
- 14 Beth Cooper
- 14 George Hubble
- 15 Gayle Sternheim
- 17 Joanne Brazinski
- 17 Helene Ross
- 19 Kathy Lee
- 24 Stephanie Hagberg
- 25 Leigh Eirich
- 26 Patricia Hanyok
- 27 Patty Wheeler
- 28 JoAnn Adkins
- 28 Amanda Bush

## CALENDAR

- Monday April 1 - Love Quilts in Branch Hall
- Thurs. April 4 - Love Quilts
- Monday April 15 - No Meeting - Holy Week
- Thurs. April 18 - No Meeting - Holy Week
- Monday April 22 - No Meeting - Holy Week