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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Margaret Minton

We are now settling into spring, the yellow season. My yard is showing yellow daffodils and forsythia, and the local bunnies are playing bunny games in the underbrush. Things seem fresh and new.

We are planning some fresh and new things at Faithful Circle, too, including changes in our block of the month program. It has been difficult to participate in this while we are restricted to virtual meetings, so we are hoping to re-energize by changing the focus to charity blocks. Our BOM coordinator will let you know more. In the meantime, I hope you are working on some fresh and new projects of your own.

Please, please continue to be cautious and stay safe. Even though many of us have been able to get vaccinated against COVID-19, there are still many people who do not have protection. I had news last weekend that another of my adult grandchildren has tested positive, and so has his wife. Unfortunately, we do not know who else may have been exposed. Stay safe and I hope to see you all in person soon.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

LOVE QUILTS

From Sue Andrews and Sue Leicht

We are happy to report that **434** quilts have been donated so far. Many thanks to guild members for your continued support.

Charity	Date	# WC	#Small	#Medium	#Large	Total
HopeWorks	9/14/2020				20	20
Bridges to Housing	9/21/2020		10		10	20
Grassroots	9/24/2020		9	1	1	11
Loan Closet	9/17/2020	5				5
Loan Closet	9/23/2020	9				9
Cool Kids	10/05/2020		10			10
Grassroots	10/12/2020			1	19	20
Loan Closet	10/24/2020			1		1
Grassroots	10/26/2020				10	10
Veterans at Charlotte Hall	11/17/2020	5	45			50
Loan Closet	11/17/2020			20		20
HoCo	12/1/2020	7		27	6	40
Department of Aging for Holiday Project						
Bridges to Housing	12/21/2020		20			20
Grassroots	02/15/2021				8	8
Bridges to Housing	02/21/2021		30			30
Loan Closet Kids	02/28/2021		16	14		30
Loan Closet	03/09/2021			12	8	20
Cool Kids Spring Event	03/12/2021		110			110
Total		26	250	76	82	434

FCQ 2021 ELECTIONS

From Maria O'Haver

The Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers to serve from June 2021-June 2022:

President:	Margaret Minton
VP Day:	Linda Kerrick
Night VP:	Marcia Wolf
Treasurer:	Janet Currotto
Ass't. Treasurer:	Tanya Stankewicz
Secretary Day:	Kathy Hasson
Secretary Night:	Deb Simon

As we cannot meet in person to vote, all members will receive an email ballot in approximately one week.

We thank everyone for the work they put forth in securing these nominees, and we extend sincere gratitude to the nominees for their willingness to serve!

LOVE QUILTS SUMMER GET TOGETHERS

From Sue Andrews and Sue Leicht

We are planning to have small groups (6-8 people) meet each week in SUE LEICHT's back yard to work on Love Quilts. We ask that only fully vaccinated guild members participate in this activity. We will have the following stations set up:

- A three-table station for the threading of large quilt sandwiches (2 people)
- A two-table station for the threading of medium quilt sandwiches (2 people)
- An area for machine sewing quilt kits (1-2 people)
- An area for tying and/or sewing labels

We will try to hold a few sessions late April/early May before the cicadas emerge and then again during the summer months beginning mid-June. If you're interested in participating in this activity, please send an email to sueleicht@verizon.net with the following information:

- Best way to contact you
- Preference: day, evening, or weekend
- Where you would like to work: threading, machine sewing, tying, labeling

More information will follow.

COOL KIDS BEACH PROJECT

From Sue Andrews and Sue Leicht

As summer approaches, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of 31 beach quilts for these children, concentrating on medium and large sized quilts. Thanks to those who have submitted quilts so far, and to others of you who continue to assist us. Your work is much appreciated!

A "SWAPORTUNITY" FOR YOU ALL!

From Jean Storrs

Let's get together (safely) again! On Saturday, April 24th (rain date, Saturday May 1st) at 2 PM. We will meet in the Park & Ride next to the church (First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle) as we did in October, for a chance to pick up/off load/trade quilting supplies—books, fabric, tools, notions, UFOs. The rules are, you must be willing to give away your things for free (to minimize contact) and you must wear a mask (I know a lot of us will be vaccinated by then, but I'd like to err on the side of caution). We had great participation and lots of fun in October—let's do it again!

APRIL SLIDE SHOW

From Jean Storrs

Please send me pictures of your "multi-generational" quilts. By multi-generational I mean a quilt that was started by someone—maybe your grandmother, or a great aunt—and finished by you, or a quilt that you made along with another family member (I know we have a few mother-daughter pairs in our guild). We could even stretch it to sisters, even though, technically, that is not multi-generational! It could also include quilts that began with blocks or partial blocks you found at a yard sale or antique store and turned into a quilt. Please also send me the story that goes along with the quilt. Thanks! The deadline for this is April 11th.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

From Lauren Swanger

It has been decided by the board to discontinue mailing out the monthly newsletter beginning with May's newsletter. Those of you who have requested a paper copy of the newsletter may print them out at your local library, if you do not have access to a printer.

Also, after being your faithful and hard-working newsletter editor for the past 6 years, I feel it is time for me to step down and give up my position. Besides, it is only fair to give someone else a chance! All of the rules and procedures are spelled out in the Editing Guidelines. You need only know Microsoft Word, basic editing, and formatting.

I really have enjoyed my time editing the newsletter but, as I said, it is time to give someone else a go at it. If you are interested, please let one of our board members know as soon as possible. Thanks!

EDUCATION - SAVE THE DATES

From Maria O'Haver

All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Faithful Circle has purchased enrollment in this fantastic Zoom classroom experience and is offering free attendance for our guild members. An all-star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. Each demo will be 15 minutes in length. In between each demo, there will be some short and entertaining Zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a Zoom workshop. Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like and enjoy.

A Zoom link, along with a PDF with written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with zoom tips, will be sent out before the meeting. You're all invited.. no need to enroll.

May 22, 3-6pm

Catherine Redford	Walking Foot Quilting Beyond the Ditch
Trudy Cleveland	Photograph Your Quilt with a Smartphone
Natalya Khorover	Hand Stitching on Single-use Plastic
Ashli Montgomery	Storytelling Tees, pair T-shirts with Blocks
Dana Jones	Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing
Kelly Ashton	Calculations, Cutting, and Why it Matters
Margarita Korioth	Dimensional Designs with Light Modeling Paste
Nina Clotfelter	Ruler Work on Your Domestic Machine
Sheila Frampton-Cooper	Curved Piecing and Using Monofilament Thread

May 23, 3-6pm

Sandy Fitzpatrick	Fusible Appliqué with Decorative Machine Stitching
Andi Stanfield	Building a Monochromatic Color Palette
Sue Sherman	Needle Turn Appliqué for Hawaiian Quilting
Ellen Lindner	How to Finish Your Quilt with a Facing
Karen Miller	Curled Feather Quilting on a Home Machine
Joyce Hughes	Thread Painting, Before and After
Lisa Shepard Stewart	Ankara Folded Hexie Blocks and Projects
Ana Buzzalino	Paintstiks on Fabric with Stencils and Rubbing Plates
Brenda Gael Smith	Piecing Freeform Banded Triangles

(The event is hosted by The Global Quilt Connection)

SAVE THE DATE

From Maria O'Haver

Fall Retreat at Pecometh will be held September 24 - 26, 2021.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH LINDA HAHN

From Maria O'Haver

On Saturday April 17 from 1pm-4:30pm, we will have a half day virtual workshop with Linda Hahn. She will be teaching her technique for foundation piecing using a paper that can be left in the quilt. The block being taught can be used in various configurations to create a variety of quilt designs. The registration fee of \$40 includes a required kit which includes full color pattern, foundation paper that stays in the quilt, re-useable foundation piecing stencil.

Registration is now open on our Education webpage: <https://faithful-circle-quilters.square.site/>

If you have any questions, contact **MARIA OHAVER**.



EXCITING NEW IDEAS FOR THE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

From Linda Schiffer

Recently, your Executive Board and I have been tossing around ideas for re-invigorating the block of the month. During the past few years, we have seen a steady decline in participation but are hesitant to do away with the monthly blocks entirely. Because it is such a simple, and fun, group activity, we are going to try something exciting and new.

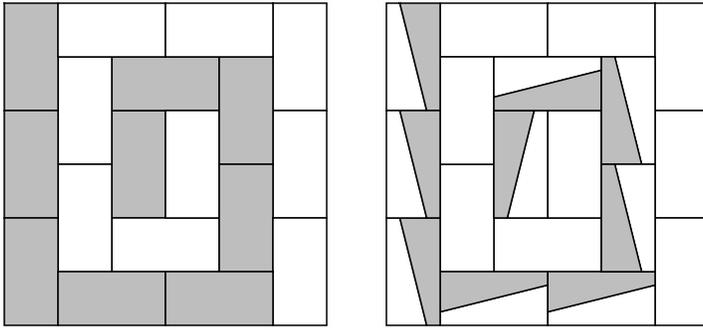
Instead of making blocks for a simple drawing with winner-take-all rules, we will try making blocks to **donate** to charity quilt making! This way, no one member has to absorb the chore of yet another project to finish AND, at the same time, we can contribute to our community.

Make one or more blocks from each month's design and watch the pile of love quilts grow! Keep your skills up to date and contribute at the same time. We can't all be Love Quilts chairperson or bend over tables to tie quilts, but we can all donate an hour or so to make one block for the effort - in the comfort of our own sewing rooms!

When I draft the blocks, I choose designs that are fairly simple (though still interesting) and can be made using just fabric scraps, if at all possible. I will continue to do this with my future picks, as I think 'simple' and 'interesting' are entertaining constraints on pattern making. In addition, I will periodically introduce various techniques for piecing to keep things interesting. For the spring quarter's design, we will try simple 'wonky' patchwork for a fun use-up of some scraps from your bins.

Spiraling Bricks

drafted by Linda Schiffer



Materials:

A. For Simple Spiral:

Nine (9) 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles of bright prints

Nine (9) 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles light colored background fabrics

B. For Wonky Spirals:

Five (5) 3.5"x5.5" rectangles bright prints

Five (5) 3.5"x5.5" rectangles light colored background prints

Nine (9) 2.5"x4.5" light background print rectangles

This quarter's design gives you two choices for blocks - simple spirals and wonky ones. Choose a variety of brightly colored scraps paired with light background prints to make happy spirals. These directions will give **12" (finished) squares** full of energy!

One 12.5" block will mail for a single postage stamp and can be folded/mailed in a business or 6"x9" envelope. Send to Linda Schiffer, drop by her house, call for pick up, leave in the guild bin at the church - however you would like to contribute! Please submit your blocks by May 31st.

Directions:

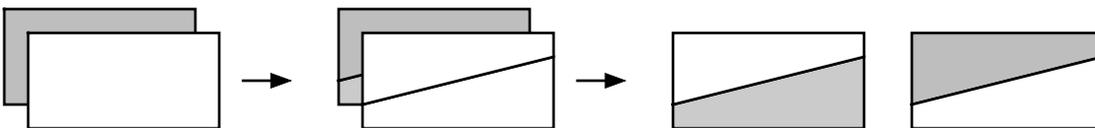
A. For Simple Spiral:

Lay out your rectangles of bright and background prints as shown on the left above. Sew together and cheer - one wonderful charity block made!

B. For Wonky Spirals:

Place one 3.5"x5.5" bright print on top of one background rectangle, right sides up with raw edges aligned. Make a random slanting cut across the middle of the two rectangles (cutting both pieces of fabric at the same time). Swap the fabrics on one side of the cut so you have two different 'wonky' blocks laid out. Sew the cut edges together to yield two patchwork 'bricks'.

Press and trim to 2.5"x4.5".



Lay out the trimmed 'bricks' with the nine background print rectangles you cut previously to create a 'wonky' spiral patchwork. Your block will not look exactly like the drawn diagram as your cuts may slant slightly differently. You should be able to create a similar spiral - remember, bright and happy is the rule. Sew together pieces to create a 12.5" unfinished block.

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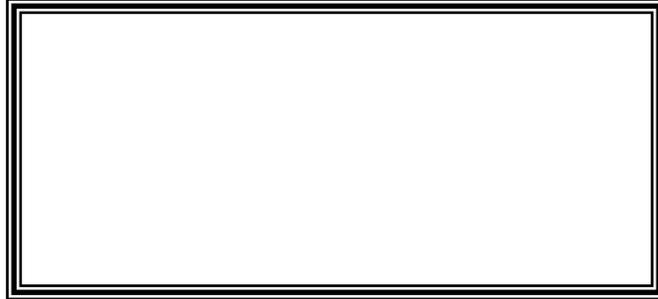
We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm

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



Betty Kilroy's April Birthday Party

- 03 Michelle Tarr
- 12 Carol Everett
- 13 Susan Mann
- 14 Beth Cooper
- 14 George Huble
- 15 Gayle Sternheim
- 17 Joanne Brazinski
- 17 Helene Ross
- 19 Kathy Lee
- 25 Leigh Eirich
- 28 JoAnn Adkins
- 28 Amanda Bush
- 29 Betsy Grater

CALENDAR

ONLINE MEETINGS

- Thurs. Apr. 1 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Apr. 5 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Thurs. Apr. 8 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Apr. 12 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Thurs. Apr. 15 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Apr. 19 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Thurs. Apr. 22 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Apr. 26 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Thurs. Apr. 29 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew