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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carol Petranek

There is magic in the air this time of the year. Despite any personal challenges we may be facing, we can enjoy this special holiday feeling if we open our hearts and our eyes to what is around us. We can make it a point to notice people who do a kind deed or offer a sincere compliment—ever better, we can be the ones who do those special things. Giving of ourselves is a sure way to receive joy.

For me, Thanksgiving was a day of reflection—much needed before the rush of shopping and holiday activity. I thought about each of you and the gifts of talent, insight and caring that you bring to FCQ. I am truly grateful for this wonderful guild! I reflected that, although we cannot choose our life challenges or how others react to us, we can choose our thoughts, feelings and actions. I appreciate that each of us has control over how we will respond to what happens around us. Our lives are marvelous gifts—the most precious and important gift of all.

As we prepare for upcoming celebrations, I wish each of you a festive holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays to each of you!

NEW LOVE QUILT COORDINATOR

From Sue Scott

We are looking for a volunteer to take over Love Quilts in the near future. If you are interested in this position, please email me at sue.scott5312@verizon.net,

COMFORT QUILT CHALLENGE

From Stephanie Sanidas

Since everyone will be busy with the holiday season, plan on using your scheduled guild time in December to complete your Mystery Challenge Comfort Quilt. After our April 2020 Facets of Quilting Show, challenge quilts will be donated to the charity of **your choice** to provide comfort and cheer. Please indicate on the quilt label so we know where to deliver your donation quilt. *Suggested* local charities are the following:

Adults Howard County Department of Aging Project Holiday
 Loan Closet of Howard County
 St Agnes Hospice

Babies Alpha Pregnancy Center
Children Sleep In Heavenly Peace
 Howard County General Hospital
 TAPS
 Project Linus
 Binky Patrol

Any Age Group Bridges to Housing
 Grassroots

Recommended sizes are suggested but not limited to baby (32" x 40"), lap (40" x 60") or twin (60"-70" x 85"-90")

See STEPHANIE SANIDAS if you need inspiration, assistance or more fabric.

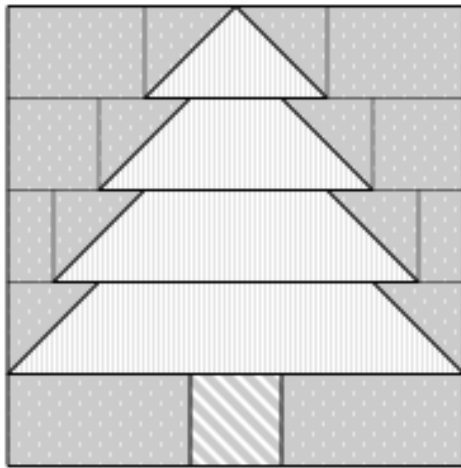
SELLING OF QUILT SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS REMINDER...

From Lauren Swanger

This is a gentle reminder that we, all of the FCQ Members, have an obligation to sell a minimum of \$20.00 of raffle tickets for our upcoming Bi-Annual Quilt Show. Whether you buy them as stocking stuffers, give them to friends, or buy them for yourself, \$20.00 worth must be "sold" by each member. It is a very small price to pay for all of the wonderful things that our guild provides us with! Do your part and sell those tickets!!!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

From Linda Schiffer



EVERGREEN

Makes a 10" square (10.5" with seam allowances)

Over the winter holidays, make one or more of these easy evergreen tree blocks. The drawing will be held the first Thursday meeting in February so you have time to explore your stash for fun sky prints - any kind of sky for background (cloudy, blue, snowy, starry night, etc). The tree itself can be one or more dark green prints. Think Robert Frost's Snowy Woods rather than Christmas. Have FUN!

Cutting Instructions:

Tree: Green print(s)

- One 2.5" x 4.5" rectangle
- One 2.5" x 6.5" rectangle
- One 2.5" x 8.5" rectangle
- One 2.5" x 10.5" rectangle

Trunk: Brown print

- One 2.5" square

Background (Sky):

- Ten 2.5" squares
- Two 2.5" x 3.5" rectangles
- Two 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles
- Two 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles

Sewing Instructions:

Mark a diagonal line across the wrong side of eight 2.5" squares of background fabric.

Using 'connector corner'* stitching, sew a marked 2.5" square at one end of each green rectangle to make the outer tree 'branch' shapes.

Following the seam lines shown in the illustration above, layout your evergreen block. Check to be sure the layout matches the illustration.

Sew together the rows to make an Evergreen tree.

*Connector Corner Construction:



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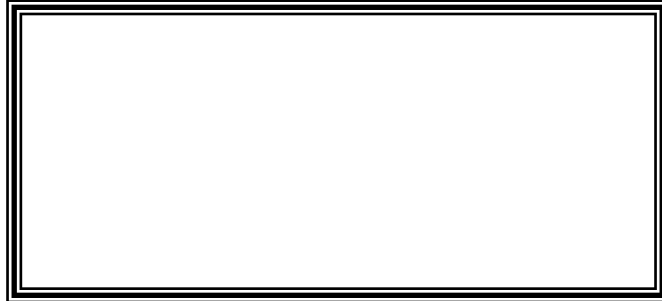
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quilting.

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 December Birthday Party

- 05 Nancy Meier
- 10 Tonya Tiffany
- 12 Susan Lutz
- 13 Nancy S. Martin
- 13 Toby Weismiller
- 16 Anne Kelly
- 19 Susanne Hilton
- 19 Kathleen Panzera
- 23 Sherry Mackmin
- 23 Sandy Reading

- 24 Carol Petranek
- 29 Sheva Farkas
- 29 Debbie Jensen
- 31 Vicki Greisman
- 31 Marie Kittelberger

CALENDAR

- Mon. Dec. 1 - Evening Holiday Party
- Thurs. Dec. 4 - Day Holiday Party