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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Margaret Minton

Now that we have Thanksgiving behind us, we are coming into the time of year when we usually have no Faithful Circle meetings. Not this year! Being able to meet electronically means we can continue to have December meetings - and other winter meetings without worrying about snow closings. So, small "yay!" to compensate for not being able to meet in person. Join us via Zoom for camaraderie and show-and-tell.

Another cause for joy is the continuous flow of ideas and inspiration. Coming up we have an opportunity to be a "Secret Stitcher," and to party on-line while we unwrap what our secret stitchers have made. More ideas will be unveiled in weeks to come, so stay in touch.

The enforced closings have given most of us some extra time at home. Are you using it to sew? To complete a UFO? Or to plan your next quilt? (Raising hand for "all of the above.") Keep stitching, friends, and stay safe!

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

INTERNET ITEMS FOR DECEMBER!

From Linda Kerrick

Angela Walter's Midnight quilter is back on YouTube!

<https://quiltingismytherapy.com/home/the-midnight-quilter/>

Bonnie Hunter Mystery begins <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/grassy-creek-mystery.html>

Pat Sloan is doing a "jelly roll" sew along <https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/jelly-roll-sew-along.html>

FCQ (OPTIONAL!) HOLIDAY EXCHANGE

From Jean Storrs

Let's have a little fun! If you would like to participate in our socially-distanced holiday gift exchange, here's how to do it.

Go to <https://www.elfster.com/gift-exchanges/22ebb9a8-1933-4c17-bb64-ef2f2d42401d/?join=mjji>

You may need to copy this address and paste it in your address line.

This will take you to the Elfster site for our gift exchange. Here you can register, and also answer questions about your taste, so that your Secret Stitcher partner has a better idea of what you will enjoy. Register by **Dec. 2nd**.

You will be assigned a partner by **Dec. 3rd** through the Elfster website. Look for an email with your swap partner (be sure to check your Junk or Spam folders). Look at that person's "wish list", and make them a little something you think they would like. The project should not be bigger than a potholder. Some ideas to get your creative juices flowing are a mug rug or coaster, thread catcher, pin cushion, small zipper bag/pouch, or a potholder. You can mail your project by **Dec. 20th**, or hand deliver it to the person's porch (try not to let them see you!) by **Dec. 31st**. (If you don't want to go to the post office, you can use Click-N-Ship on USPS.com. You pay the postage and print out your labels and then the post office will pick the package up at your door and deliver it.) Remember, members' addresses can be found in the directory. Inside the wrapped gift, include your name, and your favorite quilting tip or trick, or a favorite holiday recipe. You should receive a gift before **Jan. 3rd**. Don't open it!!

Join us via Zoom on **Sunday, Jan. 3rd at 3 PM**. You are encouraged to have tea and cookies (or wine and cheese—no one is judging) to make it more festive. We will open our gifts and reveal our Secret Stitcher partner! In addition, we will have a Decorated Hat (or Scarf) Contest—think Ugly Holiday Sweater contest but with hats and scarves. Trim and decorate a hat or scarf with holiday-appropriate trims—the gaudier and more outrageous, the better. Choose your holiday: Christmas, Hanukkah, New Years, Chinese New Years, or a mash-up of some combination thereof. We will vote on the best (worst) one, and the winner will get a prize!

This, obviously, is an optional activity, so only join in if it sounds like fun, not if it adds to your holiday stress!

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH PHYLLIS CULLEN

From Maria O'Haver

Join your FCQ friends for a fun virtual workshop from the comfort of your own sewing space. We will have a live virtual workshop with Phyllis in two parts. Part I is on Saturday January 30, 2021 from 2pm - 5pm and Part II is on Saturday February 6, 2021 from 2pm - 5pm. The cost for both is \$30.

Use one of Phyllis' stained-glass patterns or create your own. You will then make a raw-edge fusible, appliquéd and quilted piece that not only looks like real stained glass but requires no fussy edge treatments, no bias tape, no fussy quilting, and is quick, easy, and fun!

Then we add some optional oil stick painting, and optional applique, or optional embellishment, and quilt either free motion or walking foot. This class is appropriate for beginners, who will learn basic free-motion quilting as well. Full handout and supply list will be emailed to registered participants well in advance, as well as the pattern of their choice from these shown or one from my website gallery.

<http://phylliscullenartstudio.com/collections/63660>

Six hours of classes are divided into two 3 hour sessions, so everyone can catch up and learn the optional part and the free motion quilting.

Registration is open now on our FCQ Education Website with secure payment via credit card

<https://faithful-circle-quilters.square.site/>



VIRTUAL LECTURE WITH HOLLIS CHATELAIN "INFLUENCES OF AFRICA"

From Maria O'Haver

At our regular 11:00am meeting on February 25, 2021 we will be welcoming Hollis Chatelain virtually, for a one hour lecture.

Hollis Chatelain is an internationally renowned, and award-winning, artist. Through a dynamic and characteristic style marked by dreamlike imagery, elaborate use of color, and intricate thread detail, Hollis creates unique compositions that address challenging social, environmental, and political themes. Her work is found in public and private collections all around the world.

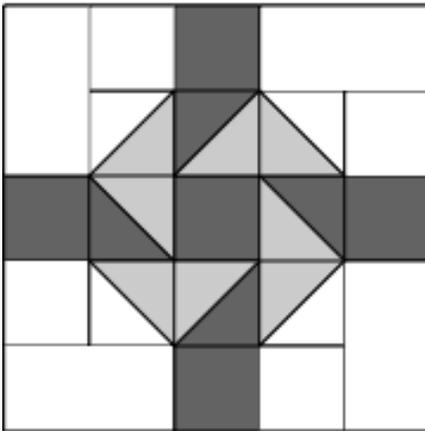
Leaving the USA with the Peace Corps, just after college, and living 12 years in West Africa has had a major impact on her artwork. During this lecture, using large quilts and photos of her work and her life in Africa, Hollis will lead the audience on a voyage starting with her discovery of African cloth through the evolution of her artwork. <https://www.hollisart.com/>



DECEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Blue Yukon

Drafted by Linda H. Schiffer



In honor of crystalline winter night skies, make this 10" (finished) block using deep navy and richly colored blue fabrics on a white or gray background print.

Please leave your blocks (labeled on the front if you wish to be in the drawing) in the FCQ bin at our meeting site or mail them to me (see directory). I will draw a winner during the first meeting in February.

Fabrics:

Choose rich prints (maybe with stars or snowflakes?): one dark navy, one rich blue - brighter enough for good contrast - and a background print in white-one-white or soft gray. You could use different tone-on-tone prints for each section of the block if you want to work with scraps.

Cutting Instructions:

From navy print - cut Five 2.5" squares, Two 3" squares

From saturated blue print - cut Four 3" squares

From white or gray background print - cut Four 2.5" squares, Two 3" squares and Four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles

Assembly:

1. Mark the wrong side of your two 3" background prints with diagonal line. Pair with two 3" blue squares. Sew 1/4" along each side of marked line and cut on diagonal to yield four half square triangles. Trim four hst units to 2.5" square.

2. Mark the wrong side of two remaining blue 3" squares with diagonal line. Pair with two navy 3" squares and sew along both sides of marked line then cut apart on the diagonal. Trim resulting four hst units to 2.5" square.

3. Lay out all fabric units as shown in diagram above. Sew together to result in a 10.5" (unfinished) square. Press nicely and label with your name (on front for a chance in the drawing). Mail to me or leave in FCQ bin at the church.

This block can make a number of different quilt layouts that represent the beautiful night skies of winter.

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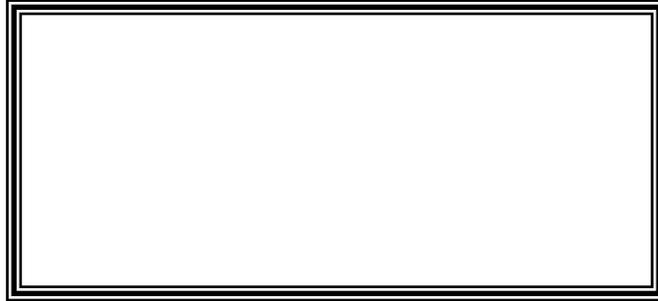
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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



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

ONLINE MEETINGS

- Thurs. Dec. 3 - Day Meeting
- Mon. Dec. 7 - Evening Meeting
- Thurs. Dec. 17- Day Meeting
- Mon. Dec 21 - Night Meeting
- Thurs. Dec. 31 - Day Meeting