



# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Carol Petranek*

The shortest month is one day longer this year - February 29 is Leap Day. Reading the history and science behind adding one day every four years is so interesting. The ancient Egyptians were the first to recognize that the calendar year had to be reconciled with the astronomical or seasonal year. But it was not until 46 B.C. that Julius Caesar and his astronomers instituted a calendar that included a leap year. Many tweaks to keep the calendar aligned were made in the ensuing centuries, which resulted in our Gregorian calendar and is why we celebrate Christmas in December and not in July.

Today, there are many calendars in use: Gregorian, Bahai, Hebrew, Islamic, Chinese, Coptic and others. Each calculates the year slightly differently. I think there's a message here for those of us who try to create perfection in our quilts or in our lives - it's not going to happen! Despite centuries of deliberation and calculation, there remain differing theories among scientists, astronomers and mathematicians. No one has yet created the perfect calendar.

My quilting skills are basic, and my sewing errors are many. Yet, my mistake might be the creative twist that another quilter would deliberately add to her creation. We hear that Amish women put a mistake in each quilt because only God is perfect. Let's enjoy the extra day this month to create, laugh, love and yes - even make a mistake!

## COMFORT QUILT CHALLENGE

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

Hopefully everyone is finishing their Mystery Challenge Comfort Quilt. Please register your Challenge quilt (priority 0, along with your other quilts priority 1 -5) for our Facets of Quilting Show, April 16 - 18. It is very inspirational to see fifty Challenge quilts displayed together. During previous shows, visitors have commented on how generous our guild is with our donation quilts.

After our quilt 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")

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## QUILT SHOW ENTRY

*From Joanne Brazinski*

You will need your FCQ name badge in order to get into the quilt show free. If you've misplaced yours, please let our membership chair, Joanne Brazinski, know as soon as possible so it can be replaced.

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## LIST OF QUILT SHOW VENDORS

*From Alka Mital*

The following vendors will be available during our 2020 Quilt Show

- Handloom Batik
- Capital Quilts
- Wilson's Calico Corner
- Spring Water Designs
- Fitzies
- Tatting by Wendy
- The Crabby Quilter
- The Cloth Peddler

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## QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

*From Linda Kerrick and Tonya Tiffany*

Raffle Baskets are looking for donations! Fat quarters of any type! We'll do the sorting. Books, notions and new/gently used rulers also accepted. This year's specialty baskets will be children (novelty fabrics), pets, paper piecing, applique and wool (6"squares). The chocolate basket will also be repeated: food items, chocolate colored and sweets or cocoa themed fabrics. If you are traveling, consider picking up local specialty chocolates. Also under consideration is a "hometown" basket with Maryland themed items.

## QUILT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

*From Janette Tarr and Barbara Bennet*

Registration for quilts to be displayed in our 2020 show has started and will end Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please get your entries ready and registered! You should have received an email with a link to the online submission form.

All members may submit five quilts. It is very important to prioritize your quilts carefully (1-5, with 1 being you're the most important one to you). There are always problems trying to figure out how many quilts can be hung in advance and with the different layout this year, it is even more difficult. In the event there are too many quilts to display, your prioritization will help our quilt hangers decide which of your quilts is most important to you to have displayed.

The Comfort Challenge quilts will all be displayed, so please remember to enter these challenge quilts with a priority "0" (zero)! These do not count as one of your maximum of five quilts.

A representative of the registration committee will try to be at all meetings during the registration period to answer questions and to remind you to have your entries registered early. We will also take photos of any of your quilts. A quilt is not "registered" until you have submitted the form and supplied a photograph of the quilt.

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### THANK YOU

Even though I have not been to FCQ meetings in a long time, I appreciate the love, thoughtfulness, and prayers given to my husband, Ken, and me during this distressful time of his death in December. I appreciate all your cards. They meant so much to me. **Marie Kittelberger**

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### DIAMOND DIVAS & DRAMA QUEENS COLORED GEMSTONES AS DESIGN INSPIRATION

*From Maria O'Haver*

MJ Kinman, textile artist, will present her lecture on Thursday May 7 at 10:30am at the church's Lyle S. Buck Hall. MJ Kinman makes the biggest diamonds in the world using fabric! She will explain how she was inspired and will share some of her quilting history, along with her quilts.

MJ will be teaching a workshop, "Bite Size Gems", on Saturday May 9 from 9am-4pm. Students will learn how to create their own singularly beautiful work of faceted light using the same single-foundation piecing technique MJ uses to create her diamond quilts. Participants will leave the class with a small top, which can be quilted later. The class is for confident beginner to intermediate level quilter. If you have wanted to learn about paper piecing and how to apply that knowledge to make a unique quilt, this is the class for you. Registration is now open for this full day, \$50, workshop. Contact Maria O'Haver to register.

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### EDUCATION DATES FOR 2020:

Thursday, May 7 Lecture at 10:30am with MJ Kinman

Saturday, May 9 Workshop with MJ Kinman

September 25 - 27 Fall Retreat at Pecometh

Friday September 25 One Day Workshop 1 with Deborah Boschert at Retreat

Saturday September 26 One Day Workshop 2 with Deborah Boschert at Retreat

# Rules for Quilting

1. Always buy new fabric no matter how much you already have.
2. Sew all day and night.  
Absolutely no cooking allowed.
3. And always start a new Quilt before the last one is finished.  
This requires you to back to step #1

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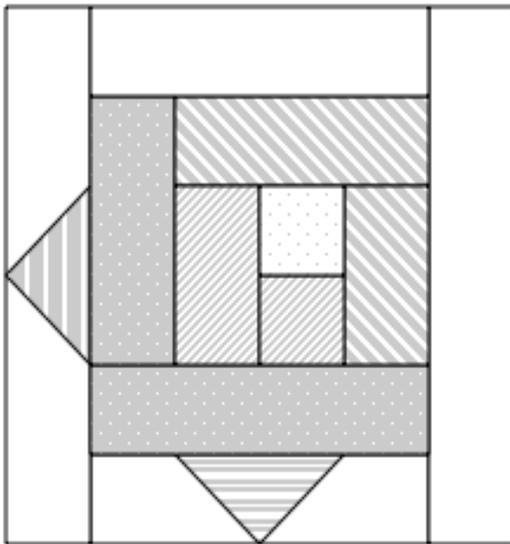
Wish Upon A Quilt



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH - ROSEBUD

From Linda Schiffer

makes a 12" (finished) block



In the deep gray of winter, I start wishing for roses! I am particularly fond of a climbing rose called Joseph's Coat. Maybe you have a favorite, too? Three shades of color for your rose, one yellow for the center and green leaves on a white (or white-on-white) background will make a lovely quilt.

Make one block for each entry in the drawing - to be held at the first meeting in March.

### Materials and Cutting Directions:

For Leaves: Two pieces of green print, each 2.5" x 4.5"

For darkest Rose shade: One 2.5" x 6.5" and one 2.5" x 8.5" rectangle

For medium Rose shade: One 2.5" x 4.5" and one 2.5" x 6.5" rectangle

For lightest Rose shade: One 2.5" square and one 2.5" x 4.5" rectangle

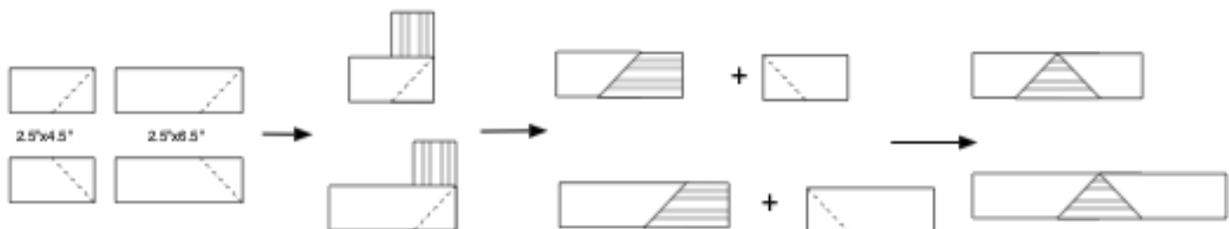
For Rose center: One 2.5" square yellow fabric

For Background: One 2.5" x 8.5" and one 2.5" x 12.5" rectangle; two 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles and two 2.5" x 6.5" rectangles

### Sewing Directions:

The rose itself is an unequal log cabin. Lay out the cut fabric pieces to create the flower design shown above, then sew the central unit. If you do not know how to make a 'log cabin' block - ask me or a friend to help. :)

The two 'leaf' pieces can be pieced like this:



draw sewing lines on bkg strips, attach one strip to each side of green leaf rectangles.

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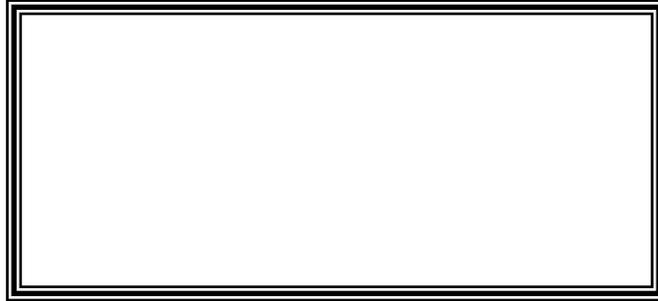
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welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
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We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm  
AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

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## Betty Kilroy's February Birthday Party

- 06 Barbara Bennett
- 08 Paula Henry
- 08 Janet C. O'Leary
- 09 Jane Preston
- 13 Karen Kaiser
- 13 Deb Simon
- 14 Jo Gaither
- 17 Sue Scott
- 19 Peg McClelland
- 21 Eleanor Fabiszak
- 21 Catherine Blacka
- 24 Lynda Gaidis
- 24 Sue Haynie
- 24 Adeline B. Rieger
- 28 Jonnifer Lennon
- 28 Cathy Oliver

## CALENDAR

- Mon. Feb. 3 Meeting at Spring Water  
Designs 6:30pm
- Thurs. Feb. 6 Love Quilts
- Sat. Feb 8 - Board Mtg 9:30am
- Sat. Feb. 8 - Quilt Chair Mtg 10:30am
- Mon. Feb. 10 Meeting at Spring Water  
Designs 6:30pm
- Mon. Feb. 17 No Meeting - President's Day  
***NO Monday Love Quilts due to Cold  
Weather Shelter at Church***