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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Nancy Meier

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends - I sure did. With the recent warm weather, it's been hard to believe January is here already. As guild meetings begin again, I should have 2 quilts to pin. Do you have any lingering UFOs? Are they also calling to you? If so, you will appreciate this poem entitled Coping With UFOs by Jacquie Scuitto, aka The Muse:

Many are the quilts I have begun,
Far fewer those I've finished.
The UFO collection just keeps growing --
It needs to be diminished!
I could send them to be quilted by machine
But that would take money I lack.
I could let someone else quilt them for me,
But would I really get them back?
Not starting quilts would, of course,
Be a sure UFO preventive,
But not having the will power that requires,
I must rely on some deadline incentive.

As we move into the new year, we have about 16 months until the 2018 Quilt Show. I am confident that MARIANNE HENDRICKSE and DIANE HUGHES will lead us to a great show. Just remember that it is *all of you* make our show truly great. So, expect to hear more from our chairs in subsequent newsletters and meetings

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LOVE QUILTS

From Marianne Hendrickse

I trust everyone had a joyous and peaceful holiday and that you were able to spend some time with family and friends. We all have much to be thankful for. Most importantly, good food, health and a roof over our heads. A long standing tradition of our guild has been to provide Love Quilts for the less fortunate. I invite our members to attend the following meetings to assist with Love Quilts. Thursday morning (1/5/17) and Monday evening (1/9/17).

At this time we will tie quilts, complete bindings and stitch on labels. If you are unable to attend but would like to assist, contact me and I will provide necessary supplies. Some members prefer to cut fabric squares and stitch on bindings by machine at home. There will also be a box of quilt kits available for those who enjoy stitching quilt tops.

FAITHFUL CIRCLE / MILLTOWN / VILLAGE QUILTERS BUS TRIP

By Sheri Thompson

Our first trip for 2017 is the "Quilts Around the Bay" Shop Hop on Friday, March 3, 2017. We will visit 7 of the 9 participating shops:

The Blue Hen Quilt Shop, Newark, DE
Hoppin Bobbin, Aberdeen MD
Tomorrow's Treasures, Crofton MD
The Quilt Vine, Trappe MD
Serendipity, Dagboro, DE
Mare's Bears, Lewes, DE
Delaware Sewing Center; Dover, DE

Springwater Designs, Columbia MD and Prints Charming, Fulton MD are also participating. Unfortunately due to itinerary and other time constraints, we will be unable to stop at either shop. We hope you will be able to visit these shops on your own between March 4-12.

Departure from the Park & Ride 108/Presbyterian Circle: 7:30am

Return: 9:00pm approximately

Cost: \$65 - includes lunch en route, driver's gratuity, and transportation

Checks payable to: Village Quilters - we must have 30 paid by February 1, 2017

Contact Sheri Thompson at a meeting or send check to 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759; 301-490-4448; sherit@aol.com

Lois Hollander - Milltown contact; Eleanor Howes - FCQ contact

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

From Maria O'Haver

This will be an exciting year for FCQ, with a variety of guest lecturers and teachers visiting us, so mark your calendars! We'll start out the year with our own Geri Flester teaching an already full class of students how to make Bargello quilts.

The next educational event is open for registration now. Based on multiple requests from members, we are having Erin Underwood come to teach her "Quick and Cute Tuffets" class on Saturday March 25th. It will be an all-day class, held in the Fellowship Hall, and will cost \$45. That cost includes the class fee for a pattern and button. Additional materials are required which can be purchased from Erin or obtained on your own. See MARIA O'HAVER for additional details and to sign up.

Save the 2017 Dates:

June 1 - Lecture Jane Sassaman

June 2, 3 - Class with Jane Sassaman

July 31 - Lecture Philippa Naylor

Aug 1, 2 - Classes with Philippa Naylor

Sept 29 - Oct 1 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh - no classes

Oct 7, 8 - Classes with Karen Eckmeier

Oct 9 - Lecture Karen Eckmeier



ADDITIONAL CLASS OPPORTUNITY

By Patty Wheeler

The Village Quilters will host quilter and lecturer Debbie Wendt. Debbie will be teaching a workshop called "The Twirl-A-Tool" on Friday, March 17, 2017. This class is being opened to other guilds, so sign up soon. The details are as follows:

Date and time: March 17th, 10AM-4PM (doors open at 9:30 for setup)

Location: Spring Water Designs, 9691 Gerwig Lane, Suite G, Columbia, MD

Cost: \$30 payable to Village Quilters at sign-up, \$16 payable to Debbie Wendt at workshop

There is some pre-cutting required. Supply lists and directions available at sign-up.

To register or for more information call Patty Wheeler 410-591-1488 or pattywheeler13@gmail.com



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

From Sharon Rhoton

Finished block is 8" square

Materials

Scraps of white, assorted greens, and brown

Cut Fabric

Cut three white fabric and three assorted green fabrics $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Cut each in half diagonally (or use your favorite method to make $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangle units).

Cut two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares for the upper corners.

Cut two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " white rectangles and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " brown square.



To Assemble:

Make a total of six green and white half square triangle units measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ ", and four assorted green half square triangle units measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square. Lay out triangle squares and other pieces into four horizontal rows, being careful to keep the diagonal seams as shown above and pressing seam allowances in one direction, alternating the direction with each row. Place the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " brown square in the center of the bottom row.

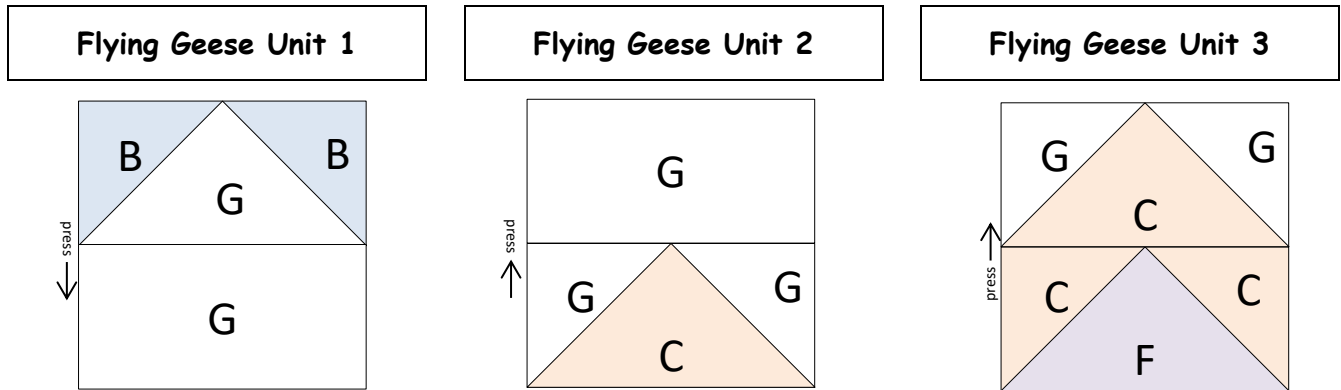


MYSTERY CHALLENGE

From Janette Tarr

Step 5: Let's build additional bigger units from flying geese.

This step involves taking all of those previously made flying geese and making larger units. This will involve cutting some $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles of your "G" fabric and combining them to make 3 different flying geese units



Depending upon the size quilt, cut $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangles of the "G" fabric to make the required number of flying geese units. Finished flying geese units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}''$ (unfinished).

	Small	Lap	Twin	Large
	44" x 44"	44" x 68"	68" x 92"	92" x 92"
4 $\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$ fabric G rectangles	12	16	24	28
Flying Geese Unit 1	4	6	10	12
Flying Geese Unit 2	8	10	14	16
Flying Geese Unit 3	20	32	72	100

At this point, you should have used all of your flying geese in one of these units. If you have any questions, please just let me know!

NOTE!!! December instructions were sent out separately due to a computer issue. If you did not get your instructions, please call (410-465-5038) or contact me (jmtarr79@gmail.com) and I will get you the directions.

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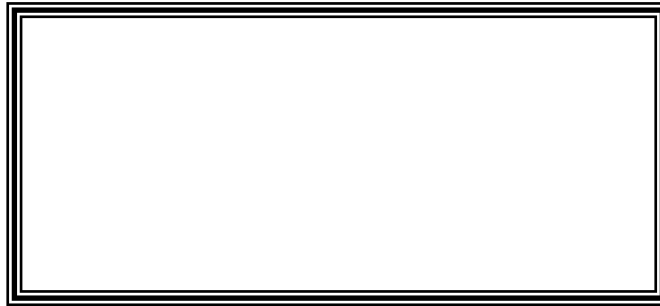
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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 January Birthday Party

- 02 Gladis McKoy
- 09 Linda Kerrick
- 14 Jackie Hall
- 20 Ellie Layman
- 21 Sandy McDonald
- 26 Carol Roberts
- 28 Sri Poedjastoeti
- 29 Geri Flester
- 31 Amy May

CALENDAR

January 5 - Love Quilts

January 9 - Love Quilts