

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Carol Petranek*

Happy New Year and Happy New Decade! Although people will quibble whether this new decade begins in 2020 or 2021, there is a cadence of anticipation in just saying the year "2020." It *feels* new! Recently *Parade* magazine published 100 of the best New Year's quotes. My three favorites are:

- "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."  
William James
- "The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." - Socrates
- "The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are." - J.P. Morgan

At FCQ, we are definitely moving forward as individuals when we develop our skills and as a guild when we give back to our community. We **DO** make a difference in the lives of people who are sick or lonely or suffering; our love quilts and donations bring cheer by showing people that they are not forgotten and that we care.

There will be an extra zing of energy in our group for the next three months as we prepare for our Quilt Show in April. The more involved we are, the more meaningful the show will be to us personally. Let's take Socrates' advice and focus on building the new - new talents to refine, friendships to nurture, new quilts to make.

I sincerely love being with each of you and thank you for making Faithful Circle such a welcoming and warm place to be. Anne Frank said it best: "What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."

## 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](mailto:sue.scott5312@verizon.net),

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## COMFORT QUILT CHALLENGE

*From Stephanie Sanidas*

Hopefully everyone is almost finished with their Mystery Challenge Comfort Quilt. Quilt show registration is beginning soon, and it would be so inspirational to see fifty challenge quilts on display in our April 2020 Facets of Quilting Show.

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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## 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!!!

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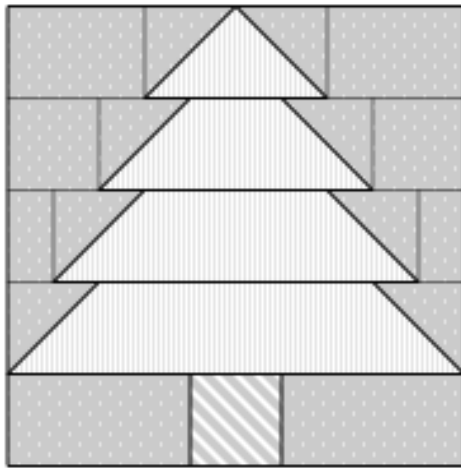
## SPRING RETREAT INFORMATION

*From Tonya Tiffany*

We will be located at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA for Thursday- Sunday May 14-17th. We will have at least one "Make-n-Take," a charity sewing hour and a little bit of surprise fun things along the way. This is my first time coordinating and so I hope everyone will go easy on me as I learn what to do. I do know this- it is time to start collecting \$50 deposits!! The total will come to \$340 per person and we will be having double occupancy rooms. If you have a roommate preference, please paperclip that information to your check. Do not expect me to remember!! ☺ You can hand me checks at the luncheon or mail them to me. Checks made out to FCQ sent to: Tonya Tiffany / 10702 Judy Lane / Columbia, MD 21044.

## 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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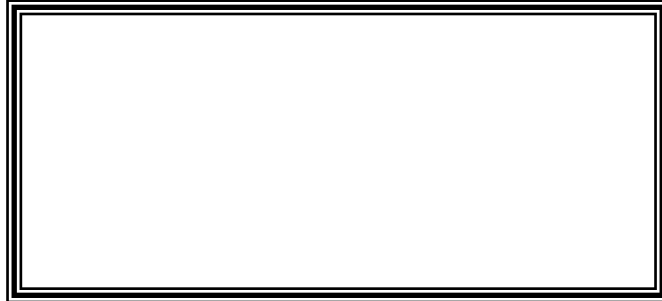
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interested in quilts and  
quilting.

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 January Birthday Party

- 01 Janice Kubuak
- 02 Gladis McKoy
- 07 Sue Andrews
- 09 Linda Kerrick
- 10 Nicci Bush
- 13 Kathleen Necciai
- 14 Jackie Hall
- 20 Ellie Layman
- 21 Sandy McDonald
- 26 Carol Roberts
- 28 Sri Poedjastoeti
- 29 Geri Flester
- 29 Rebecca Severt
- 31 Amy May

## CALENDAR

- Thurs. Jan. 2 - Love Quilts
- Mon. Jan. 6 - Love Quilts