

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Margaret Minton*

The new year is often a time for list-making: what I'm going to do this year, how I'm going to act, what I'm going to eliminate from my life. Yes, I have those things on my list, too. And, often, I do actually accomplish some of them!

Here are my plans for the year:

- I will think carefully about how long a project will take and commit my time accordingly. Should I really buy one more book, or another jelly roll? When will I get around to these projects?
- I will finish some of the projects already started. It is unrealistic to think I will complete all my UFO's in a year, but I plan to reduce the number.
- I will read some of the books now in the house, and then move them out. The shelves are already crowded.
- I will get my sewing room into an orderly state and keep it that way. Well, mostly.
- I will try to be in touch with my friends, even during our current travel restrictions.
- I will practice charity, which is badly needed during the current pandemic.
- I will get the coronavirus vaccine when it is available to me.

So... do you have a list of things you plan to do in the new year? Whatever your plan, I hope it sparkles with excitement, overflows with happiness, and provides peace in your life.

[www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters](http://www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters)

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGES!

*From Linda Kerrick*

- Mon. Jan 4 and Thurs. Jan. 7 Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Jan. 11 and Thurs. Jan. 14 Gift Show and Tell—Don't put your quilt-related Christmas or Hanukkah gifts away just yet—have them handy for our meetings the second week in January. Let us all see what you got! Fabric, of course, but also rulers, gadgets, calendars, note cards, anything quilt related. Can you include presents you bought for yourself? Of course!! We just want to see all your new goodies. This will be followed by an in-house scavenger hunt. There will be a prize for the winner!
- Mon. Jan. 18 and Thurs, Jan 21 Sit and Sew
- Mon. Jan. 25 and Thurs. Jan. 28 Winter Quilts Slide Show—Send Jean pictures of your winter quilts. Snow scenes, snow men, trees without their leaves, birds sitting in bare branches, winter birds like cardinals. Also non-representational quilts—do you have a quilt that says “winter” to you? Maybe something in blues and greys that you put out after Christmas but before spring? Those count too—send them in!
- Mon. Feb. 1 and Thurs. Feb. 4 Demo and/or Sit and Sew
- Mon. Feb. 8 and Thurs. Feb. 11 Valentines Quilts—hearts, love, etc.
- Mon. Feb. 15 and Thurs. Feb. 18 Sit and Sew
- Mon. Feb. 22 and Thurs. Feb. 25 Bingo—stay tuned for more details.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL—LAST CHANCE!

*From Pat Ledda*

As you know, our membership runs from November 1 to October 31 with renewals starting in August through September. Due to the Corona Virus, we have extended the renewal period but as we enter 2021, we will be closing renewals and purging individuals that have not renewed by January 16. The renewal form can be found on our Website. If you have any questions, please contact me at [pledda@comcast.net](mailto:pledda@comcast.net) At this time, we have not inactivated members unless they specifically asked us to. So let us here from you by January 16.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FCQ HISTORIAN

*From Nancy Martin*

It is PAST time to update the Raffle Quilt Album for 2020. I have great photos of the quilt, thanks Publicity Committee, but do not know who the lucky winner is. Also, are there any photos of the event? Please email information to [nmartinquilter@peoplepc.com](mailto:nmartinquilter@peoplepc.com).

Also need information on:

Our general History Album has pages on some important events that were undertaken by the guild and/or persons over the years. The year 2020 is infamous for what has NOT happened, but much has been going on behind the scenes. If you have been one of those heading up collections of masks or quilts for various hospitals or charities, please let me know so I can give you credit on a "Covid Workers" page. Email information to [nmartinquilter@peoplepc.com](mailto:nmartinquilter@peoplepc.com).

I became Historian a number of years ago by agreeing to work on a committee to organize and simplify a vast array of materials that had accumulated since our beginning. That accomplished, I was asked to remain as "Historian". However, because I am not located in Howard County, and do not receive any magazines or journals that may publish news of our events, this makes being historian slightly more difficult. In addition to the concerns of Covid, I have been troubled with health problems. And so, I intend to step down as Historian at the end of this year. As I said, it is not a difficult job, and I'll certainly provide assistance. Most of the albums are in our closet. Our Raffle Quilt album is at my house, for updating. Being an historian is a very interesting job; and you'll learn a lot!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FCQ PRESIDENT

*From Margaret Minton*

The FCQ Executive Board Meeting will be held on the second Saturday of January (the 9th) at 9:30am via Zoom. A separate announcement with the video link will be sent by email in advance of the meeting. Board members, please mark your calendars. Other members are welcome to attend.

## 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*

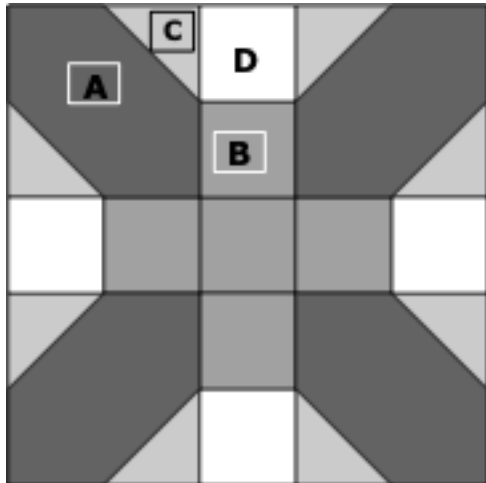
At our regular 11:00am meeting on February 25, 2021 we will be welcoming Hollis Chatelain virtually, for a one hour lecture.

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/>



## JANUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH



### Cross Plus

drafted by Linda Schiffer  
makes a 10" block

This block was first published in 1938 by 'Nancy Cabot'. As you can see, it has a lot of movement and some potential for colorplay. Made from bright, happy florals, it should keep your gardens blooming even in the grayest winter.

#### Cutting Instructions:

*Choose floral prints in the four values shown in the diagram.*

A: From darkest background print: Cut four (4) 4.5" squares

B: From medium print at center: Cut five (5) 2.5" squares

C: From light-medium at corners: Cut eight (8) 2.5" squares

D: From lightest print: Cut four (4) 2.5" squares

#### Sewing Instructions:

1. Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each Print C square. Sew these on opposite sides of each Print A square as shown. Trim seams and press blocks.

2. Layout fabric pieces as shown in diagram above. Be sure to check directionality of Print A units.

3. Sew together fabric pieces as shown. Block should measure 10.5" square with raw edges (10" finished).

*Mail finished blocks to me (see guild directory for address) or put in guild box at the church. I will show the blocks and draw for the winner at the last Zoom meeting in February. I will take responsibility for delivering the blocks won.*



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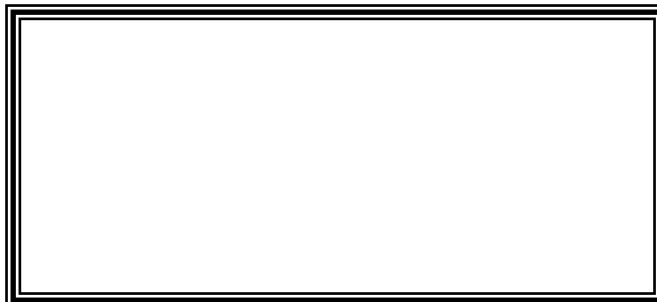
We meet Monday evenings  
from 7 to 9 pm

AND

Thursday mornings  
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the  
First Presbyterian  
Church on  
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29  
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Please come join us and  
visit our web site at  
[www.faithfulcirclequilters.com](http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com)



## Betty Kilroy's January Birthday Party

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

## CALENDAR

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