



# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Margaret Minton*

It is so strange to be greeting you without seeing you! I hope you are all staying safe and productive. We are happy to resume our Love Quilts' efforts, through bins near the kitchen doors at the church. The mask bins serviced by Milltown Quilters are gone so, future mask efforts if any, will require a different locus.

We have set up a tentative schedule for Zoom meetings, with the Monday evening group meeting one week, and the Thursday day group meeting the following week. July 2 and 6 will be the next meetings - watch for your invitation and join us if you can.

The next meeting of the Board will be Saturday, July 11, at 9:30. I hope all Board members will be tuned in for our Zoom meeting, and of course all guild members are invited to attend.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July, and remember, despite our difficulties, we are still living in the greatest country in the world, the target of immigrants (like me) from everywhere.

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## LOVE QUILTS

*From Sue Leicht*

Love Quilts (LQs) are off to a great start, thanks to all who have volunteered already to work on this project. There are still many opportunities to join in if you wish. **SUE ANDREWS** and I were new members not too long ago and thought that it might be nice to provide a brief overview.

FCQ's community service project, Love Quilts, provides small and large quilts to a variety of charities, including Howard County Hospital, the Grassroots Homeless Shelter and the Howard County Loan Closet. Donated fabric is cut into 6" and 8" squares by guild members. During the summer months, members meet to lay out squares to design a quilt top. The squares in the quilt top are then marked by row and gathered into a bag with instructions for completing the top. This is known as a Love Quilt Kit. We have kits for both the smaller 6" and larger 8" quilts.

The guild usually meets on the first Monday (evening) and Thursday (day) from September through May to work on the quilting aspect, also known as "sandwiching time." Tables are pushed together; backing, batting and quilt tops are laid down and the fun begins. People work together to tie the quilts with crochet cotton and huge needles. After tying, the batting and backing are trimmed so that the backing can be folded over to form a binding (aka self-binding). The quilts are then moved to smaller tables where members cut threads and tie the knots. Members then take quilts home to (machine) sew the binding over the front of the quilt. One more step remains! Finished quilts are returned to the guild where volunteers sew the FCQ Love Quilt label onto the back of the quilt. Tying days are a wonderful way to help with this project and to meet people. Everyone is willing to answer any questions you may have, and baked goods, coffee and tea are also provided.

In addition to tying and quilt design at guild meetings, members, during the year, bring home bags of fabric to cut into 6" and 8" squares and quilt kits to make the needed quilt tops. As you all are aware, given the current crisis, we are not able to meet during this time to make more kits as a group. However, we still have some kits available and will be making more. If you are interested in quilt design, we certainly have bins of cut squares.

The guild, in the last few years, has donated the following number of quilts: 149 (2016-2017), 168 (2017-2018) and 176 (2018-2019). As mentioned in **SUE ANDREWS'** recent email, we are happy to answer any questions, and deliver or pick up items ([sueleicht@verizon.net](mailto:sueleicht@verizon.net); [mhaspa@juno.com](mailto:mhaspa@juno.com))

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## UPCOMING LANCASTER BUS TRIP CANCELLED

*From Eleanor Howe*

It probably comes as no surprise that the July 17th shopping trip has been "postponed" to a date to be determined later. We had hoped things would be in better shape by now. Just another victim of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## ROUND ROBIN

*From Janette Tarr*

Hi my fellow Quilters! I hope all of you are surviving this very strange time in our lives!

In case you hadn't heard, I decided to run another Round Robin this year. In getting details set out, I have figured out most of the logistics, but things will have to be a bit flexible. I'm hoping lots of you will join us. Here are some things to know:

1. Everyone is welcomed to participate! This is a chance to practice good techniques and to work outside your comfort zone.
2. This is done without knowing who will be working on your original block until the final reveal. And you won't know whose project you are working on until then either.
3. If you want to participate, you must commit to it. This will consist of 8 rounds - 7 exchanges. This will start in August and the final reveal will be in May. It causes all kinds of problems if someone quits in the middle of the program. Life happens and we will roll with it, but if you know your schedule is an issue, this may not be the project for you.
4. I will give you plenty of time to finish each round, but I must get bags back on time! I will be placing a covered box on my porch for the duration to aid bag pickup.

In general, if I get all of the bags in on time (!), I'll determine where, and who, will get each bag, and then deliver the bags within a week. If all of us can keep to the due dates, and I can manage a week for pickup and delivery, then I think we can do a three border project.

If you want to participate:

1. Decide on a block and your focus fabric
2. Make one block - either an 8" finished (8 ½" unfinished), a 10" finished (10 ½" unfinished), or a 12" finished (12 ½" unfinished) block. It is your choice for size and block. BE CREATIVE and MEASURE CAREFULLY!
3. Let me know that your block is complete and we will arrange a time when I can get you a bag. This must be done no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Starting August 21<sup>st</sup>, I will then get another member's bag for you to work on for the next round.

Let me know if you want to join us on this at [jmtarr79@gmail.com](mailto:jmtarr79@gmail.com). For anyone of you out of state members who want to participate, place your block and fabric in the mail to me so that it arrives by August 20<sup>th</sup>. I will send you the next step bag on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

***If you've never participated in a Round Robin feel free to email me or call me (410-465-5038) and I will give you lots of information and examples.*** I can send you the info shown at the recent Zoom meeting, if desired.

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## TIPS AND TRICKS

Ellie Layman suggests that, if you need to remove graphite (and some colored) markings, use 1 part water to 3 parts rubbing alcohol, and 1-2 drops of Palmolive or Joy (**not Dawn**) dish soap. Rub the area gently with a toothbrush, then wipe with cloth and launder. (From Harriet Hargraves Hand Quilting.)

Lauren Swanger has learned to thread your needles more easily, moisten the *back side* of the needle (either hand or machine needle). The moisture attracts the thread and draws it right through.

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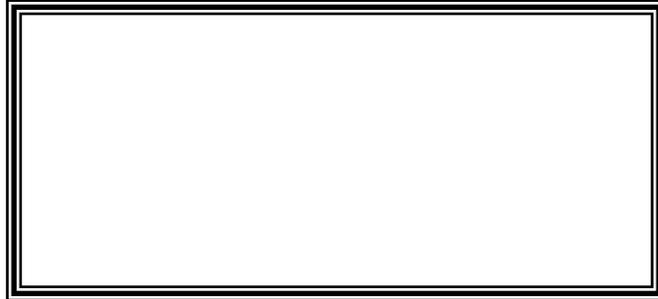
Faithful Circle Quilters  
welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

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  
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## **Betty Kilroy's July Birthday Party**

- 15 Patty Stenpeck
- 17 Caren Fitzpatrick
- 18 Peggy Duke
- 27 Hilda English
- 28 Shirley Landes
- 20 Ruth Cornelsen
- 31 Becky Hassell

## **CALENDAR**

### **ONLINE MEETINGS**

- Thurs. July 2 - Day Meeting
- Mon. July 6 - Evening Meeting
- Sat. July 11 - Board Meeting
- Thurs. July 16 - Day Meeting
- Mon. July 20 - Evening Meeting
- Thurs. July 30 - Day Meeting