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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Rose Panczenko

It is 70+ degrees as I'm writing this and it is still winter! My crocus arrived before the last snow and they are in beautiful full bloom. It seems the seasons are confused, and no one is sure how to dress... but one thing that *is* sure is that our Quilt Show is only a little more than a month away! Have you registered and are you finishing up your quilts and projects?

Our raffle quilt has been travelling and doing well at the various venues. The feedback is that our colorful quilt makes people happy ☺

I am so looking forward to our show. I love all the hustle and bustle of preparation and the wonderful camaraderie of our members. I also love that from totally empty rooms emerge beautiful visions of amazing quilts and projects. It's such an exciting time!

SPECIAL NOTICE - FCQ MEETING CHANGE

By Terry Wilson

Due to the Holy Week activities, the Church is unavailable on March 26. We are able to meet at Spring Water Design at 7:00 (instead of 7:30). Also remember that there is a 10% discount on Mondays. There will be NO meeting on Easter Monday, April 2, as Howard County schools are on spring break.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

TAPS QUILTS

By Stephanie Sanidas

We are collecting quilts for Memorial Day weekend TAPS camp in Washington D.C. Donation quilts are due by Monday May 7th. If you would like to help with TAPS quilt construction (sewing, quilting, or binding) contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS.

2018 PROJECT LINUS ALPHABET CHALLENGE

By Stephanie Sanidas

I hope everyone is almost finished their fun Alphabet Challenge quilt. You have until March 19th to register these quilts for our show. Your Challenge quilt can be priority 0 so it does not count toward your quilt limit. After our quilt show, Alphabet Challenge quilts will be donated to Project Linus.

QUILT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

From Janette Tarr and Sheva Farkas

Registration will end Monday, March 19th. **Remember: No registrations will be accepted after registration ends.** If this newsletter was sent out on March 1st, that means **you only have 19 days left to register!!**

Remember, there is a category: "Other". Don't forget some of those great bags, pillows, aprons, etc. Each FCQ member may submit up to five (5) quilts, plus any and all of your Project Linus Alpha Challenge quilts. Register these with a priority 0.

Someone from the registration committee will be at all meetings to take photos as needed and to continue nagging and pestering everyone to get their entries completed early.

QUILT HANGING INFORMATION

From Shelley Tarr and Maria O'Haver

Classification of quilt size categories has changed slightly from previous shows. They are now based on the "TOP" measurement of the quilt. This is due to the size or the poles that are used to hang the quilts. The size categories are as follows:

- Small "TOP" measurement: <= 39"
- Medium "TOP" measurement: 40" - 59"
- Large "TOP" measurement: 60" - 91"
- X-Large "TOP" measurement: >= 92"

The Large and X-Large will still be considered the same category for the 'Viewer's Choice Awards'.

All quilts that do not fit into the "Small" category must have sleeves. Some may not be put on a pole, but that can't be predicted in advance. *So please add sleeves!*

QUILT SHOW SIGN-UPS

By Kim Reading

Many hands make light work, and we have jobs for everyone!

We're again using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) CTRL and click this link to see our SignUps on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/gch2k9>
- 2) Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you like. Don't forget to hit the 'save' button after you volunteer for a spot.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.
Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

If you prefer not to use your email address, or you run into problems, please contact me (krquilter@earthlink.net) and I can help you out.

Second Note: If you access the site on a mobile device, (phone, tablet), you cannot surf between the different sign ups. You will only be able to view one sign up and then have to back out completely and re-enter to view a different sign up. I suggest, if you're not sure which jobs you'd like to volunteer for, use your computer to look at all of your choices first.

\$10 AND UNDER TABLE

From Beth Bohac

The inventory for the \$10 and Under Table is off to a great start, thanks to all of the wonderful items members have donated. Our goal is to have a variety of things to offer, and we are well on our way to doing that. But at the risk of sounding greedy - we could still use lots more!

If you are still considering making something to donate to the table, here are some suggestions:

Things for babies or children

Wine bags

Bookmarks

Sachets

Cat and dog toys

Small stuffed animals.

Remember, we aren't limited to fabric items - knit, crocheted or paper crafted things are welcome too (what about handmade greeting cards?).

Thank you again for your generous donations of your time and talents!

PEDDLER'S TABLE

By Janet Currotto

It's time again to start gathering all those formerly loved quilting items to sell at the Peddlers' Table. Full instructions will be sent out within the next two weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email janet.learning@comcast.net.

QUILT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

By Sandra Reading

We have received many amazing items for the Silent Auction. And, we know many are working completing their items. It's hard to believe the quilt show will soon be here! Remember this is our chance to directly affect the funds Faithful Circle has available for speakers and classes for 2017-2018. Please submit your wonderful items before the show opens so we will have time to prepare the booth. Thank you, NORA GOLDSTEIN, ELAINE BISHOP and SANDY READING

QUILT SHOW RAFFLE BASKETS

By Linda Kerrick

Help fill our raffle baskets! Fat quarters, patterns, and other sewing items accepted. A few of those nice clear vinyl pouches or project kits would be great too.

QUILT SHOW DECORATIONS

By Sandy MacDonald

It's that time again, ladies, to begin looking for decorations for our quilt show. Decorative items enhance the beauty of the quilts and make the bays a place you want to linger while you study the quilts. Our quilt show decorations always seem to be a big hit with viewers, and that's because of the generosity of our members. Items needed are: anything country, sewing-related, small pieces of furniture, old toys, dolls, stuffed toys, floral items, baskets, or any items you think would look great with a quilt or just make you smile. To keep our items safe, there will be a "white glover" nearby and someone will always be sitting at the table in front of the exit door in Lyle Buck Hall.

I will attend the Thursday morning meetings and pass out decoration forms and instructions. For Monday night members, I will be glad to mail the information to you. I will also be glad to accept any decorations on Thursday mornings, or you may drop them off at my home if you prefer. I will also be at the church at 8:00 a.m. on the set-up day if you would like to drop your items off at that time. Those of you who have provided decorations in the past will be familiar with the process. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 410-461-4337. I want to thank you all, in advance, for helping to make our quilt show so special and beautiful.

PJ PANTS UPDATE

By Georgia Morris

We delivered 42 pairs of PJ Pants to Howard County Hospital Pediatric ER. This is on top of the 80 pairs we gave in December. Thank you to all who purchased and donated pants and elastic and those who sewed them at the January Sew-In at Caring Hands. The Hospital staff were delighted and very grateful.

FCQ EDUCATIONAL EVENT

By Maria O'Haver

Terry Kramzar will be giving a lecture at our Monday meeting on May 21 at 7pm. Her lecture, entitled "Inspired by Adventure", will be a trunk show and talk about her adventures and how they have inspired her creative process. Terry's work is very diverse, ranging from pictorial to abstract, pieced to applique, innovative to traditional. Terry will be teaching an all day workshop on Saturday May 26. Her workshop is titled "Pieced Quilting in Layers". In the workshop, students will bring their gorgeous fabrics and play with color and texture to create a small art quilt to learn her innovative technique for quilting - not free motion quilting -- just straight stitching with a regular foot. This is similar to "quilt as you go" but the backing is one piece. She'll also teach perfect Knife Edge Binding for an artful finish. Class will be held in our meeting location, Lyle Buck Hall and registration is now open. Class fee is \$50, payable upon registration. Contact MARIA O'HAYER to sign up.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION EVENTS FOR 2018

July 26 - Thursday Lecture with Mary Huey

July 28 - Saturday workshop with Mary Huey

Sept. 6 - Thursday Lecture with Joen Wolfrom

Sept 7 & 8 - Friday & Saturday - two one day workshops with Joen Wolfrom

Sept. 28 - 30 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh - two half day workshops by our own Kesten Blake, plus free sewing time

Nov. 8 - Thursday lecture with Becky Goldsmith

Nov. 8, 9 & 10 - Thurs, Fri. & Sat. - one half day and two one day workshops with Becky Goldsmith

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN APPRECIATION

By Judy Jefferson

A friend of mine is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. The last time I saw her, she gave her personal thanks for the contribution Faithful Circle Quilters made to First Presbyterian's Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian usually includes in their baskets a \$50 food gift card, but in 2016 almost double the number of baskets were promised and they had only enough to give each family a \$25 gift card. However in 2017, because of the support from Faithful Circle Quilters, First Presbyterian was able to again provide the \$50 gift card. My friend was so appreciative and I wanted to pass along her gratitude. In case you didn't know, your support does make a big difference.

MARCH BLOCK OF THE MONTH - JUMPING JACKS

From Marcia Halcomb

Fabric requirements:

White - (2) 5" squares

Bright floral fabric - (2) 5" squares

Be sure to press the HST's open flat for more precise cutting.

Click on the link for instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKo790YgZ8o>

This makes one 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished block.



THE QUILTER'S ALPHABET*

- ACCURACYMood dependent
- BLEEDBless the fabric that doesn't
- CREDIT CARD That thing that purrs in a quilt shop
- DISTANCE At which points look good
- EVEN Well? Does it look even?
- FUDGE Adjustment terminology
- GOLDEN..... Moment the quilt is finished
- HUG What wrapping up in a quilt gives to you
- IRON The great fabric disciplinarian
- JUSTIFY Can't cook!! I'm quilting an heirloom
- KNOT What you get in your neck from sewing too long
- LOVE Quilting is a labor of...
- MARKER Please let it wash out!
- NEEDLE..... Feet always find it
- OUCH See "N"
- PUCKER That rascally little puffy thing
- QUILT A thing of beauty and a joy forever
- RIP As ye sew, so shall ye rip
- SEAM Straight is good...
- TIME To quilt. Need more of...
- UNDERSIDE Where all of the work shows
- VICTIM Of "quilt guilt" (too many of us?)
- WHAT..... A quilt (all-purpose comment)
- XAMINE I'll tell you how close!
- Y Only quilt on days that end in "Y"
- ZERO Other things you'd rather be doing.

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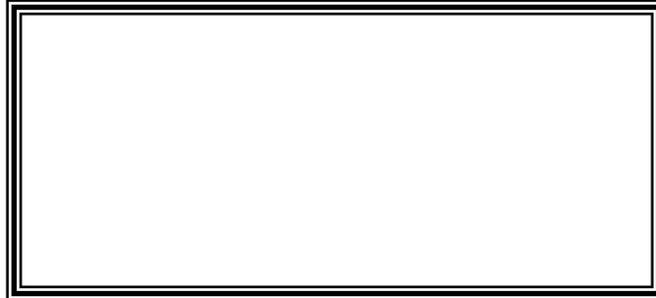
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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 March Birthday Party

- 03 Janet Currotto
- 03 Bonnie Tester
- 04 Sandy DeLaney
- 07 Barbara Laskowski
- 11 Cynthia Porter
- 14 Bonnie Stapleton
- 15 Georgia Morris
- 22 Margaret Minton
- 24 Elaine Bishop
- 26 Darlys Hughes
- 31 Marge Bowers

CALENDAR

Thursday March 1 - Love Quilts

Monday March 5 - Love Quilts

Monday March 26 – Regular 7:00pm Monday
Night Meeting will be at Spring Water Designs

Thursday March 29 - No Meeting - Holy Week

Monday April 2 - No Meeting – Holy Week