

# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Margaret Minton*

What a wonderful group this is! So many members are reaching out to others in friendship, even when meeting in person is not possible. It is heartening to know that Faithful Circle members are so caring.

Even without holding our annual Silent Auction, we have managed to contribute \$3,522 to the Thanksgiving baskets. Thanks to all who supported this cause, helping our host church provide charitable assistance to local needy families.

And, in other news - thanks to all who assisted Georgia Morris's efforts in providing kennel quilts for animal shelters. Thank you to those who assisted in making Love Quilts and distributing them. A personal thank-you for get-well heart blocks, as I get back on my two legs again. Thank you for the friendship blocks for departing members. Thank you for all the smiling faces at the Trunk or Treat event on Saturday (I've seen the pictures).

Quilters are special. (You are special.) Giving seems so natural for quilters. A quilt is a comforting thing, and so we give comfort, warmth, and care. Our Love Quilts and our personal quilts are always given to make someone's life better, easier, or happier. What a wonderful thought!

Thank you for caring, thank you for sharing.

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

## LOVE QUILTS

*From Sue Leicht*

106 quilts have been donated to date to the Loan Closet, Hope Works (formerly Domestic Violence Center), Bridges to Housing, Grassroots and Cool Kids! The need is even greater now due to the pandemic. SUE ANDREWS and I were only able to meet these requests in a timely manner due to all of your efforts.

The Love Quilts for Veterans project is under way. We have promised 50 small and wheelchair quilts to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home for their Thanksgiving Basket program. Our small and wheelchair quilts are 36"x54" and 36"x36", respectively; any quilts about those sizes are most welcomed. We are making additional small and wheelchair quilt kits for the church bin. SUE and I are happy to answer any questions, deliver or pick up items.

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## KENNEL QUILTS UPDATE

*From Georgia Morris*

I was able to deliver 74 kennel quilts to Capital Quilts on Friday, October 23. They were very pleased and grateful to receive them and said--"this makes enough for another shipment!" I will continue to make, and pick up, any additional quilts for delivery in December, the date is yet to be determined. Thank you to all those who sewed them and those who donated animal fabrics. The generosity of Faithful Circle continues to amaze me. As a reminder, both the pattern and directions are in a file folder in the Love Quilt blue box at 1st Presbyterian Church.

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## VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AND LECTURE WITH BETHANNE NEMESH

*From Maria O'Haver*

Members of Faithful Circle Quilters can now sign up for three different virtual workshops with renowned long arm quilter **BETHANNE NEMESH**. Northern Virginia guild, Quilters Unlimited, is hosting the workshops and has invited other guilds to join.

Documents sent previously via email, provide more details on the three virtual drawing workshops. Each workshop is 2 hours. If you sign up for at least one workshop, you can attend the virtual lecture free.

Friday November 13, at 10am - Workshop Freehand Florals

Friday November 13, at 1pm - Workshop Fast to Fancy: Feathers for Freehand Quilters

Saturday November 14, at 10am - Workshop Quilted Texture from A to Zen

Saturday November 14, from 2-3pm Lecture: Walk a Creative Path (only for workshop participants).

Registration for the classes will be through the QU website at <https://quiltersunlimited.org/home-2-2-2/fall-event-2/>. There are limited spaces available (98 spaces for each workshop). Early Bird pricing of only \$25/class is available through Sept 30; afterwards pricing is \$35. Mancuso Shows recently featured **BETHANNE** at \$60 per class for the same classes, so this is a huge bargain!

## 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.

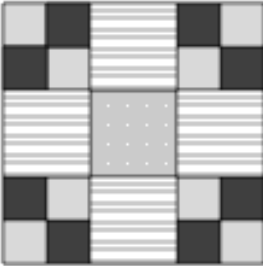
Hollis Chatelain is an internationally renowned, and award-winning, artist. Through a dynamic and characteristic style marked by dreamlike imagery, elaborate use of color, and intricate thread detail, Hollis creates unique compositions that address challenging social, environmental, and political themes. 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/>



## NOVEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH

### THRIFTY



a traditional patchwork pattern; drafted by Linda Schiffer

This is a simple pattern to sew; you could have fun making a color transparency pattern with the large squares. For our November block, use 'Autumn' colors for the large squares and sky blue with dark gray for the small square units. Make something lovely! *Drawing\*\**

#### Cutting Instructions:

From fall colors cut: Four 4.5" "flower" squares and One 4.5" center square.

From sky blue cut: One strip 2.5" x 20"

From dark gray cut: One strip 2.5" x 20"

#### Sewing Instructions:

Sew the sky blue strip to the dark gray strip to make a simple strata:



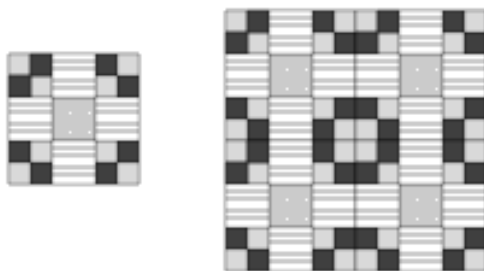
Cut this double fabric strip into eight 2.5" rectangles as shown above.

Resew these rectangles into four patches:



Lay out the patchwork units as shown in the drawing at the top of this page. Sew together to make your Thrifty block.

These blocks can be arranged to give a variety of overall designs and secondary patterns.



*\*\*Drawing information. I am unsure how to handle drawing for these block of the month patterns. I do not have any way to gather them at the church; some members have mailed their blocks to me for the months. Other, I assume, are saving them until we can meet in person again. I guess I need to ask the board to decide whether we should continue to do b.o.m. patterns in our monthly newsletter - should we include them or defer this activity until we can resume in-person meetings?*

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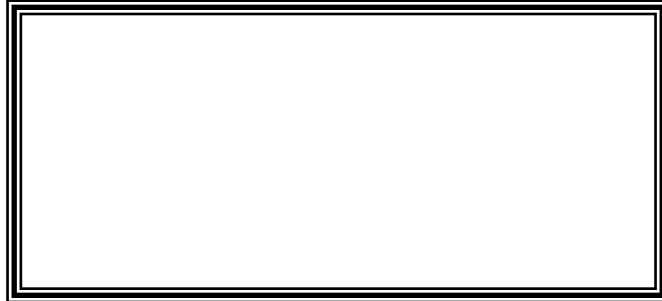
Faithful Circle Quilters  
welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

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  
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Please come join us and  
visit our web site at  
[www.faithfulcirclequilters.com](http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com)



## Betty Kilroy's November Birthday Party

- 03 Virginia Fry
- 03 Patricia Ledda
- 03 Tanya Stankewicz
- 11 Mary McCahill
- 12 Maggie Nebel
- 23 Joan Fox
- 23 Linda Schiffer
- 23 Marcia Halcomb
- 24 Janette Tarr

## CALENDAR

### ONLINE MEETINGS

- Thurs. Nov. 5 - Day Meeting
- Mon. Nov 9 - Evening Meeting
- Thurs. Nov. 19 - Day Meeting
- Mon. Nov. 23 - Night Meeting