



# The Circular

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*From Rose Panczenko*

Recently, my daughter Dana moved into a Baltimore row house and sent me a picture of the miniature quilt I'd made her when she was just a child. Then it was used as a doll's quilt, now it is her table's centerpiece. I thought of all the different quilts and projects I've made over the years and how they've changed, in style. I used to love half-square triangles and flying geese blocks, although now I make modern pre-cut blocks. I realized that we live in the very best time for quilting! So many choices... And, because our guild is so talented, supportive, and inspirational, I find myself wanting to do it ALL!! You never know who your quilts may inspire, so keep sharing!

We have a lot to look forward to this month:

- attending Karen Eckmeier's classes and lecture
- going on the Lancaster Shopping trip
- attending our Silent Auction on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to benefit The First Presbyterian Church
- seeing progress on the Linus Alphabet Challenge quilts
- seeing Halloween quilts and projects
- seeing our members' projects from the last Fall retreat
- getting ready for our 2018 quilt show, and....
- selling raffle tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt!

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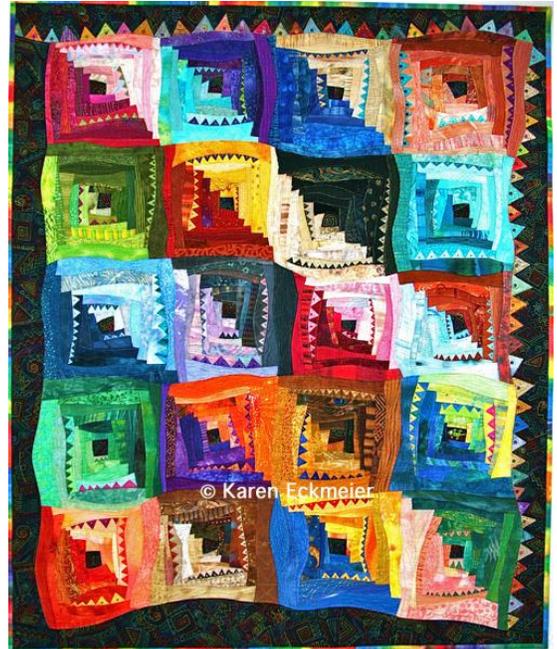
## UPCOMING CLASSES

By Maria O'Haver

Karen Eckmeier will be visiting FCQ in October to teach two workshops and give a lecture.

Karen started making art quilts in 1996 and was very well received in national and international shows. The awards encouraged her to move forward with her art. Her hobby officially became a profession in 2002 when she opened her business "The Quilted Lizard." For 8 years she taught at a local quilt store and in 2002 began teaching her technique "Layered Curves" and "Accidental Landscapes™" nationwide. Teaching workshops gives her the opportunity to share her passion for playing with fabric with others. Read more about Karen on her website: <http://quilted-lizard.com>.

The first all day workshop will be "Scrappy Layered Log Cabin" on Saturday **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. This is a workshop for all levels, to teach her layered top stitching technique to create a curvy log cabin block. Relax and enjoy top stitched seams, curved edges, no measuring, blocks of different sizes, and raw-edge prairie points embellished with beads.



The second all day workshop will be "Happy Villages" on Sunday **October 8<sup>th</sup>**. This is also a workshop for all levels. Simple step and window shapes are cut and collaged to magically form a village. You can make her Seaside village, Halloweenville, or a village inspired from a vacation or a village from your imagination.

Karen will be giving a lecture "Still Making Waves" and trunk show on Monday **October 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm at our regular meeting location. Each of her workshops will be held at the Gary L. Arthur Community Center at Glenwood. The cost of each workshop is \$50 (due at registration), and registration is now open. Contact MARIA O'HAYER to register. More information about her workshops, including material lists, is available on Karen's website.

<http://quilted-lizard.com/workshops.htm>.

## UPCOMING "SAVE THE DATES"

*By Maria O'Haver*

Oct 7 - Karen Eckmeier Workshop  
Log Cabin

Oct. 9 - Karen Eckmeier Lecture, 7:00pm

Oct 9 - Karen Eckmeier Workshop  
Happy Villages

May 17-20, 2018 - Black Rock Retreat Center,  
Quarryville, PA

*Cost and details will be provided in the fall.*

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## LANCASTER, PA SHOPPING TRIP

*By Sheri Thompson*

This year's Lancaster PA Shopping Trip is on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will depart at 7:30am (at the Park and Ride Rt. 108 and Presbyterian Circle, Columbia) and return at approximately 7:30pm. The cost is \$60 and includes transportation, driver gratuity, and lunch. We will stop at Burkholder's Fabric Shop, Shady Maple Cafeteria for lunch, and the Kitchen Kettle Village (which includes the Old Country Store, and Zook's). This trip is sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds.

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## VILLAGE QUILTERS QUILT BINGO

*By Patty Wheeler*

Village Quilters' Quilt Bingo will be held on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at The Lodge, 2832 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville, MD 21228. Tickets are \$20 prepaid and \$22 at the door. There will be 20 games of regular Bingo, at least 3 special games, door prizes, raffle baskets and food for sale. For tickets or more information please contact PATTY WHEELER at [contact@villagequiltersmd.com](mailto:contact@villagequiltersmd.com).

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## 2018 PROJECT LINUS ALPHABET CHALLENGE

*By Stephanie Sanidas*

Additional mystery bags were found during fall cleaning. If you would like a second mystery bag or want to trade, now is the time! Mark your calendars for show-and-tell on Thursday, January 4, 2018 and Monday, January 8, 2018. Challenge quilts will be donated to Project Linus after the quilt show so you have plenty of time to finish your quilts. If you have any questions, contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or NANCY EVANS. If you need inspiration, ask DIANE HUGHES to show you her amazing challenge quilt.

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## TAPS BLOCK OF THE SUMMER 2017

*By Stephanie Sanidas*

Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Block of the Summer, the 12 inch (finished) patriotic Churn Dash block. Enough blocks were sewn by members to make 10+ TAPS quilts. We are looking for volunteers to help with sewing tops, machine quilting and binding. Let us know if you can provide assistance. Deadline is May 1, 2018 for TAPS quilts.

## ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

*By Elaine Bishop*

Faithful Circle Quilters will hold their annual Silent Auction on Monday evening, October 23<sup>RD</sup>. The event will be held in Lyle Buck Hall, lower floor at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. All proceeds are donated to our host church for their Thanksgiving Basket Program.

Set-up will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Bidding will be from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Please bring items that need to find new homes. Remember, it does not need to be a finished product, nor even quilt related. Sometimes, works in progress get bogged down in our sewing rooms and just need a new pair of eyes and hands to finish them. A few examples include fabric (both yardage and cut into pieces), patterns, incomplete quilt tops or other projects, books, jigsaw puzzles, plants, yarn, picture frames, pottery, placemats ... anything that someone may find useful and/or interesting. Food items are also acceptable when wrapped for bidding.

This year, two items will be raffled off during the evening. First is a basket of goodies donated by Nancy Evans. The second is a \$75 gift certificate from Springwater Designs in Columbia. It just happens to be enough to cover their Long Arm Class, if you are interested in using their equipment for your own quilts. The winning tickets will be drawn at 8 p.m.

Additionally, refreshments may be purchased for your enjoyment during the evening. Additional plates of cookies are welcomed.

Bring your cash and checkbooks (sorry, no credit cards). Bidding forms are available in a yellow folder found in 'the box' at the meetings, as well as at the auction. Include a separate form for each item. Bidding is in whole dollar amounts. Come and see all the great items provided by your fellow members at this great guild event. At the end of the evening please check the bidding sheets for any items you need to collect, including those you provided for the event.

Monetary donations may be given to our treasurer, Kathy Lee, or the vice presidents at both evening and morning meetings.

As you shop and purchase tickets, remember every dollar goes directly to the Thanksgiving Baskets provided by the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County to needy families in our own communities.

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### HURRICANE RELIEF QUILTS

Project Linus Headquarters has requested donations of 40" x 60" quilts for children traumatized and displaced by the disasters caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. Many quilts are needed and this is a long-term effort with no deadline.

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### "THANK YOU!" FROM EMILY WHEELER

I want to let you know how much I appreciate all the well wishes I have received. They look so cheerful lined up on my mantel. It is such a comfort to know that I am still remembered. I have so many fond memories of FCQ. I am planning to come to the quilt show in the spring if all possible.

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## QUILT SHOW \$10 AND UNDER TABLE NEWS

By Beth Bohac

Looking for ideas to make for the \$10 and Under Table or the quilt show's Silent Auction? Check out the FCQ web site. Under the Members Area, there is a tab called "Quilting Related Links." There you will find dozens of free patterns and ideas that are available on the Internet. Many of these would make great items for you, for gifts, or for a donation to the \$10 and Under Table.

In addition, committee members (JANET O'LEARY, PEG MCCLELLAND, and BETH BOHAC) will have kits available at meetings starting in October for small projects suitable for the table. If you have ideas but need fabric, please ask one of us. We just might have what you need. And just to get you thinking, here are some categories of items we are looking for:

- Baby items, like bibs, burp cloths and maybe a few fabric books
- Mug rugs: crazy quilt design from scraps or ones with designs
- Fabric postcards
- Kids costume things: crowns, fairy wands, etc
- Small stuffed animals (comfort bears)
- Kids pillowcases (FYI: last show, we donated what we had left to charity)
- Personal items, like lanyard holders, key chains, coin purses
- Holiday items, including Mother's and Father's Day, Halloween and Christmas

Thanks in advance for all your help in making this part of the quilt show a success!

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### OUR FCQ RAFFLE QUILT

By MaryBeth Little

The raffle quilt is on the move!! I will be asking for help as move forward taking the raffle quilt from guild to guild selling raffle tickets. This represents a significant source of revenue for the guild so please consider helping. If you belong to another guild besides Faithful Circle Quilters, please let me know. Feel free to email me at [mblittle23@gmail.com](mailto:mblittle23@gmail.com). We will be displaying the quilt and selling raffle tickets during the Quilter's Quest at Patches Quilt Shop in Mt. Airy November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

We have also entered the quilt into the Battle of the Quilt Guilds, part of the Birds of a Feather show sponsored by The Longarm Network. This is a show featuring classes in machine quilting (sit-down and stand-up) at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, VA February 8-10, 2018. It will be essential that we have volunteers to sit with our raffle quilt and sell tickets during these two events. Sign-up sheets will be available as we get closer to the date. If anyone knows where last year's quilt rack is, please email DIANNE HUGHES or MARYBETH LITTLE with that information. Thanks in advance for all the help you're going to provide!!

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

By Marcia Halcomb



### PUMPKIN BLOCK

#### Cutting directions:

- (6)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " strips in oranges (you don't have to use 6 different fabrics)
- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square in brown
- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in green

The photos show a dot background fabric. Please use cream instead.

- (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strip in cream
- (6)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares in cream

Sew the orange strips together lengthwise and press the seams to one direction. This should measure  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " X  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

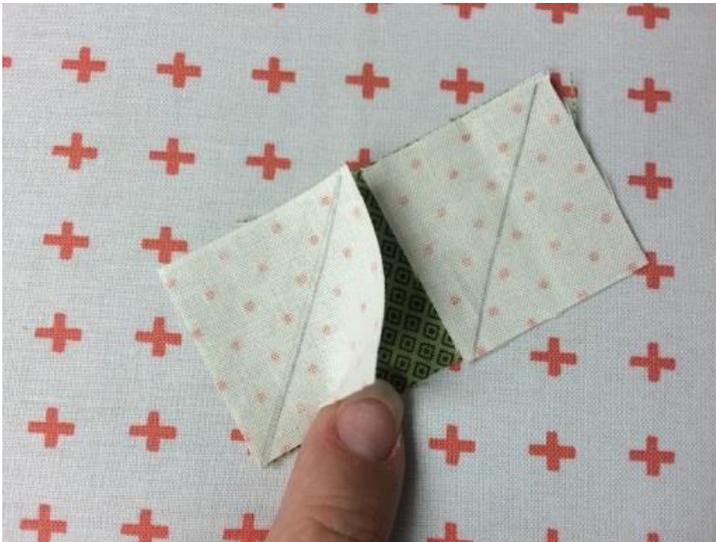


Place a cream square on each corner of the strip unit. Mark the square with a diagonal line from corner to corner as shown. Sew on the diagonal line that is marked.



Using a ruler and rotary cutter, or scissors, cut away the corners  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the sewn line. Press the corners away from the orange strips.

Layer two background squares on top of the green strip as shown and mark them diagonally from corner to corner.



Sew on the drawn lines and trim away the corners 1/4" away from the sewn lines. Press the corners away from the green strip.

Arrange the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$   $5\frac{1}{2}$ " cream strip, the brown square and the green leaf unit as shown. Sew the background strip to one side of the brown square and the leaf unit to the other side. Press the seams toward the brown square.

Sew the stem and leaf row to the top of the orange strip set and press the seams away from the orange strip set. This makes a  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished block.



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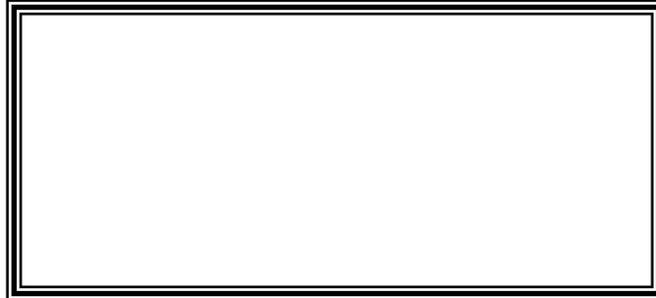
Faithful Circle Quilters  
welcomes anyone  
interested in quilts and  
quilting.

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](http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com)



## Betty Kilroy's October Birthday Party

- 03 Stephanie Sanidas
- 03 Terry Wilson
- 04 Janice Liesch
- 04 Susan Mitchell
- 06 Sue Campise
- 07 Joyce Rozas
- 07 Pollie Stevenson
- 09 Mary H. Peroutka
- 16 Sharon Rhoton
- 16 Frances Estes
- 17 Mary Corbin
- 17 Beth Bohac
- 18 Alka Mital
- 19 Sandy Schlossberg
- 20 Janet Clark
- 25 Maria O'Haver
- 26 Patricia Wyatt
- 28 Dawn Byrd
- 31 Rita Seeley

## CALENDAR

- Monday, Oct. 2 - Love Quilts
- Thursday, Oct. 5 - Love Quilts
- Saturday, Oct. 7 - Scrappy Layered Log  
Cabin Class
- Sunday, Oct. 8 - Happy Villages Class
- Monday, Oct. 9 - Lecture and Trunk Show
- Monday, Oct. 23 - Silent Auction