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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Rose Panczenko

I hope your summer was filled with exciting travel, wonderful visits with family, and fun times with friends. Also, quilt shows and shops, which, I'm sure, provided much inspiration for the coming year.

I expected sparse attendance at our summer meetings and was pleasantly surprised to see so many members here, and happily quilting away. ☺

So many events are on the horizon ... our Silent Auction is coming up in October - looking forward to seeing all the Linus quilts getting completed by January - wonderful quilting lectures and classes - and, of course, our 2018 Quilt Show. Our creative raffle quilt committee, along with our members, produced an incredibly beautiful raffle quilt.

The more involved I get with Faithful Circle Quilters, the more I realize how fortunate we all are to have each other, and what a truly nice and caring group of people you are. I'm proud to be a part of this group.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

LANCASTER, PA SHOPPING TRIP

By Sheri Thompson

This year's Lancaster PA Shopping Trip is on Friday, **October 20th**. 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). Payment is needed by **September 18th** for 30 people to guarantee that it's a go. Make checks made payable to: Village Quilters. Send payment to: SHERI THOMPSON, 7422 Cherry Tree Drive, Fulton, MD 20759. Sponsored by a co-op of local Quilt Guilds.

UPCOMING CLASSES



FCQ guild member, Julia Graves, will be teaching Shimmering Triangles at Spring Water Designs in Columbia Maryland on Tuesday, **September 26th** from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This gorgeous quilt gives the effect of water rippling in a stream. It is a perfect pattern to showcase beautiful fabric, especially large scale prints. You will achieve the shimmer by applying easy to understand color and value concepts that you can also use to enhance all your future quilts. Cost \$50. For more details and to register, contact Spring Water Designs at <http://www.springwaterdesigns.com/classes.htm?categoryId=788890039>

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

By Peg McClelland

Thank you to everyone who has been working on Christmas stockings. So far I have collected about 40 out of the 110 that we need. We will have kits available at meetings from now until the week before Thanksgiving, which is when I need to turn the stockings in to the church.

We have scheduled a sew-in at Lyle Buck Hall from 9:30am until 3:00pm on **September 23rd**, to work on stockings. We will have kits available that day. In addition, I will bring donated fabric which needs to be cut into kits. If you would like to help, but do not want to bring a sewing machine, you can bring your rotary cutting tools and work on that. As always, everyone is welcome to come to the sew-in and work on any project on your list. It is always nice to have company as you work.

KOMEN QUILTS

By Stephanie Sanidas

Komen Raffle Quilts are due by Thursday, **September 28th**. Thank you for supporting the fight against breast cancer which has affected our dear quilter friends and families.

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 7th**. 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 8th**. 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 9th** 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'HAVER 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

Sept 29 - Oct 1 - Fall Retreat at Pecometh - no classes

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.

Oct 7 - Karen Eckmeier Workshop
Log Cabin

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

2018 PROJECT LINUS ALPHABET CHALLENGE

By Stephanie Sanidas

It's Project Linus Challenge time! Pick a letter, a word, or the entire alphabet for inspiration. The show and tell date is the first meeting in **January 2018**, then your quilt will be finished in time to register for Quilt Fiesta 2018. Challenge quilts will be donated to Project Linus after our quilt show. If you have any questions, please contact STEPHANIE SANIDAS or NANCY EVANS.

TAPS QUILTS

By Stephanie Sanidas

Thank you for your overwhelming response to the Block of the Summer: the (12-inch-finished) patriotic Churn Dash. Enough blocks were sewn by members to make between 8 and 10 TAPS quilts. We are looking for volunteers to help with completing the tops, machine quilting, and binding the quilts. Let us know if you can provide assistance. The deadline for all TAPS quilts is **May 1st, 2018**.

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

By Elaine Bishop

In less than two months, Faithful Circle Quilters will hold their annual Silent Auction. All proceeds from the event are donated to our host church, First Presbyterian of Howard County, for their Thanksgiving Basket Program. The date is **Monday, October 23rd**. Set-up will begin at 6:45 p.m., with bidding from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. Donated items may include quilt related items, small finished quilts, unfinished tops or other UFOs, fabric (usually yardage, cut squares, strips), patterns, supplies, etc. Non-quilt related items are also welcomed: embroidery, cross stitch, yarn, picture frames, jigsaw puzzles, pottery, jewelry, romance and mystery novels, plants, etc.

And, FOOD is another option. It needs to be wrapped or packaged for sale. This is in addition to refreshments for sale during the evening.

Please begin thinking about the items you may be able to contribute to the event. If you have any questions, or have items to contribute, but are unable to attend the auction, please contact ELAINE BISHOP at ebishop324@gmail.com or at the weekly meetings.

VILLAGE QUILTERS QUILT BINGO

By Patty Wheeler

Village Quilters' Quilt Bingo will be held on Friday, **October 27th**, 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.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - APPLES

by Marcia Halcomb

- Apple - cut (1) $7\frac{1}{2}$ " X $8\frac{1}{2}$ " in red, green or yellow. A small print can be used as long as it "reads" the required colors.
- Leaf - cut (1) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{4}$ " in green
- Stem - cut (1) 1 " X $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in brown
- Background - cut (1) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{4}$ " in white
 - cut (4) $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
 - cut (2) $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares
- Draw a diagonal line across each of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Place each square on a corner of the apple fabric, right sides together, and sew through the diagonal line. Trim corners and press open.
- Draw a diagonal line across each of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Place the squares on opposite corners of the leaf fabric, right sides together. Sew on diagonal lines, trim and press open. The leaf can be to the right or the left of the stem depending on which corners you sew the white squares.
- Sew the brown fabric to the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{4}$ " background fabric, along the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " sides. Press seam toward the stem. Sew the leaf to the stem and press toward the stem. The strip will measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ " X $8\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sew the strip onto the apple with the leaf attached to the stem close to the top of the apple and press seam toward apple. Unfinished size is $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".



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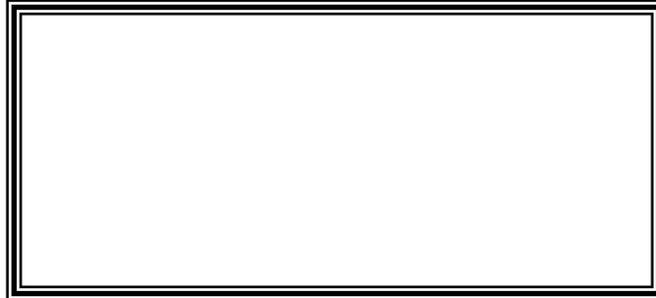
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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 September Birthday Party

- 01 Jane Sinek
- 08 Sue Ellian
- 10 Mitsn Mitchell
- 12 Barbara Buchanan
- 13 Eleanor Howe
- 14 Nelly Cuellar
- 18 Ann Corbett
- 19 Judi Warren
- 23 Rita Plonski
- 23 Joyce Ritter
- 26 Kenzie Preston
- 27 Kelly Walsh
- 28 Nancy G. Martin
- 29 Sheila Riess
- 29 Della LeConte
- 30 Debbie Castner
- 30 Claudia Pearce

CALENDAR

- Monday Sept. 4 - Labor Day Holiday
No Meeting
- Thursday Sept. 7 - Love Quilts
- Monday Sept. 11 - Love Quilts
- Friday Sept. 29 through Sunday Oct. 1
Fall Retreat