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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Margaret Minton

Dear friends,

I had to take a break from sewing to write to you. I have checked off only one of the items I meant to do today, but I'm pretty close on two more. And I sneaked in one other quick item. Is that how your sewing goes, too? Always hoping to finish one more project so you can start on the next? I know I'm not the only one!

If you are missing your Faithful Circle friends, make a plan to drop by one of the Love Quilts efforts going on at Sue Leicht's. In spite of the rainy day last week, there were a dozen or so people cheerfully at work. This project warms my heart in so many ways - friends, fellowship, charity, efficiency, thriftiness. Joy, joy, joy!

There are still opportunities for you to join in to support the guild. Various quilt show positions are available, as well as a chance to run the Silent Auction in October, by which time we hope to be back meeting in person.

Please enjoy a happy and safe Independence Day.

Margaret

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

CHALLENGE TIME - 2022 RAINBOW QUILTS

From Stephanie Sanidas

If you have visited FCQ quilt shows, you have seen many creative donation quilts made by our talented members: Flamingoes, Polka Dots, Critters, Alphabet, Comfort and now Rainbow Quilts. It will look amazing to display quilts of every color in the rainbow that are lovingly made for Project Linus or Sleep In Heavenly Peace (twin size).

Challenge fabric is available by your selected color or you may choose a panel. Challenge fabric by color is fat quarter bundles. If you are not a scrappy quilter, yardage may be available in your color. Finished quilts should be a minimum of 30" x 30" for newborn babies up to a maximum size of 60" x 90" for teenagers.

Contact Stephanie Sanidas (smsanidas@comcast.net) to participate in the 2022 Rainbow Quilt Challenge. Quilt show registration begins in January, giving you have plenty of time to make a donation quilt to be displayed in our May 2022 Quilt Show.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

From Kim Reading, Communications Coordinator

Over these past, long months of the pandemic, FCQ has quietly continued to sew and serve our greater community. 2022 provides an opportunity to loudly and proudly remind that community about who we are and what we do. What better way to do this than through a refreshed website and greater social media activity leading into our May Quilt Show? The Communications Committee has set aggressive deadlines to that end, but we need more help. We have established subgroups to tackle different areas and are looking for people to help document guidelines, policies and procedures for these areas, as well as writing the content for the website. Please contact the following members if you are able to help:

Website: Christie Speich, Christiespeich@gmail.com

Online Guild Document Storage: Carol Petranek, carolpetranek@gmail.com

Photography: Nora Goldstein, norangoldie@gmail.com

At this time, our social media and newsletter subgroups are fully staffed.

The next meeting for the Communications Committee is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 7p.m.

FCQ's future is so bright, we are all going to need new shades!



FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS QUILT SHOW

May 19-21, 2022

From Sue Leicht, FCQ 2022 Quilt Show Chair

We have the following available positions on the Quilt Show committees. Please feel free to contact the appropriate committee person or myself (sueleicht@verizon.net) for more information to volunteer!

Food and Hospitality

Kesten Blake has volunteered to serve as chair of this committee. She will be here for about a month before the show in May and believes that she can do most of the prep work. Kesten (kesten@pacbell.net) would like to have another person (possibly, someone who has done this before) on the committee who can serve as chair or who can assist. Food and refreshments are provided to the vendors and members working during the show.

Publicity

We need one to two people to chair this committee. The committee is responsible for advertising the show in different media, seeing that flyers are printed and given to members for distribution to area quilt shops and libraries and ensuring that the show is listed in community, county and state events calendars.

Vendors

Alka Mital (has volunteered to chair the committee to contact vendors to participate at the quilt show. Alka (alka.mital77@gmail.com) would like to have an apprentice to work with her and to learn the job.

LOVE QUILTS ENDS THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AT 525 QUILT DONATIONS!

From Sue Leicht

This was only achievable due to all of your efforts: putting kits together, sewing quilt tops, donating money and fabric, tying and binding quilts, making over 500 labels and making quilts for the Cool Kids Spring Event...the list goes on. Thank you!

MYSTERY QUILTS AND SEW-ALONGS

From Bonnie Stapleton

Meadow Mist is starting a new mystery, Macaron, on July 1 at <https://meadowmistdesigns.blogspot.com>. Cheryl has done quite a few mysteries in the past so expect a great one again. The fabric requirements are just now being released. Check out the option to be given more info about the whole quilt so you can make better decisions on your fabric choices. Note — if you take this route you'll be sworn to secrecy!

Fort Worth Fabric Studio started "Suddenly Summer" on June 14th. However, all clues are linked from the home page. It's only running until July 19th. Check it out at <https://fortworthfabricstudio.com/blogs/patterns/2021-suddenly-summer-mystery-quilt>.

If you are interested in a quilt along, check out the ongoing Positivity QAL, <https://sewpreeti quilts.blogspot.com/p/the-positivity-quilt-along.html>. This QAL has lots of sponsors and prizes. Although Preeti asked that the finished quilts be sent to Merciful Quilts for use by the Palliative Care team at Mercy Hospital in Sacramento, she understands there are a lot of worthwhile organizations in our own backyard. This is a really easy quilt and actually lends itself to team sewing too. Check it out.

A mystery that has already started is at <https://quiltnewengland.com>. You must sign up for the newsletter to receive the clues. Michele Holt, who designed the mystery, said that once you sign up for the newsletter you can access the previous clues. She also mentions if you are looking for fun retreats Quilting New England puts on great ones.

QUILTS FOR DC SUMMER QUILT CHALLENGE

From: Quilts4DC <quilts4dc@gmail.com>

Date: June 25, 2021 at 3:03:25 PM EDT

To: president@faithfulcirclequilters.com

Subject: Summer Quilt Challenge

Hello,

I got your contact information from Pat Wyatt. I am part of a group in the DC area heading up a new challenge for the summer and I hope you might be able to fit the information below into your newsletter and/or any update emails that would go to your guild's members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Virginia Hodge

The Quilts4DC Statehood Quilt Challenge is now underway through September 30, 2021, with virtual quilt show in November and potentially in-person exhibition(s) in early 2022. Create a quilt inspired by the opportunity for Washington, DC, to become the 51st state. For challenge instructions/resources, go to <https://www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dc>. For information/questions, contact us at quilts4dc@gmail.com. Join us on Facebook ([Quilts 4 DC Facebook Group](#)) to collaborate, share your work, and find inspiration. Follow the fun on Instagram (Quilts4DC) and Twitter (@Quilts4DC). Quilts4DC is organized by quilters in the DC region in association with the League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia, a non-partisan 501(c)(3).

Please share this information with other quilting friends and groups. We hope to get entries from all U.S. states and territories. International entries are also welcome!

FALL RETREAT OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

From Maria O'Haver

Yes, we are having a Fall Retreat this year at Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center in Centreville, MD! At this year's retreat, our own Sheila Riess will be teaching a workshop called "The Starting Point". Students will learn how to use various materials to create an art quilt featuring a face. Sheila has put together a kit for students, which includes a pre-painted face from which to start your art quilt.

The dates for our retreat are Friday morning September 24 through Sunday afternoon September 26. The cost is \$325 and includes two nights in hotel style single occupancy rooms, along with six meals. Since all rooms are single occupancy, there will be very limited space this year. (Contact Maria if you are interested in a double occupancy room with a friend or family member.) A deposit of \$125 is required to register (link to register is [HERE](#)).

Due to the pandemic, there will be some changes in the facility operation. Meals will be served cafeteria style, with all employees wearing masks and gloves. Dining tables will be limited to 3 per table. Masks are required in all public areas, except when eating. Workspace will be set up with social distancing. In addition, the FCQ board will require all attendees to be fully vaccinated.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria O'Haver (maria.ohaver@gmail.com).

More information about the retreat location can be found on their website: <https://www.pecometh.org/riverview-retreat-center> .

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

Online meetings take place
Mondays at 7 PM and
Thursdays at 11 AM.

Betty Kilroy July Birthday Party

06 Irma Bast
15 Patty Stenpeck
18 Peggy Duke
27 Hilda English
31 Becky Hassell

Upcoming Special Events

September 24-26 - Fall Retreat
May 19-21, 2022 - FCQ 2022 Quilt Show

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