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The Newsletter of Faithful Circle Quilters

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Quilters,

What a wonderful evening we shared on Sept. 12 when members from both the day and evening groups gathered at the church. It was such an honor to present our three charter members, Virginia Fry, Mary Anderson, & Emily Wheeler, with Life Memberships to our Guild.

We all appreciated the 3+ hour commute Jinny Beyer made to present her *Color Confidence* lecture. We've all seen her quilts in national magazines and on TV, but to see them in person and hear how they were designed was a special treat. It was paid for 100% by our education fund; talk about Guild benefits!

If you haven't already renewed your membership for the 2005-2006 year, please do so right away. This will be an exciting year of classes as well as the quilt show in spring, so you won't want to miss out and we don't want to lose your creativity and fellowship.

Sadly, Joyce Ritter has decided she must step down as day Vice President due to serious health concerns. The day meetings have been full of laughter, encouragement and quilting information under her leadership and our prayers are with her.

As Joyce says in her resignation (printed later in this newsletter), this is a busy year for FCQ and I felt it important to find a candidate with experience to step into the vacant office. Monica Thomas has generously agreed to assume the duties of day V.P. and the membership voted to elect her at the Sept. 22 meeting.

Irma Bast
President



To Faithful Circle Quilters

Dear hearts, as this is being read, I am strapped to the hardest table in the world having my heart catherized. Seems my poor ticker doesn't get enough blood at the back and bottom when I do anything more than sit in my recliner. This is not a big deal. It is being taken care of. And how lucky I am that the pain in my gut prevented me from exercising and possibly hurting my heart seriously!! We **ARE** taken care of. More than likely, they will clear up the blockage today, but possibly more may be needed. (You know me — anything worth doing is worth doing to excess!!) This will put off my abdominal surgery and getting rid of the pain in my side (physical pain, not my husband!). And as dear as the guild is to me, I have to put my health first. So I will be missing some meetings.

This is a very important year. We have the quilt show to focus on, hurricane victims to help, love quilts to make and the board is considering re-writing the by-laws and procedures. All of which are very important.

It is time for me to step down and have someone in better shape take my place. Irma, as president, will set a time for a new election. I will be back but for now, I need freedom to take care of things without worrying about the Guild. You all know I loved being Daily Vice and I hope to be DV again, but for now you must replace me.

Send me good thoughts and prayers. They work. See you soon.

JoyceR

P.S. If you haven't seen Steel Magnolias, it's a good movie. If you have seen it, you'll understand why I think of you all as my Steel Magnolia Tree. You are special and a source of my strength.

Katrina Relief Efforts

FCQ donated \$300 to the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County to aid their drive to assist a church supporting Katrina evacuees in San Antonio, TX. The funds were a combination of a spontaneous collection by members of the day group and \$150 from the Guild's budget for donations. Additionally, 10 fleece throws and a love quilt were donated by the Guild and several quilts were donated privately from members.

National organizations collecting quilts for relief efforts are:

Quilters Comfort America

www.quilts.com/hurricane.htm

AQS

www.americanquilter.com

Budget Update

Carolyn May (Day Treasurer) presented the budget for 2005-2006 to the membership during the Sept. 19 and 22 meetings. The Executive Board had previously approved the budget and after brief discussions, it was also approved by a vote in both day and evening groups.



MEMBER NEWS

By *Jonnifer Lennon*

State Fair Ribbons

Honorable Mention:

FCQ Raffle Quilt
Nancy Murdock

Second Place:

Marie Kittleberger
Margo Cramer

Sue Moats was pleased to see that many of the quilts that she had quilted on her long-arm machine were entered in various fairs this summer and won several prizes.

Congratulations ladies. Way to go!

Health Concerns

Joyce Ritter has asked for everyone to pray for her new health concerns [see article on page 2.] **Cynthia Porter** continues to need prayers for the healing of her eye which was injured in January of this year. **Kristine Fisher** is bed bound after surgery.

These members could use some encouragement. Let's show them Faithful Circle Love in action. There are probably other members that could use some encouragement too.

Pat Bloomer appreciates all the calls, cards and encouragement that she has received.

Trips & Travels

Eleanor Fabiszak will go to Europe on Oct. 6. She and her husband will tour Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, and Vienna. They will meet her daughter in Vienna.

Irma Bast vacationed in Michigan. Her nephew, a race car driver made it possible for her to ride in a pace car. She seemed very excited; maybe she has found a new passion. Ask her to see her pictures.

Anna Norton went on vacation in Ocean City and had an mini-family reunion. She had visits

from her sister *Gerry* and her husband, her daughter and her husband, and her son and his wife from New Mexico. To top it off, her brother vacationed across the hall. They had a wonderful family bonding time.

Karen Egerter went to an IRECA conference in Fort Lauderdale with her cousins. Rescue squads compete in various emergency re-enactments. They participated in a role play as victims.

Julie Rizzello went to Ireland for two weeks. The highlight of her visit was the city of Cobh where her grandmother boarded a ship and sailed to America in 1893.

Cynthia Porter is now in California babysitting her grandson, Kai, for three months. She will return on Dec. 20.

Leah Hurwich and her husband will leave for a six-week vacation in Florida on Oct. 19.

Pam Wilson and her husband just returned from a Windstar sailing cruise between Lisbon and Barcelona. They later attended a conference in Murcia and toured a paprika factory.

Beth Allendoerfer and her husband cruised from London to Rome. They visited Fatima and numerous other ports along the way.

Lost

If you have lost some patterns, please contact Emily Wheeler.

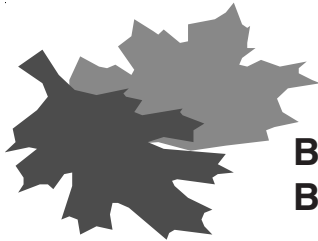
Monday Night Love Quilts

A huge thank-you to all who stepped up and picked up batting for the MNLQ. Night Group members will be working hard to finish quilts in time for the Christmas season. — Daily McClellan

Circle of Friends Quilt Show

Inge Stocklin, Sandy McDonald, and Julia Graves invite Faithful Circle members to attend the 6th Annual Circle of Friends Quilt Show on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Patuxent Institute for Women in Jessup. As some of you know, each Friday we volunteers teach quilting to the female inmates at PIW. Many of these women have never quilted or sewn before, so quilting represents a new beginning. All of the quilts and crocheted items they make will be donated to a local charity.

If you would like more information about the quilt show or the quilting program at PIW, please see Inge, Sandy, or Julia at one of the meetings. We will have fliers with directions. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun and rewarding afternoon.



Betty Kilroy Birthday Party

OCTOBER

- 03 Erica Cooper
- 03 Terry Wilson
- 04 Susan Mitchell
- 05 Veronica Christensen
- 06 Sue Campise
- 07 Sheila Allen
- 07 Joyce Rozas
- 10 Sue Van Voorhees
- 13 Bonnie Dank
- 16 Fran Keepers
- 16 Sharon Rhoton
- 17 Beth Bohac
- 18 Alka Mital
- 23 Jane Sonn
- 25 Maria OHaver
- 28 Dawn Byrd
- 28 Eva Vinson

BUS TRIPS

The Fall Shopping Trip to Pennsylvania will be Friday, Oct. 7. It includes shopping stops at Sauders, Zooks and the Kitchen Kettle area and lunch at Shady Maple. The \$35 fee includes the bus, lunch, and tip. This is a great way to get fabrics at discount prices, spend time with quilting friends, and save money on gas. At this time, there is still room on the bus.

The bus leaves promptly at 7:30am from the 'park and ride lot' in front of the church and should be back by 7:00pm.

If you have not already paid, your money is due now. For more information, day members should contact Jean Webster at 240-568-9746 and night members should contact Leah Hurwich at 410-730-2334.

October BOM - By Sheila Reiss

Congratulations to Irma Bast who won the Sept. BOM's. Irma has already incorporated her winnings into two quilts intended for her nieces. Thanks to everyone who participated in "**Back to School with Ms. Nelson.**" Who knew Sunbonnet Sue was so studious?

The winner of Oct.'s BOM "**Fall Leaves**" will be posted in the November newsletter.

Nov.'s BOM is "**Santa Claus is Coming to Town.**" What does Santa look like at your house? Is he tall and thin or fat and jolly? Is he old world or new wave? What does he have in his sack for you? Piece or applique a 12-inch finished (12½-inch unfinished) block showing your version of Santa and the goodies he's leaving. I can tell you my Santa is bringing me the one thing I really need this year—more time to quilt!

Renew Your Membership NOW!

Forms and checks (\$15) must be received by Oct. 15 to be included in the 2005-2006 Membership Directory. Email reminders will be sent to those who have not yet renewed.



2005-6 MEMBER APPLICATION

Date Primary Group: Monday PM Thursday AM Both
Your Name Nickname (if any)
Street Address/Apt. No.
City/State/Zip Birthday (Mo./Day Only)
Home Phone Cell or Work Phone
E-mail Address:

Would you prefer to receive an electronic version of our monthly newsletter? Yes No

Note: By selecting this option, you help lower guild printing and postage expenses.

New Member? Yes No If renewing member, in which year did you join?

Do you need a name badge? Yes No National Quilt Association (NQA) Member? Yes No

Which quilting technique(s) do you use most frequently? Piecing/Patchwork Applique Both
How do you usually finish your quilt tops? Quilt by Hand Quilt by Machine Long-Arm Other

What suggestions do you have for workshops, programs, or lectures? Use back of this form if needed.

Would you be willing to teach a workshop? Describe topic(s). Use back of this form if needed.

Do you have special training or professional skills to contribute to our guild? Some examples are:

- Accounting/Auditing Writing or Editing Desktop Publishing
 PR or Media Relations Digital Photography Web Design
 Other

Please indicate the quilt show committee(s) which interest you: Peddlers' Table

- Registration Vendors Set-Up/Hanging Hospitality Silent Auction Decorations

What do you like best about Faithful Circle Quilters?
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FCQ members must complete a membership application every year. Our membership period runs from Nov. 1 thru Oct. 31. Dues are \$15 for a full year or \$7.50 for a partial year (after April 1). Make your check payable to: FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS and bring it with this form to any meeting or mail to: FCQ, P.O. Box 6231, Columbia, MD 21045. Forms must be received by Oct. 15 to be included in the annual directory. Questions? Email membership@faithfulcirclequilters.com or contact Pam Wilson, Maria O'Haver or Bonnie Stapleton.

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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on Monday
evenings
from 7 to 9pm
AND
Thursday mornings from
10am to 2pm
at the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD.

Please come join us!



Oct 3	Love Quilts
Oct 6	Love Quilt Tying
Oct 7	Lancaster Shopping Trip
Oct 17	Geo Sciliano Trunk Show
Oct 22	Geo Sciliano Class
Oct 27	Newsletter Deadline
Nov 3	Love Quilt Tying
Nov 5	Sew-In
Dec 1	Love Quilt Tying
Dec 8	Holiday Luncheon
Apr 19-22	Quilt Show

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