

The Circular

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Quilters,

I hope all of you had as nice a Thanksgiving as we did. It's always special when it can be spent with family and friends. I felt my holiday season began early this year since we visited with many of my relatives in Tacoma, WA the week prior to turkey day and had a great-nephew visit from Montana the day after.

I have made arrangements for a shopping day in New York with my daughter early in December. There may not be quilt stores on 5th Ave, but we'll have a great time anyway. I don't know if I'll get any house-decorating done prior to the trip, but I should be in full "Martha Mode" by the time we return.

I'm hoping to see many of you at our annual Holiday parties. They are always so festive and filled with friendship and great food. Sharon Etridge & Colleen Proise have been busy with preparations for several weeks and I know all of you appreciate their efforts as much as I do.

This time of year is always so busy and can get stressful, but I believe most quilters find a relaxation in picking up a needle or working out designs for a new project. Maybe we should set aside an hour or so during the hectic times just to become absorbed in fabric work; our own type of meditation...and perhaps less expensive than a spa day.

Have a wonderful holiday season and come back in January refreshed and ready for the finishing touches to your quilt show entries.

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Hugs,
Irma Bast

Quilt Show Update

Everyone is busy this time of the year but we need to be aware that the quilt show is only four months away! Please block out some time in April to volunteer. We will need help moving poles into the church on Tuesday evening April 18 and for set up on Wednesday April 19. The show hours are Thursday April 20 10 am to 8 pm, Friday April 21 from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday April 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. And we will need lots of help right after the show to get everything taken down. Please try to be available to join in the excitement of the show.



It is also time to start planning for the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Hampton Roads. The dates of this show are February 23-26, 2006. We will be showing our raffle quilt, Burgoyne's Rose Garden, and

selling tickets for the duration of the show. We will have to provide 32 hours of white gloving on Friday February 24. We will need volunteers for that. Also, we will need people to sell raffle tickets all four days. Maureen Craig will have sign-up sheets for this.

If you haven't already done so, please see Margo to pick up raffle tickets. She has a supply with her at each guild meeting.

Quilts for the Soldiers

Bonnie Dank reminds us that there is a real need for quilts for injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. With so many tragic events, we tend to forget the men and women serving our country and they're running out of quilts. Any size, any color - even pillows would be nice to support a wounded arm or leg.

Bonnie will collect them and take them with her on her frequent visits to the hospital. Let's show our support for our troops by comforting them at a time when they really need our help.

Anxiety Quilts Needed

Peg McClelland has asked for members to make quilts for the psychiatric patients at Saint Agnes Hospital. These are small quilts, just large enough for patients to hold onto and "worry" with, maybe just 18" - 24" square, although any small size will do. You can also make them more interesting by adding textural pieces to the back, such as sewing on pieces of fur, corduroy, zippers, etc. Peg says that these are a real comfort to the patients and it helps soothe their anxieties.

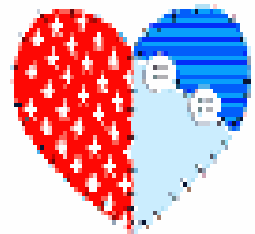
THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT – a poem written by a recipient of a love quilt
When we look at this beautiful quilt,
Our faces smile that
So wonderful a gift
Came to brighten our
days.

When we touch its
softness
Our hearts are
warmed
By the loving hearts
That sent this gift.

When we think of the meaning
Of distant hands working together
To connect their love
To a faraway girl,

Our souls are touched with gratefulness,
Warmed by friendship and
Lightened by your love.

*With our love and deepest thanks,
Brie (age 20) and Ann from New*



Hampshire

Betty Kilroy December Birthday Party

01	Chris Cusimano
05	Nancy Meier
12	Susan Lutz
13	Nancy Martin
13	Jean Williams
15	Kay Pappas
15	Joan Thorpe
16	Anne Kelly
18	Carla Ketterer
19	Jane Meyer
24	Carol Petranek
25	Beth Werrell
29	Sheva Farkas
30	Diane Warren



Member Question

Last year at the November 2004 Silent Auction, Jeanne Smith successfully bid on a Christmas wall hanging about 20 inches square. It has a white center with green and red embroidery, a narrow green and black checked border, a wider poinsettia border and is bound in the green and black checked material. At the time, she knew the person who donated it, but didn't make a label immediately and eventually forgot the name. She would love to make a label for it and give that person credit. Please let her know if you made this.

BOM

Congratulations to Lynne Douglas our November BOM winner! Lynne took home seven jolly Santa blocks! Our December BOM, **It's all Here in Black and White**, will be drawn at our Holiday luncheon. The winner will be posted in January's newsletter.

January's BOM, **Hearts and Flowers**, is a 12 inch finished block featuring a heart(s) and flowers. The block should



contain at least one pink fabric and be on a cream background. Piece or appliqué your desired block and embellish it with ribbons, buttons, charms, etc. Blocks will be

drawn the first Thursday in January.

Newsflash!

February's BOM, **For the Birds**, has been updated! Now blocks can be **9 or 12** inch finished! So start looking through your books and magazines for the cutest birdhouses, baths and birds to put on your blocks! Winner will be drawn on the first Thursday in February.

Block of the Quarter - Third Quarter 2005

Bonnie Stapleton won the blocks. The blocks were done in brights and black, and a variation on Ocean Waves. Participants included Genie Corbin, Eleanor Fabiszak, Carolyn May, Nancy Meier, Maria O'Haver, Sharon Rhoton, Bonnie Stapleton and Nancy Evans.

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interested in quilts and
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evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND
Thursday mornings
from
10 am to 2 pm
At the
First Presbyterian
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Please come join us and
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Dec 1	Love Quilt Tying
Dec 5	Holiday Party
Dec 8	Holiday Luncheon
Dec 27	Deadline for newsletter
Jan 5	First Thursday meeting
Jan 5	Love Quilt Tying
Jan 8	First Monday meeting
Jan 27	Deadline for newsletter
Feb 2	Love Quilt Tying
Mar 2	Love Quilt Tying
April 18	Quilt Show Setup
Apr 19-22	Quilt Show