

The Circular

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Quilt Show! It's just around the corner and I'm sure all these months of preparation will produce a wonderful show. The registration committee reports that about 250 items will be displayed at this year's show! I'm still convinced that the quality and variety of work in our Guild make this one of the best shows in the area.

If you have not yet signed up to volunteer to work during the show, please contact Carol Petranek or review the times available on the posters at a meeting. We have a variety of jobs and can certainly use everyone's help! Also, please plan to help during the setup on Tuesday evening and all day on Wednesday; many hands and strong backs will be crucial to making the magic transformation happen. Although we don't have access to Lyle Buck Hall on Tuesday evening, I'm hoping to set up the frames in the other rooms that evening.

Election of Officers will take place on May 15th and May 18th. The Nomination Committee announced their slate of officers, but the Guild will entertain nominations from the floor at the meetings on April 10th and 13th.

Please save the evening of May 8th and plan to attend our meeting. I have arranged for a special (surprise) program that evening as a small way of saying "Thank You" to all you wonderful members of our Guild. After all the hard work of the Quilt Show, we will all be ready to relax and have a fun event!

FCQ Officers

President
Irma Bast

Thursday

Vice President
Monica Thomas
Secretary
Lauren Swanger
Treasurer
Carolyn May

Monday

Vice President
Nancy Evans
Secretary
Emilie Sadowsky
Treasurer
Carol Roberts

Irma Bast
President

Nominating Committees Announce Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committees (Day: Carolyn May & Barbara Laskowski, Evening: Irma Bast & Susan Hammond) are pleased to announce the following proposed slate of officers for the 2006-2007 year:

President: Nancy Evans
Day: Vice President..... Monica Thomas
Treasurer..... Lynne Douglas
Secretary..... Carol Petranek



Day nominees Carol, Lynne, and Monica

Evening: Vice President..... Sharon Rhoton
Treasurer..... Eleanor Moland
Secretary..... Julia Graves

Following the Bylaws, nominations from the floor are to be taken the third week of April. However, we can't meet on that week because of Easter Monday (church is closed) and the Quilt Show. Since we have this much advance notice, we will **finalize the nominations** the second week of April, on **April 10th** for the Evening Group and on **April 13th** for the Day Group.

Quilt Show News

Just three weeks until "Show Time." We have just over 250 quilts registered. Irma Bast is working to develop the plan for showing each quilt at its best. There will be seven vendors at the show. Several are returning but there are some new ones as well.

We are now at that stage of the preparations where all the details need to

fall into place. The volunteer sign up sheets are out at each meeting. If you have not signed up to help either for set up on Wednesday April 19 or to work at the show, please do so. There are many opportunities for helping out. If you can't get to a meeting between now and the show, please email me with information on when you are available, and I will be glad to add your name to the list. My email is ppmc9877@aol.com.

Monica Thomas has added the pictures of the Silent Auction items to the web site. We have received some lovely things. But we need many more! So please, finish up that table runner or pillow or Christmas doll, etc., and bring it in. I will be glad to collect items and get them to Nancy Murdock. Forms to submit these items are on the web site as part of the January newsletter and are available at each guild meeting.

We have a beautiful raffle quilt. Each of us needs to be out there selling raffle tickets. Please see Margo Cramer to get your tickets and go out there and **Sell! Sell! Sell!**

We have posters up in all the local quilt shops. I have smaller versions of the posters available for members to take and post wherever there is a community bulletin board (senior centers, grocery stores, churches). They are available at meetings and are stored in the guild cabinets. Please, take some and hang them in as many places as you can find.



Don't forget that the show offers you two opportunities to get rid of some of that excess "stuff" in your sewing studio. If you have patterns or books or tools that

are in pristine condition (tools in their original packaging), you can donate them to be used in the raffle basket or for door prizes. Or you can sell items at the Peddler's Table. Peddler's Table forms and instructions are also available on the web site and at guild meetings.



We recommend that you have Peddler's Table items to the church on Wednesday so that they will be available for sale on Thursday when the doors open. This is often the first place that visitors go.

We will be selling guest passes again this year. A guest pass can be purchased prior to the show for \$4.00 and will be available starting at the April 3, 2006 meeting.

Thanks to each of you who has already been working hard on this event. See you at the show.

Quilt Show Registration

The actual registration of quilts has been completed. Congratulations on all the beautiful entries. Starting April 3rd, bag and tag activities will be held at all our meetings. Members will need to pick up a large plastic bag and pre-labeled tags for each entry. If you cannot attend yourself, please have a friend do this for you. Attach the tag to the back of the quilt so that when placed in the bag it can be read through the bag. The actual placement of the tag on the back of the quilt is inconsequential as long as we can read it without opening the bag.

Turn in

Turn in for the show will be April 19th from 7:30am to 12 noon. Again, if you are unable to attend, please designate

someone to do this for you. You will be given a receipt which is the bottom of the registration form. This **must be presented at the end of the show to collect your quilt.**

Pick up

Pick up after the quilt show will start at approximately 4:45 pm on April 22. You will be picking up your quilt at the room where it was displayed. Please note, this is a change from previous years. **Do not take your quilt without presenting your receipt.**

Any questions, please call Carol Roberts 301-604-1907. email carolrobe@aol.com.

Education - Coming Classes

So what do you get when you combine 20 strips of fabric with one absolutely fantastic focus fabric? You are the only one who knows and this is your mystery to solve. The workshop uses fun rulers (available at Joanne's, Connecting Threads and Keepsake). No one needs all of them as only one will be used in the workshop. The students will not know which one they will use until the workshop—their fabric choice will determine which design works best. So get out your Sherlock Holmes attitude and begin the Stripper's Mystery. Gyleen says this is really fun and relaxing. Once again, please visit her web site <http://www.colourfulstitches.com>. Click on "Lectures & Workshops" and you'll see a sample of the "Stripper's Mystery"



project.

Bus Trips

The September Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza is no longer being held in Fort Washington since the building was sold and torn down. This year the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XIII will be held on Friday, September 8, 7:30am-7pm (note change of date) in Harrisburg, PA in the New Expo Hall of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex. It is a very large, fairly new building and everything will be under one roof. And yes, it is air-conditioned. The cost is \$43.00 which includes bus fee, driver's tip and entrance ticket. Payment for the September 8 trip must be made by July 20.

The last bus trip for 2006 will be the annual shopping trip on Friday, October 6, 7:30 am - 7pm. We will visit Souders, have lunch at the Shady Maple and then a stop for shopping at the Kitchen Kettle area and Zooks. The \$43.00 cost includes the bus fee, driver's tip and lunch at the Shady Maple.

Reservations can be made for these trips now. Day members should contact Jean Webster. Night members should contact Leah Hurwich. Please make checks out to Milltown Quilters. And remember, the bus leaves the parking lot PROMPTLY at 7:30am so you should get to the lot between 7:10 and 7:20am.

Information in case you are reading this before Friday April 7th. There are still a few spots for the Lancaster show bus trip. Call Jean or Leah now.

Web Site Updates

Pam Wilson has temporarily redesigned our Web site to provide information about the upcoming quilt

show. The new section includes a schedule of demonstrations, links to vendors, info about appraisals, photos of the raffle quilt and auction items, and a special welcome for first-time attendees. Tell your friends, neighbors and coworkers to check it out before they come to the show.

Also, another new section entitled "Virtual Hugs" is under development and members are invited to participate. This section will feature stories and photos about quilts donated by FCQ members with an emphasis on the recipient and need or reason for the gift. These can be Linus Quilts, Soldier Quilts, Love Quilts, or any other quilt which was made and given from the heart. The first stories and photos on the site were submitted by Sue VanVorhees chronicling her recent trip to help Katrina victims in Mississippi.

www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/virtualhugs/hugs.html

If you have a story to share, email a short paragraph and a digital photo of the quilt recipient with the quilt to Pam Wilson, webdesigner@faithfulcirclequilters.com. Glossy photos for scanning can be given to Pam or Monica Thomas at any meeting. Please help honor the spirit of quilt-making by contributing a Virtual Hug to our Web site.

Books for Sale

For those who just don't have enough books on quilting, good news! Lois Smith brought some books with quilting designs into her machine quilting class, and the designs were inspiring. The books have been done by a "long-armed," but can be done on a regular machine. The books are in their 13th printing and she is working on an edition for feathers. If you want more information on the books check out

www.longarmsupplies.com. There is a set of three books that are offered for \$50, *Meanderings, Borders, Sashings, and Textures and Backgrounds*. With a minimum of ten sets, we can obtain a 20% discount. I anticipate the postage to be \$1.00 per set. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Evans at dotcom@comcast.net. The last date to have your \$41 in for your order is April 10th, checks should be made payable to FCQ and given to Nancy Evans or Lynn Douglas. We will then place the full order at one time. Thank you all!

Betty Kilroy April Birthday Party

- 04 Angel Burba
- 05 Genie Corbin
- 06 Anna Norton
- 08 Mary Pauley
- 12 Grace Matthews
- 14 Beth Cooper
- 15 Urmila Agarwal
- 15 Gayle Sternheim
- 16 Margaret Ward
- 17 Helene Ross
- 19 Patricia Neal
- 22 Marina Baudoin
- 24 Ellen Burns
- 25 Leigh Eirich
- 26 Shelley Beall
- 26 Vesta Ellerbe
- 28 JoAnn Adkins



Member News

Nancy Meier recently returned from two weeks in Panama, mostly birding in the lush jungle rain forest. She saw many

wonderful birds such as her favorite toucan and our own Baltimore oriole. Other critters encountered/viewed include the anteater, monkey, sloth, kinkajous, and the world's largest rodent, the capybara. She also visited the Panama Canal, toured Panama City, and brought back many molas to include in future quilts.



Sheila Riess's daughter, Caitlin won Ellicott Mills Middle school's PTA

Perspective contest for visual art. After winning in Howard County, Caitlin came in third for the state of Maryland. Congratulations Caitlin!

Marie Kittleberger has just returned from a cruise around South America. Among the stops were Chili and Cape Horn She had a great time.

Over twenty of Jonnifer Lennon' quilts will be featured at the annual Tea & Quilt Exhibit at the Calvary Ministry Center in Beltsville on April 29. She also has made quilted bags, place mats and other items for the silent auction.

BOM

Congratulations to Genie Corbin! Genie won our March "For the Birds" blocks! Get ready for May's block "Bright Stars in the Night Sky". These blocks are 9½ inches unfinished, with a solid black background and bright batik stars of your choosing. We'll finish up our 2005-2006 BOM party with June's "At the Beach". Use the drawings provided in the BOM box to make a pail or flip flops using summer brights and a sandy colored background. Blocks should measure 12½ inches unfinished. April's BOM winner will be posted in the May newsletter.

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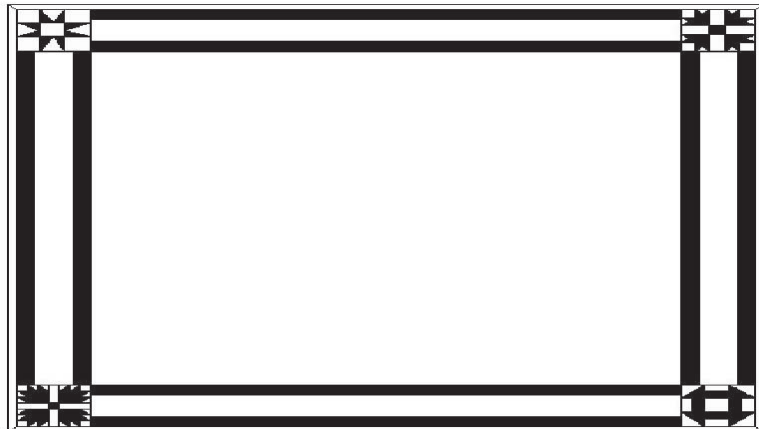
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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on 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



Apr 3

Apr 6

Apr 7

Apr 10, 13

Apr 18-19

Apr 20-22

Apr 27

May 1

May 6

May 13

July 14-16

Love Quilt Tying and Dessert

Love Quilt Tying

Quilter's Heritage Bus Trip

Finalize Nominations

Quilt Show Setup

Quilt Show

Deadline for the Newsletter

Love Quilt Tying and Dessert

Love Quilt Tying

Gyleen Smith

Retreat