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Presidents Message for October

We all knew that September would be a busy month! I did take a trip up to Harrisburg and got to check out the new location for the PNQE show. After building up my muscles getting to the classroom I spent the first day with John Flynn. We did Storm at Sea, and boy, did the new setting get into the name of this piece! As I sat there with wind on my neck and back, I needed weights to keep my fabric pieces from blowing away! Fortunately, the floor didn't rock and no seasickness was afoot.

The next day was spent with Robbie Joy Elkow. We got to pick from several designs for our fused appliqué. While she wants you to learn, she also wants you to enjoy yourself. I was delighted that she was so willing to share with us her design inspirations and their development. She actually pulled out her laptop and showed us how she approaches her designs.

On the practical side for this class, I brought an iron, a pad, and a waste bag for scraps. My tablemate thought this was wonderful! She checked out my waste bag, this is terrific! And *how* did I get this coating on the inside of the paper bag? I told her it worked really well, and that that slick coating lets the fabric scraps and threads slide right out into the big trash bag. I then told her what it is. So, the next time you're flying, please take a barf bag as your souvenir. After you're home, cut it down a few inches and you have a great portable waste basket! Plus it's reuseable. I do suggest that you wait until the end of the flight before taking the bag lest you make your seatmates nervous.

Maureen Craig did a terrific job showing us her quilts. I suspect her nervousness evaporated rather quickly as she started handling those quilts. Some play with dolls, Maureen plays with quilts!

The task of budget is behind us, and we move forward into our year. Remember that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. I just had my mammogram; have you scheduled yours?

Happy Quilting! -----Nancy Evans

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### **Save the Date - Monday Nov 6 Silent Auction News**

Mark your calendars! Our annual Silent Auction to benefit First Presbyterian's Thanksgiving baskets will be held on Monday night, Nov 6. It's not too early to start thinking about what you want to donate - or to start saving your pennies to buy the items other people give! Nearly anything can be donated - fabric, finished quilts, unfinished tops, vests, scarves, food (always a hit!), plants, patterns, picture frames, books - the sky's the limit. Just keep in mind that you are selling to your fellow FCQ members - so please make sure the items are clean, nice, and in good condition. Guests are welcome, and all proceeds go to our host, First Presbyterian Church, to help support their Thanksgiving Baskets program. Last year we raised over \$2,000 in 45 minutes of bidding - let's see if we can't beat that this year!

### **Annual FCQ Membership Renewal**

Dues are still only \$15 a year - a real bargain! Online members can get a our membership application form on the website at:<http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/membership/2006memberapp.pdf> Payment deadline to be included in the guild's membership directory was September 21 so members applying after that date will be included in a supplement; your membership is welcome anytime during the year. Forms and checks/cash should be turned in at any meeting to membership chairs Maria O'Haver or Bonnie Stapleton. You can also mail your form and check to FCQ, PO Box 6231, Columbia, MD 21045. Checks should be made payable to Faithful Circle Quilters.

New membership directories and membership cards will be completed by early November.

## Caring Hands

If you're free the fourth Wednesday of the month, you might want to join the folks for "Caring Hands" to help make various items for those in need. You'll help make anxiety quilts for psychiatric patients, tote bags and mastectomy pillows for breast cancer patients, IV dolls, walker bags and other items as needed for area charities. Sounds like a great cause, and some interesting sewing!

Please bring your sewing machine - basic sewing supplies and materials will be provided.

When: The 4th Wednesday of every month, 10am to 3 pm

Where: Lyle Buck Hall, First Presbyterian Church, Rts. 29 and 108, Ellicott City, MD

More info: contact Peg McClelland [ppmc9877@aol.com](mailto:ppmc9877@aol.com) or Beth Bohac [bethbohac@comcast.net](mailto:bethbohac@comcast.net).

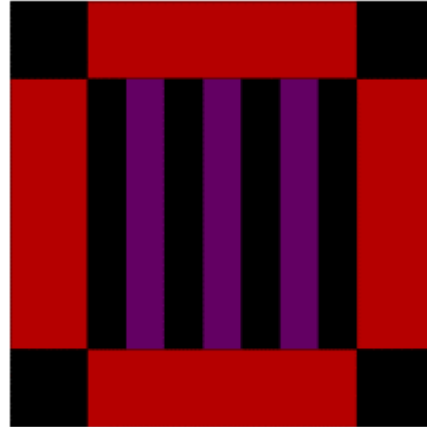
## BOM

Dress Form Blocks were very original and varied. Cute work ladies. Sharon Rhoton, the evening V-P, won the blocks. The response to the Halloween snowball blocks is great. Maybe there are enough to have two drawings. Still time to enter before Thursday Oct 5.

In October the theme is solids. This Amish square is good for all levels of expertise. Let's see if we can be as productive with this one. Drawing for this block is on the first Thursday in November.

## AMISH BARS

Solid Colors create a statement of strong simplicity. Block Size -- 11" finished (11½" with seam allowance)



Solid Black Fabric:

Cut four 2½" squares

Cut four 1½" x 7½" rectangles

Solid Dark Red Fabric:

Cut four 2½" x 7½" rectangles

Solid Medium Fabric of Your Choice

(Blue, Gold, Green, Purple):

Cut three 1½" x 7½" rectangles

Looking at the top row of the sample, pin the two black squares to the red rectangles and stitch.

Do the same for the bottom row.

Stitch the middle row to make stripes: red, black, medium, black, medium, black, medium, black, red.

Then stitch the rows together.

## **Bus Trips**

The last bus trip for 2006 will be the annual shopping trip on Friday, October 6, 7:30 am - 7pm. We will visit Sauder's, have lunch at the Shady Maple and then stop for shopping at the Kitchen Kettle area and Zook's. The \$43.00 cost includes the bus fee, driver's tip and lunch at the Shady Maple. But be sure and bring your 'shopping money'. There ARE spaces on this bus and it is always a fun trip.

If any members are interested in going on the bus trip, please CALL Jean Webster - note that her email has changed since the last directory. (Leah will not be available.) Please make checks out to 'MILLTOWN QUILTERS'.

## **Fall 2006 Quilt Challenge**

The rules are simple. The theme: It's a Winter Wonderland! Size: 160" perimeter maximum; for a square that's 40 inches per side. You can do the math for rectangles or maybe even triangles or other multisided shapes or a circle. Any shape is permitted; it can be flat, 3D, jewelry, sculpture. Embellishments can be any or none. Use your method of choice: quilted, appliquéd, woven, fused. There are no color limits.

The final quilts from day and evening groups will all be shown in December at both winter guild parties. The plan is to exhibit all of the quilts for both Monday and Thursday members to see what the others have done.

There will be a second challenge from January through June with a showing at the end of the year "celebration". For more information contact Marina Baudoin.

## **FCQ 2008 Raffle Quilt**

Construction on our guild's next raffle quilt is under way. Sheila Reiss has designed a beautiful quilt for us, with a combination of piecing and appliquéd blocks. The fabrics are all batiks and the color palette is a bright mix of more than 12 colors. Patches Quilting in Mt. Airy has kindly donated all the fabric for our quilt.

Sheila and her committee have put together kits for the various blocks. Debra Gabel has made a paper piecing pattern for the large center block. Kits were distributed to members for construction about a month ago and are starting to come back in now. Blocks are due by October 9 to Maria O'Haver. The completed blocks will then be put together to finish the quilt top!

## **Michele Scott Lecture - "Quilt as desired..." Ideas for Machine Quilting Your Quilt**

Monday, October 9, 7:00pm

Just so we can meet her and experience her marvelous sense of humor, Michele Scott will visit our guild. How many of you have gotten to the quilt pattern instruction to "quilt as desired?" Don't you just hate those words?? Using LOTS of quilts, Michele will show you the many ways you can machine quilt your completed

tops. Feel free to bring tops along  
for a group or private consultation.  
Sounds like a good deal to this quilter!

Betty Kilroy October  
Birthday Party

01 Jean Hedrick  
02 Cindy Hirshberg  
02 Sonia Jimenez  
03 Stephanie Sanidas  
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  
14 Cyndi Jacobson  
16 Fran Keepers  
16 Sharon Rhoton  
17 Beth Bohac  
17 Mary Corbin  
17 Ellen Layman  
18 Alka Mital  
19 Sandy Schlossberg  
23 Jane Sonn  
25 Maria OHaver  
26 Dee Van Ingen  
28 Dawn Byrd

CALENDAR

Oct. 2 Love Quilt Tying & Dessert Night  
Oct 5 Love Quilt Tying  
Oct 6 Bus trip - Lancaster  
Oct. 9 FCQ Raffle Quilt Blocks Due  
Oct. 19 Maureen Craig Trunk Show, 10:30 am  
Oct 21 Usin' Fusin' (and other cool stuff) to  
Express Yourself!  
Nov 2 Love Quilt Tying  
Nov 6 Silent Auction night for Thanksgiving  
Baskets  
Nov. 13 Love Quilt Tying & Dessert Night  
Dec. 7 Holiday Luncheon

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AND

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