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Happy Holidays everyone!

Wow, the last month of 2006 is here. This year especially, just blew by. It was such a busy and sometimes tumultuous year for me that it really seemed to continually flow like a river.

Time to stop and really enjoy this season before it is by me! I hope you will all do the same, and we have to make our New Years Resolutions! As for me, aside from the "lose ten pounds," I'm adding "productive quilting time" to my list.

November's exciting news for the guild included the acceptance of the Quilt Chair for our 2008 show! MaryBeth Little has accepted the task. A big thank you now MaryBeth, and I'm sure we will be saying that many more times before the show date.

I am confident that MaryBeth will appreciate our participation and support. It is none too early to let MaryBeth know of your interests and willingness. There are already tasks at hand to address that will help make this a successful show for all of us.

The Quilt Show is truly a group effort and befits the expression, *Many Hands Make Light Work*. Okay, well, not quite "light," but our participation really helps! Yes, volunteering for the show could be on your New Years Resolution "do" list!

Have a wonderful holiday season, and I'll see you in the New Year!

Nancy Evans

Quilt Show Chair Person

Hi everybody! Just want to introduce myself for those of you who don't know me yet. I've been a member of FCQ since after your wonderful quilt show in April. I was so inspired, I decided to join and then accepted the challenge to coordinate the next show in 2008! I have a little background in organizing groups: I was a Girl Scout Leader and "cookie mom" for several troops as well as Cub Scout Den Mother and leader. I was also the co-chair person for the Florida Mothers of Twins annual convention hosted by my local chapter attended by several hundred women. I'm excited about the upcoming show and look forward to meeting more of you! The raffle quilt is coming along very well thanks to the great work already started by the quilt committee!!! It should be ready for quilting by early 2007!

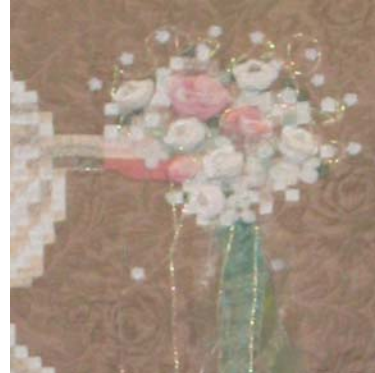
I am hoping to fill several key positions on the quilt show committee by the beginning of the new year. The publicity chair will help get the word out regarding our show. She will be contacting publications, quilting web sites, and calendars to include our show. Since deadlines are often 12 months prior to publications, this position should be filled ASAP. The raffle ticket coordinator and marketing chair will be coordinating showing off our raffle quilt at area guilds, quilt shows, etc. The vendor chair will be contacting area vendors who may be interested in renting space at the show. Since many of these vendors schedule far ahead of time, this position also will be getting going soon.

I look forward to working with the guild to make this the best FCQ quilt show ever (no small task!). Thanks,
MaryBeth Little

Linda Pool Trunk Show



Pictured above is Linda Pool *fluffing* her renowned Bride quilt at the trunk show last month. The beauty and dimension cannot be captured on the printed page. The bouquet alone has



an amazing amount of detail and techniques, but the bride herself is gowned in 1 inch squares. Linda will be back in March to teach her lace appliqué technique, much simpler. Linda's website is <http://www.lindalace.com/>

Fall 2006 Quilt Challenge

It's a Winter Wonderland! The challenge will decorate the Holiday parties. Come see the results.

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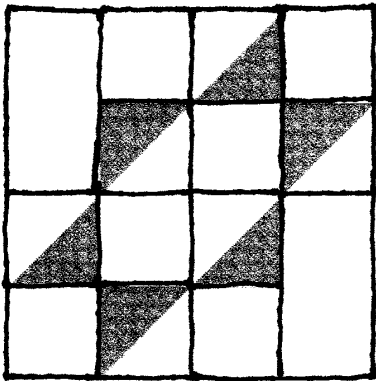
Drawings for the November block will be at the Thursday party.



Response to this block is rivaling the October block. Will there be two winners again?

The December Block

BRILEY'S STAR



Fabric

A White Tone-on-Tone

(3) - $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$

(6) - $2 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$

(2) - $4 \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$

B Dark or Medium Blue

(3) - $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$

Block Size -- 8" x 8" finished

($8 \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$ with seam allowance)

Step 1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of all white tone-on-tone $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Step 2. Place Blue fabric $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares on the white tone-on-tone squares, right sides together, and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal mark.

Step 3. Cut apart on the diagonal line and press open toward the darker fabric. Square up to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Step 4. Looking at the sample, sew the half-square triangle units created in Step 3 to the white $2 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares, paying careful attention to the placement.

Step 5. Looking at the sample, sew all pieces together, paying careful attention to direction.

Silent Auction News

The Silent Auction to benefit the Thanksgiving Baskets provided by the First Presbyterian Church raised \$2259. Great job - thanks to all who made the auction happen, donated items, bought items, and donated cash - good work for the church's Thanksgiving Baskets.

Annual FCQ Membership Drive Winds Down

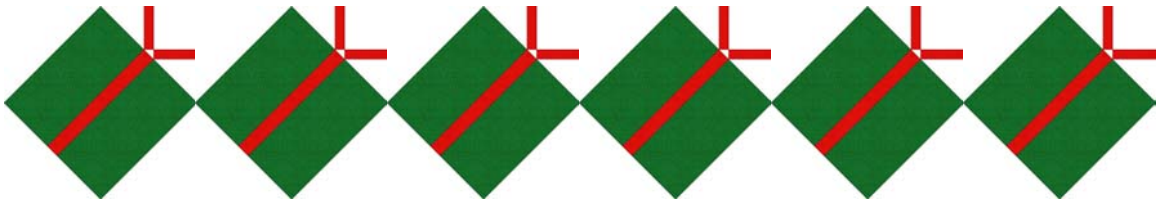
Members in FCQ enjoy many benefits such as an excellent library, classes, trips and fellowship. Here are some comments from members on what they like about being a part of Faithful Circle Quilters:

- I love that people applaud for everyone
- That other people take a long time to finish projects too
- Supportive atmosphere
- Amazing quilts shown weekly
- Many tips and help; demos are great
- Many ideas for quilts, friendly people, great classes

- Everyone has different ideas for quilting, which makes it fun to observe show and tell.
- Quilts look great from a distance, but friends are better up close. Come early and often to meetings.
- It is okay to have UFOs
- To think outside the box; to use them more!
- Quilters are supportive, caring friends ... there for each other and so willing to share everything
- Tremendous support; teaching group
- So much - techniques to improve my skills, great fellowship, fun!
- Friendship, inspiration, new ideas & techniques
- The joy of good friends. Someone always has the answer to a question.
- I've learned to appreciate the incredible talent and generosity of the quilters in FCQ
- Quilters like to laugh
- This is a great group
- I've learned hand quilting skills
- Made new friends
- The support was wonderful when I lost my husband
- Where do I start? Sharing ideas, knowledge and jokes. New great friends
- Lots of wonderful friends & lots of knowledge from each member
- This is the friendliest, most caring, sharing group I have ever had the pleasure to be with
- Quilters are the most generous and supportive people in the world
- I know some of your members and they are great people! I've taken a class through your guild and attended an evening seminar - it was terrific!
- Quilters are funny, talented, helpful & inspiring; always get ideas for new techniques & projects
- I've learned with the help of FCQ. I am able to maintain my sanity!
- Every quilt is an act of love and should be admired; Chocolate is always good
- Members are most caring of others' needs. They are also very willing to share their expertise/techniques
- I've been inspired by show & tell and have learned that, while some of us labor long to produce a quilt, others seem to zip one out nearly every week. Wow!
- Have learned a lot of good quilting tips and met many good people!
- FCQ is such a warm and welcoming group! I am always inspired by seeing everyone's work.

- Friendly supportive group of women
- I've learned that quilters are the best people - always ready to offer assistance & so encouraging & caring
- How to give up my slapdash ways!! How to square up a quilt. How to paper piece.
- How wonderful quilters are!
- Invaluable advice about techniques, color choice, borders, etc. plus good fellowship of other quilters
- I heard a lot of nice things about the Faithful Circle Quilters
- How to machine quilt. How to select colors and values.
- Community outreach & support programs - Love Quilts
- It's a great group - anything someone needs help with, they will get it.
- How very helpful everyone has been in the last 7 years
- When you have a quilting friend, you have a friend for life. Everyone in FCQ is very caring and giving.
- Everyone is so generous with sharing their knowledge. I can't wait to try appliqué.
- Fellow members are always eager to answer quilting questions & to share their ideas, shortcuts, etc. I enjoy all the ladies and sometimes get some therapeutic advice
- Great group of people - very talented
- Friendship, learning
- I am a fairly new member and still am getting to know the members
- Paper piecing parrots! Public speaking!
- Quilters make great friends!
- That quilters are very friendly, helpful, caring and fun!
- I've received lots of help and encouragement from FCQ members. It's a great group.
- I've made new friends and found help with many of my projects in progress - from other members mostly
- ... the meaning of good friends... many techniques
- This group of individuals is always willing to give a helping hand in furthering quilt skills
- How friendly the group is and when work needs to be done there are always many hands to help.
- Many quilting techniques and that quilters are the best!
- Many new techniques of stitching and quilting
- I feel very fortunate to have made very special friends through my membership in FCQ
- Not to fear the "Quilt Police" ; Quilters are caring, sharing

- people. Ask and you shall receive!
- How really talented these women are
 - Fabulous art work
 - The gals are great, diversity of skill levels and I love the group
 - Friendship is work a lot!
 - Sharing, Kindness, Patience, Friendship
 - I've learned that quilters are the best, least-pretentious, funny & down-to-earth people with incredible artistic talent.
- Lots of great people, quilting ideas, and friendship
 - I love seeing so many quilters in one place!
 - I've learned that if I need inspiration just come to a meeting - there is so much talent in this group.
 - Friendship; caring for others, especially those in need; and of course anything to do with quilting
 - FCQ members are the best
 - Age doesn't matter!



Playful Thoughts

Joyce Schneider sends this from one of her embroidery groups.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Poem (A Quilters' Version)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
 The only one sleeping was a Quilter's dear spouse.
 The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,
 "Just a few stitches left," our sweet quilter repeated.

"Then I can hang them and head off to finish
 the pillows I'm making, fulfilling Mom's wish
 For something quilted to put on her couch and spoke,
 as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, "Ouch!"

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,
 she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.
 Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
 wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
 but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...

With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

"Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.
To the sewing room - there, it's just back of the hall,
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

"My Dear," said The Claus (as she liked to be called),
"There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I'm terribly sorry we gave you a fright."

"Sit down. Have some tea. It's relaxing, you'll see.
My friends and I've come a long way to help Thee."
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,
In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.
How the work went so quickly she had no way way of knowing.

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!
This Claus-woman's talent was awfully great.
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.
Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
and she knew they'd need help on this night most of all
So she said to our quilter, "Just move over dear,
I've brought my own needle. We'll get done, never fear.

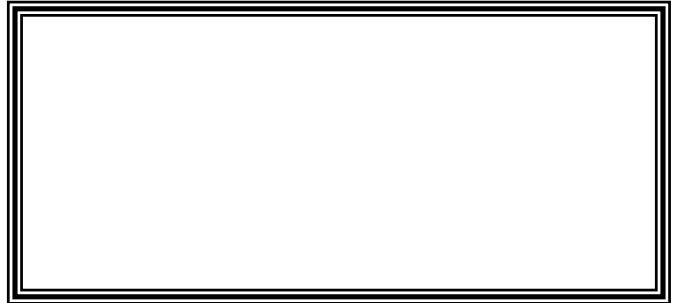
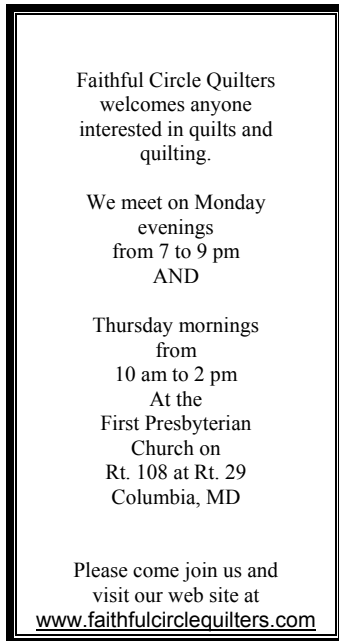
I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.
There, that pillows done. Now this is the last.

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming
dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!" (author unknown)

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Betty Kilroy December Birthday Party

- 05 Nancy Meier
- 08 Hikari Nakamoto
- 12 Susan Lutz
- 13 Jean Williams
- 13 Nancy Martin
- 15 Joan Thorpe
- 15 Kay Pappas
- 16 Anne Kelly
- 18 Carla Ketterer
- 18 Martha Tyree
- 19 Leslie Gross
- 19 Kathleen Panzera
- 23 Sherry Shane
- 24 Carol Petranek
- 29 Sheva Farkas
- 30 Janet Anderson
- 31 Marie Kittleberger
- 31 Meghan Newkirk

CALENDAR

- Dec. 4 Monday Holiday Party
- Dec. 7 Thursday Holiday Party
- No meetings for the rest of 2006**
- Jan. 4 Thursday Meetings resume
- Jan. 8 Love Quilt & Dessert Night
- Jan 11 Love Quilt Tying (moved from 1/4/07)
- Jan 15 no Monday meeting
- January 20 Board Meeting
- January 27 Sew In
- Feb 1 Love Quilt Tying
- Feb 5 Love Quilt Tying & Dessert Night
- March 10 Board Meeting
- April 28 Sew In
- Calendar notes for 2007.**
- We will NOT be meeting on
- Martin Luther King Day (Jan 15th)
- Presidents Day
- Monday after Easter
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day