

The Circular

President's Message

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Once again, I am sitting here watching the birds outside in the dogwood tree. Clearly, the tree is not blossoming yet but the buds are there. I am hoping for a very cloudy day on the second so that Puxatawney Phil is happy to be above ground. I am also hoping for a snow free month. A group of friends and I are headed to Delaware for a quilting weekend in the middle of the month - four days of quilt shops, quilt projects, probably some wine and lots of fun. Then it is off to Hampton Roads. We will have our raffle quilt hung there and we are bound to sell a lot of raffle tickets. Eleanor Moland, as the quilt show publicity chair, received an email from a woman who lives in Connecticut. She saw the picture of the quilt online and is thinking about coming down for the show. Her comment - "I have to tell you that the Garden Sundial is absolutely the most beautiful quilt I've ever seen." Anyone who is planning to be at the show, please sign up to sit at the raffle table or to white glove.

I have volunteered to coordinate signing up other volunteers for our show. There will be sign up sheets at each guild meeting. Please plan to give us an hour - many more if you can. Although putting on the show is a great deal of work, we also have a lot of fun. And you get to know people so much better when you have worked closely with them for those four or five intense days.

Those of you who have access to email should check out the Quilt Show section on the FCQ website. There are pictures of the raffle quilt from inception to completion. There are also copies of the forms that you need for registering your quilts and for donating items to the silent auction. (We will also have hard copies of forms at meetings.)

Although the show will be the focus of the next few weeks, the guild has several other activities scheduled. We have classes with Lois Smith in February, Paula Nadelstern in March and Barbara Olsen in April. Our first bus trip of the year is to the PA Quilters' Heritage Celebration on March 28. It will be a busy Spring.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Peg



*******QUILT SHOW NEWS*******

From The Chairlady-

Hi everyone! Well, the countdown to "Color My World" has officially begun!!! Only eleven weeks to go! Are you busy finishing your quilt? Maybe you'll pick up some good ideas at Lois Smith's class Feb 2. How about your Silent Auction item? And now's a great time to clean out your sewing room for the Peddlers' Table or maybe you'd consider donating an item for one of the raffle baskets. Sign up sheets will be up soon, so think about how you want to donate your time for the show - we'll have LOTS of opportunities for you to help!!! Speaking of help - we are only half way to fulfilling our 32 hour commitment to Mancuso for white gloving at the Hampton Roads (formerly Williamsburg) Quilt Show on Friday, February 21. As you know, we made over \$1000 selling raffle tickets at Harrisburg, so this is a REALLY IMPORTANT source of income!!!! Come enjoy the show and give us a 2-hour shift of white gloving or sit at the raffle table; I'm still looking for help on Sat and Sun of that weekend for the raffle table. And believe it or not, I need to order MORE raffle tickets!! We'll have gone

through the 8000 tickets we originally ordered by the Hampton Roads show!! Is this a fabulous raffle quilt, or what?!

We have decided to give local merchants an opportunity to support the guild by sponsoring an ad in our Quilt Show Program this year. The price will be extremely reasonable, ranging from \$25 for a $\frac{1}{4}$ page to \$75 for a full-page ad. The form will be on the web site soon and available at the meetings. The deadline for submission is March 8; all moneys and ads must be RECEIVED by this deadline to be included in the program. So if you know anyone who owns a business, ask them if they'd like to support us - we expect 1000 visitors to our show.

Flyers for the show will ready for distribution by mid-February. If you know of a merchant, civic center, etc where we can display our ad (featuring our beautiful raffle quilt) let me know, or better yet, take a poster and tell me where it's hanging!! Wow, we're going to have a terrific show!!! MB

From Registration

We're now accepting registrations for the 2008 Quilt Show!

This year, each member may submit up to six (6) quilted items, specifying a priority for each. (The Hanging Committee will use this in the event the number of entries should exceed available space.) An entry can be registered before it is completely finished, but it must be sufficiently far along to be "recognized" as a quilt in an associated photo. A quilt must be finished to be hung in the show.

Registration will end on **March 27**. A registration form (forms will be available at the meetings or on the FCQ web site <http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/quiltshow2008/quiltshow2008.html>) must be submitted for each item and a digital photograph must accompany the form. A quilt is not considered "registered" until both the form and the picture are received.

Carolyn May is handling registration sessions at each meeting. Digital photos will be taken at meetings OR members can email an identified photo to: carolynleemay@comcast.net

Everyone in the guild is encouraged to enter at least one quilt. And please register them early! We're having the best quilt show ever this year!

Demonstrators Needed

One of the highlights of Faithful Circle's biannual Quilt Show is the wonderful demos we provide for attendees. Topics should be suitable for beginning and/or intermediate quilters. For more information, please contact Beth Bohac at bethbohac@comcast.net or 410-730-0136.

From the Peddlers' Table

All FCQ members are welcome to sell their unwanted (but good condition) fabrics and quilt supplies at our Peddlers' Table during the biannual FCQ Quilt Show. All items **must be**

quilt related, or they will not be displayed.

Members are also responsible for picking up their unsold items immediately after the show ends. Proceeds from your sales will be distributed at FCQ meetings the week after the Quilt Show.

The inventory form is on-line

<http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/quiltshow2008/quiltshow2008.html> and attached for our super-organized members to get started. Items should be grouped into bundles priced at **whole dollars** (to avoid making change). The priced items and inventory sheets will be accepted during the show set up day Wednesday April 16.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Membership directory updates will be ready in February. The update lists new members and changes to existing member's contact information. Pick up your copy at a guild meeting. These updates are not mailed out.

QUILTING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Carol Petranek reports there is an exhibit at the Visitors' Center in Kensington, MD that features story/memory quilts. There are 25 quilts, plus 3 enormous documentary quilts. There is also a quilt block workshop on March 1 where participants can learn how to construct a basic memory quilt block.

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Eastern Lancaster County's Historic Poole Forge will present "Quilts in the Mansion" on March 24-30, 2008. This unique display will feature over 35 quilts from Lancaster County, dating from the mid 1800s to the 1950s, on two floors of the old Iron Master's Mansion. Many of these quilts are still in the families of the original quilt maker, and their wonderful stories have been passed down with the quilts.

Historic Poole Forge is in the village of Churchtown, 3 miles east of Blue Ball, home of Shady Maple, on Rt 23, and 4 miles west of

Hayloft Fabrics in Morgantown. The property dates back to the 1700s and includes an 1849 covered bridge. It is a picturesque park setting along the Conestoga River.

The show runs March 24-30, 2008, Mon-Sat 10 am - 4 pm, and Sun 1-4 pm. The \$5 admission goes directly towards the restoration of this very special treasure of Lancaster County. For questions concerning the show please contact Barbara Garrett at 610-469-6048 or bgarrett421@comcast.net or visit the website at <http://www.historicpooleforge.org/>

2008 FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS/MILLTOWN QUILTERS BUS TRIPS ANOUNCEMENT

There are 3 bus trips planned for 2008. If you're interested in any of these trips, please let Peg McClelland, Sharon Rhoton, Sandy Lynch or overall Bus Trip Organizer Lois Hollander know, or send an email to bustrips@faithfulcirclequilters.com to reserve a spot. The cost of each bus trip is \$40.00 and checks should be made out to "MILLTOWN QUILTERS".

This year's first bus trip will be to Lancaster, PA on Friday, March 28, 2008 for the 21st annual **QUILTERS' HERITAGE CELEBRATION show**. There are always lots of quilts to see and lots of vendors to visit at this show. The \$40.00 bus trip cost includes the bus cost, the driver's tip and entry to the show.

The second bus trip will be on Friday, September 5, 2008 to the **PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL QUILT EXTRAVAGANZA XV**. It is again being held in Harrisburg, PA. the first week of September. According to the Mancuso web-site - "Entries to the competition include traditional and innovative quilts

The last trip of the year is the **Fall PA Shopping Trip on Friday October 10, 2008**. The trip will again be the second Friday in

October. The \$40.00 bus trip fee includes the bus, driver's tip and lunch and tip. This is a great way to get some fabrics at discount prices.

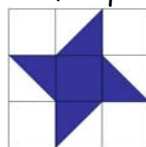
All bus trips will leave the 'park and ride' lot (in front of the Church) promptly at 7:30am and should be back by 7:00pm. These bus trips are a great way to spend time with quilting friends and save money on gas.

For an email requesting information and to signup for the trips **YOU CAN USE THE 'BUS TRIPS' LINK IN THE FCQ'S WEB-SITE PAGE LISTING "GUILD LEADERSHIP"** (see meetings and membership info)
<http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/membership/board.html>

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

November BOM Block #3

Half-Square Triangles



winner Peg McClelland

December BOM Block #4

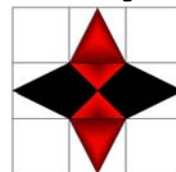
Card Trick Block



...winner Charlene Werner

January 2008 BOM Block #5

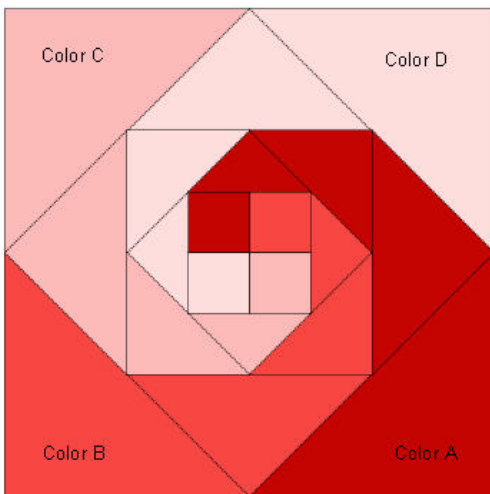
Star Block - Unfinished 9 1/2"



Drawing scheduled for Feb 7; still time to participate!

February 2008 BOM Block #6

Snail's Trail - Unfinished 9 1/2"

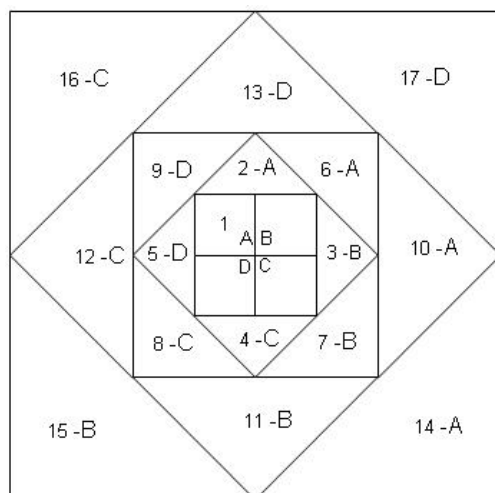


Technique: Twisted Log Cabin Using Foundation Piecing

1. A pre-printed foundation pattern will be provided at each meeting starting 4 Feb. All patterns will be copied from same pattern on the same copier so that copy variances should not be a problem. Directions for making your own pattern are given below.
2. Alternate Method: Golden Threads will be demonstrated by Nancy Evans on Mon Feb 11

Fabric: It's February, so let's go red! Select four red fabrics graduating from very light to dark red.

Finished Block Size: 9"



Instructions:

- 1) Cut the following pieces from each red fabric.
One 2" square.
One 4" square, cut in half diagonally.
One 6" square, cut in half diagonally.
- 2) Label the reds A, B, C, D, darkest to lightest.
- 3) Sew 2" squares together for center of block: sew A to B, press to A; sew C to D, press to C; then sew AB to CD, making sure B touches C and D touches A.
- 4) Trim center to 2 3/4" square, making sure to center the seams.
- 5) Carefully pin the back-side of the center square to the back of the foundation paper. It is important to align the fabric seams to the lines on the paper.
- 6) Set one of the A-colored 4" triangles to the on the AB edge of the square. Pin to anchor this piece to center square and paper. Turn over so that printing on paper is face up. Sew on line connecting AB edge of center square and the 2-A triangle.
Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for 1/4" seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.
- 7) Set one of the B-colored 4" triangles to the on the BC edge of the square. Pin to anchor this piece to center square and paper. Turn over so that printing on paper is face up. Sew on line connecting BC edge of center square and the 3-B triangle.
Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for 1/4" seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.
- 8) Set one of the C-colored 4" triangles to the on the CD edge of the square. Pin to anchor this piece to center square and paper. Turn over so that printing on paper is face up. Sew on line connecting

CD edge of center square and the 4-C triangle.

Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.

- 9) Set one of the D-colored 4" triangles to the on the DA edge of the square. Pin to anchor this piece to center square and paper. Turn over so that printing on paper is face up. Sew on line connecting DA edge of center square and the 5-D triangle.

Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.

- 10) Continue building the block by attaching the remaining 4" triangles (6-A, 7-B, 8-C, and 9-D) as described above making sure to follow the diagram for the correct color selection.

Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.

- 11) Continue building the block by attaching the 6" triangles (10-A, 11-B, 12-C, and 13-D) as described above making sure to follow the diagram for the correct color selection.

Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.

- 12) Continue building the block by attaching the remaining 6" triangles (14-A, 15-B, 16-C, and 17-D) as described above making sure to follow the diagram for the correct color selection.

Fold the paper along the sewn line and trim fabric for $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam with each seam sewn. Press triangle open.

- 13) Trim entire block to $9\frac{1}{2}$ " (this includes seam allowance). Do not remove paper.

Making your own Snail's Trail pattern:

- 1) Use graph paper which is at least $9\frac{1}{2}$ " square, an accurate ruler and thin lead pencil.
- 2) Draw a 9" square.
- 3) Find the center of each edge of the square.
- 4) Use center points to draw a square inside the 9" square.
- 5) Find the center of each edge of the inner square.
- 6) Use center points to draw a square inside the inner square. (Note, this square should be exactly $4\frac{1}{2}$ " on each side.)
- 7) Find the center of each edge of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- 8) Use center points to draw a square inside the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.
- 9) Find the center of each edge of this inner square.
- 10) Use center points to draw a square inside the inner square. (Note, this square should be exactly $2\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side.)
- 11) Find the center of each edge of the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " square.
- 12) Use the center points to draw 4 smaller squares inside the $2\frac{1}{4}$ " square.

List of members' services

Debra Gabel Business: Zebra Patterns. Lectures, Workshops, Consulting, Trunk Shows. A full line of quilt patterns. Lectures and guild workshops based on my patterns or art quilts. Private studio mentorships in my studio. Consultant to local quilt shops and individuals. Bachelor of Fine Arts from the State NY University-New Paltz. Phone: 410-531-9047 Email: debra@zebrapatterns.com Website: <http://zebrapatterns.com> (under construction)

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Maria O'Haver Business: Pangor Quilt Design Studio in Ellicott City. Long-arm quilting; quilt design, construction, basting, top finishing, repair. T-shirt quilts and quilted apparel. Phone 410 750-3866 Email: mohaver@comcast.net and web <http://www.mariaohaver.com/>

Linda Schiffer Store: Seminole Sampler in Catonsville; teach private classes on a wide variety of quilt and sewing topics. Call the shop to register. Email: quilter@lhsdesigns.jagunet.com

Susan Schreurs - Memory Patch. -quilt repair and restoration in home studio. Also work on hand-knits and other "treasures" (old and new) to creatively repair, restore or repurpose the treasure so that it can remain in use and appreciated.. Phone: 301-526-3439 or 301-570-0715 Email: schreurs_ss@yahoo.com.

Inge Stocklin - quilt restoration, appraisals and quilt washing. I have a B.S. degree in textiles from Univ of MD, owned the Quilt Studio in Ellicott City for almost 10 years. Phone: 301-490-3544 Email: ingestocklin@comcast.net.

CALENDAR

Feb 2 10 am - 4 pm Lois Smith class, fee
Feb 4 Love Quilts
Feb 7 Love Quilts
Feb 9 Board Meeting 9 am
Feb 18 No meeting - Presidents' Day
Mar 3 Love Quilts
Mar 6 Love Quilts
Mar 8&9 Paula Nadelstern 2 day class, fee
Mar 8, deadline for Quilt Show Program submissions
Mar 10, 7pm Paula Nadelstern lecture
Mar 24 No meeting - Easter Monday
Mar 28 Bus trip to Lancaster, PA Quilters' Heritage Celebration; fee & reservation
Apr 5 Board Meeting
Apr 16-19, 2008 Quilt Show
Apr 27 Barbara Olsen class, fee
May 26 No meeting - Memorial Day
Sep 1 No meeting - Labor Day
Sep 5 Bus trip to PA National Quilt Extravaganza XV; fee & reservation
Oct 10 Bus trip - PA Shopping; fee & reservation

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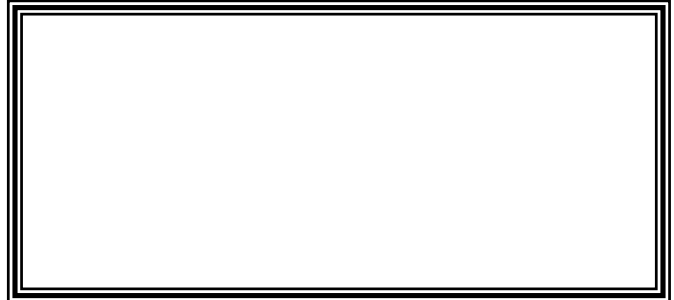
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interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet on Monday
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from 7 to 9 pm
AND

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from
10 am to 2 pm
At the
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Betty Kilroy Feb Birthday Party

06 Barbara Bennett
06 Sandy Lynch
08 Jean Webster
09 Sue Moats
11 Deborah Kinsey
15 Pam Wilson
19 Peg McClelland
21 Eleanor Fabiszak
24 Sue Haynie
28 Barbara Williams
28 Jonnifer Lennon