

The Circular

President's Message

Hello everyone. Hasn't the weather been glorious!?! Even the rainy days have been pleasant. I have used them as an excuse to work in the sewing room. I have been making my leaf block for the Block of the Month, using some of my wonderful fall batiks.

Thanks to everyone who brought in show and tell for the Crayon Challenge. The quilts were great. Genie Corbin will be posting them on the web site. She has offered to include the "story/inspiration" along with the picture, if you email the information to her.

October will be another busy month. We have Virginia Walton coming for a lecture and two classes. The Zoo mobile will be visiting on October 2, so Love Quilts will be the following week for the Thursday group. The people who are participating in the Round Robin will be working on the first border. And all of us should be working on items for the November Silent Auction. Several people mentioned that their crayon challenge item will be donated to the auction.

I hope everyone has sent in their registration. We will be printing the directory early in October.

Enjoy the wonderful Fall weather.

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MEMBERSHIP

Annual renewal is still being accepted though these entries have missed the cut off for the 2008-2009 members' directory. Members may submit a membership form with a check for the dues at any time during the year.

ZOOMOBILE

Thursday, October 2, 2008, 11:00

The Zoomobile will be coming from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore! Unfortunately, we must limit attendance to members only. And to help our zoo friends feel welcome, let's decorate the room with animal quilts!

ROUND ROBIN CHALLENGE

Round one: 2" finished pieced border made of squares/rectangles. Finished size 12" square (12½" unfinished square). Due Oct. 27 / 30. For all the details, go to:

<http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/announcements/RoundRobin2008Rules.pdf>

BWI QUILT SHOW

From Maria O'Haver---

I visited the BWI quilt display on Maryland themed quilts. There are about 25 quilts hanging in the huge room just before the international terminal. The setting is very nice with high white walls, good lighting and a huge space. Debra Gabel and I have some quilts in the display. I recognize a couple from the courthouse display and a couple from the Annapolis quilt show this year. The rest are new.

It's convenient to park in the garage by the terminal, on the far left side when approaching the terminal (near the international terminal end). One can take the elevators from any level to the skywalk (level 6) to the terminal. The quilts are on the ticketing level. There is plenty of time to walk over, see the quilts and leave within the free 30 minutes of parking allowed. Well worth the trip.

"COLOR MY WORLD" QUILT CHALLENGE

We were all winners! This was a grand success. Was it because there were so few rules? Certainly there was no way to choose the "best"; each entry was so entirely unique. Be sure to watch the website for posting of the participating quilts. This will be a great chance for the Monday/Thursday groups to see what was done by the Thursday/Monday groups.

BUS TRIP NEWS

from Sandy Lynch

Last chance in 2008 to spend time with friends and save some gas money

October 10th Shopping trip to Lancaster County needs to have reservations and payment as soon as possible. If anyone has a problem or needs to cancel at the last minute you can reach my cell phone at 240-593-6616. Checks for \$40 should be payable to MILLTOWN QUILTERS.

OLD QUILT RAFFLE

The winner of the Red Raffle Quilt is Trish Loesch. Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket! To see the quilt, go to: <http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/gallery/Red-Raffle-Quilt> Thanks to Maria O'Haver for holding the raffle and to FCQ member Margie Kaufmann who donated a beautiful old quilt to the Faithful Circle Quilters to be used as a fundraiser.



EDUCATION

From Sheva Farkas ----

We will have Virginia Walton at the guild meeting on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 P.M. Please note the earlier time. Virginia will be bringing over a thousand pieces of fabric to entertain us with along with her expertise in color. Members in good standing will not be required to pay the \$5 admission. Be sure to update your membership soon.

There are a few openings in the two Virginia Walton classes which will be held at Seminole Sampler on Saturday, October 5th (Transitions) and Sunday, October 6th (Colors). Send an email to me at sbpowers@verizon.net if you are interested.

On Thursday November 13th, Marylou MacDonald will be our guest lecturer at 11:00 a.m. Marylou's expertise on Baltimore album quilts is renowned, and we are lucky that she is a member at Faithful Circle. Fee for non-members is \$5. Members do not pay the fee.

On October 9th we begin enrollment in Sharon Chambers classes to be held on:

- Saturday, February 21, 2009 - we are planning a Piecelique class
- Sunday, February 22, 2009 - we are planning a machine quilting class

She will be our guest lecturer on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7 p.m. The cost for classes will be \$50 for each, and the lecture will have a non-member fee of \$5.

In order to guarantee your space you must pay class fees with your enrollment. Check your calendars and don't miss the chance to take classes with the winner of best in show at Paducah two years in a row.

Future guests include: Cynthia England (April, 2009); Helen Squire (May, 2009) and Freida Anderson (May, 2009).

I will be out of town from Sept. 26th until October 2, 2008. If you are interested in the classes with Virginia Walton, email me. I'll get back to you on October 3rd.

PIW QUILT SHOW

From Sandy McDonald

Please mark your calendars for November 19 for the PIW Quilt Show. Inge Stocklin, Julia Graves, and I would like to invite the members of Faithful Circle to attend the show this year. We are beginning our 10th year of our prison quilting project. We have been very successful due, in part, to the support and encouragement we have received from Faithful Circle and its members. The show is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. The women at PIW love to talk with other quilters and show off their work. We're proud of their accomplishments and want to honor them at the ceremony. The recipient this year is St. Anne's Children's Home.

The show will run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Members should plan to arrive by 12:30. We will be escorted into the facility as a group by an officer. Everyone MUST have a picture ID. You may bring in your car keys, but DO NOT bring your purse, a camera, or anything in your pockets. Please lock your purse in your car.

If you plan to attend, please call Sandy McDonald at 410-461-4337 to get your name on the list. The deadline to respond is November 12. We're looking forward to seeing many Faithful Circle members at the show.

NEIGHBORING GUILD EVENTS

Annapolis Quilt Guild is having a workshop with Bonnie McCaffrey on October 7th on "Painted Faces". If anyone is interested please check the Annapolis Quilt Guild web site: <http://www.annapolisquiltguild.org/> for more information email Alice at wtignor@gmail.com or call 410 647 9652 home

Needle Chasers of Chevy Chase

"Celebrating the Seasons" Quilt Show

Friday, November 7, 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, November 8, 9 am - 4 pm

National Presbyterian Church

4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW

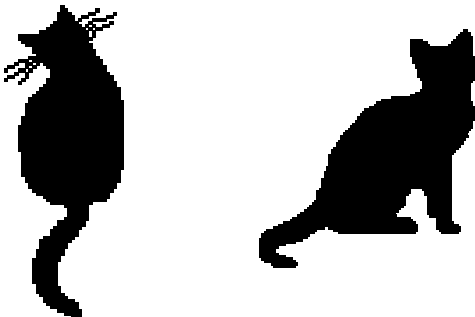
Washington, DC - Plenty of parking; within walking distance of the Tenleytown Metro station

Admission: \$5 website:

<http://www.needlechasers.org> email: quiltshow@needlechasers.org

The Clustered Spires Quilt Guild of Frederick Maryland is bringing in Quilting artist Dianne Hire in October for a lecture and two workshops. There is space available and would love to extend an invitation to FCQ members for either (or both) workshops. Please contact Sharon Price at therightprice@verizon.net as soon as possible if you are interested.

- October guild meeting speaker - Oct. 16, 2008
- Dianne S. Hire is the author of "Quilters Playtime, Games for Quiltmakers" and editor of "Oxymoron" a collection of absurdly logical quilts as well as an international award winning fiber artist.
- "Organdy Ribbon Transparency" Friday, Oct. 17 (all levels), and "Come Play With Me" Saturday, Oct. 18 (intermediate to advanced). Each 6-hour workshop is \$40 for CSQG members, and \$50 for non-members.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Sept BOM Block #1



Leaf Block will be drawn on Oct 2.

Oct BOM Block #2



Black Cats

Technique: Fusible Appliqué

Finish size 10" x 10"

Fabric: Cat Pattern: Black (it is almost Halloween!).

Background: Select any fabric color which will silhouette your cat on a night sky (orange-ish reds work as do shades of blues to violet)

Additional Supplies: Fusible Web (I personally prefer Wonder Under - as long as it is not too old.)

Stabilizing material (such as Sulky's Totally Stable - it irons on and easily tears away)

Special Note: There have been some problems getting the cat drawings of a uniform size added as part of the newsletter. If you want to ensure that you have the same size used by everyone, you can pick up a copy at one of the meetings. Multiple copies of each cat will be available.

Note: Since it is so close to Halloween, we thought a black cat block would be fun. This block is not as rigid as many in the past because there are no seams that must align with other blocks. We have supplied 3 cat

patterns from which you can choose. Or if you have a different one - use it! Also, often with appliqué pieces, you have to be careful not to trace the pattern backwards or upside-down. For once, this is not a concern - we want lots of different cats!

Instructions:

Initially cut your background fabric around 11" square. (After appliqué is complete we will trim to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square.)

Cut a piece of fusible web which is large enough for the cat you want to use.

Trace your desired cat to the smooth or paper side of the fusible cat. DO NOT cut on line yet.

Place the fabric wrong side up on the ironing board. Lay the fusible web traced cat pattern, paper side up, on top of the fabric. Press for 5 seconds with a dry iron. Let cool, then cut out cat pattern on the outline and peel off paper.

Place cat on center of background block, fusible side of cat to right side of background. Gently press with hot iron until cat is firmly glued.

From your stabilizing material, cut a piece large enough to generously cover the sewing area on the appliqué. Position it beneath the background fabric under the appliqué. Iron or baste in place. Keep in mind that the fusible is really only temporary glue. The purpose of the stabilizer is to give your work a professional look and keep it from puckering when you machine appliqué.

Before sewing the actual appliqué, make a test of the sewing machine stitching. Fuse a scrap of cotton fabric to a piece of background fabric. Lay this on top of a piece of stabilizer and zigzag the edge of the fused scrap.

Stitching should appear as a smooth line. If the stitching is too open, shorten the stitch length. If it stacks up, make the stitch length longer. If the bobbin thread shows on top of the fabric, either tighten the bobbin tension or loosen the needle tension—or adjust both. Be sure to check stitching on the underside of the fabric. It's ok if the top thread shows a little underneath.

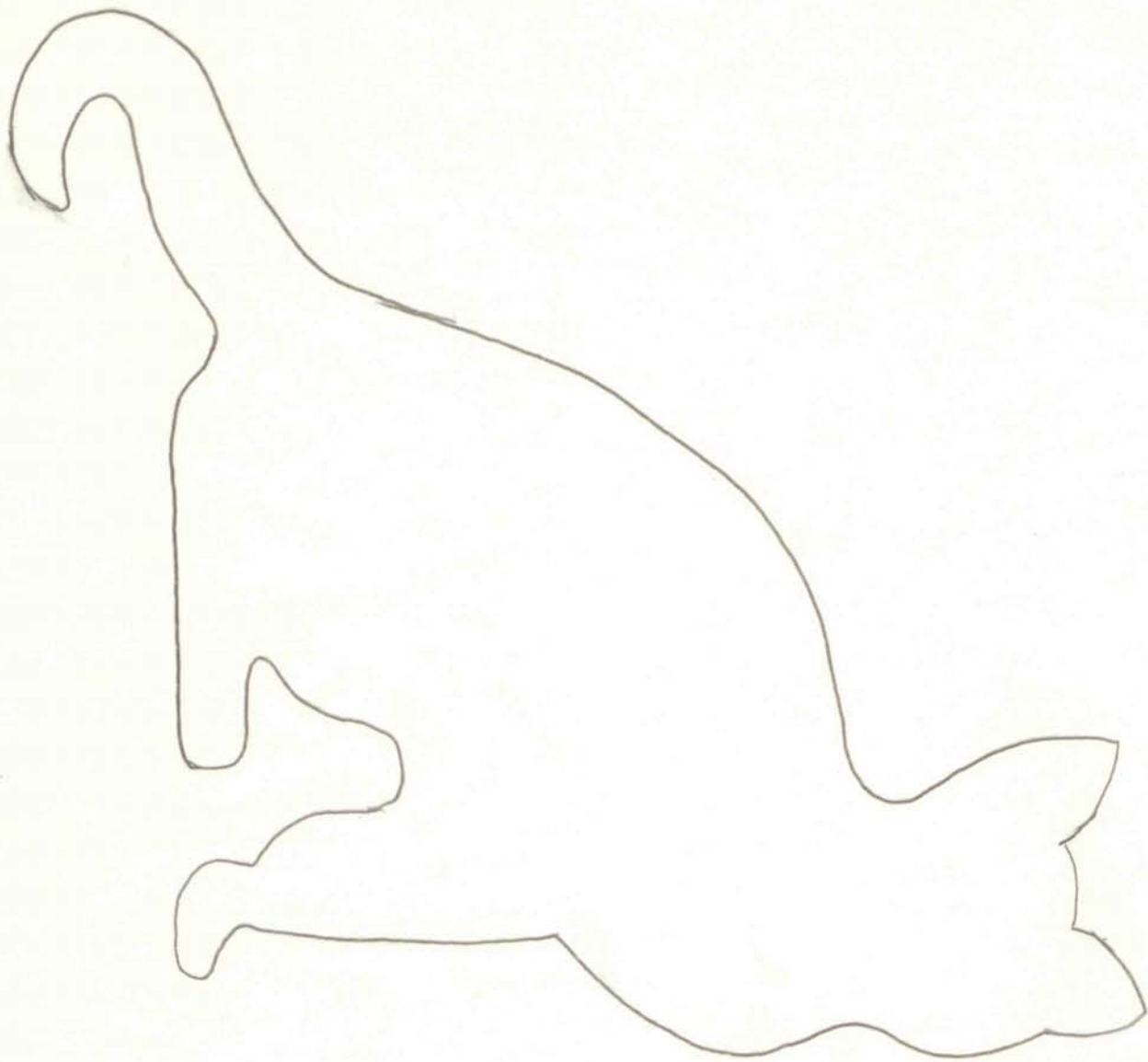
Note: the description here assumes the use of zig-zag stitch appliqué. If you are more comfortable using a satin stitch or a blanket stitch, then feel free.

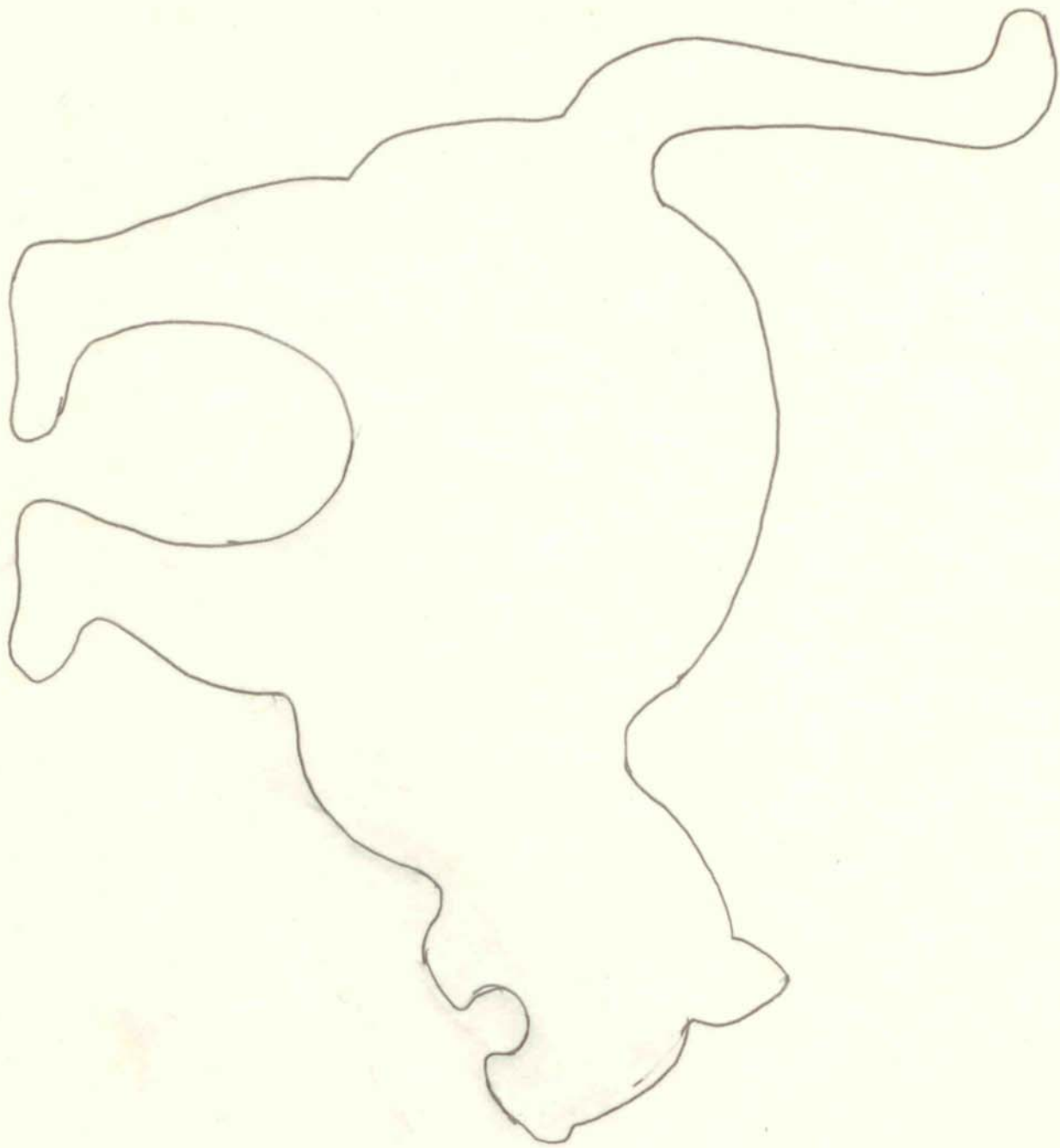
Use black thread to match your cat.

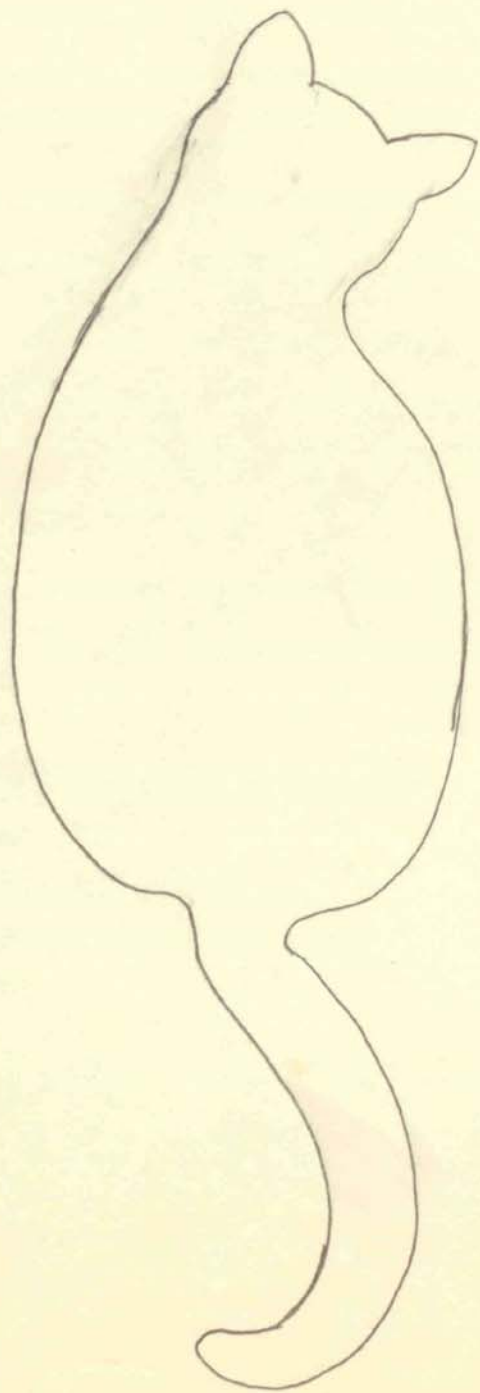
Most of the zigzag stitch should be on the appliqué, with the outside of the stitch just a hair's width onto the background fabric. The zigzags should always be at right angles to the edge of the appliqué as well. To keep the stitches at the right angles around curves, stop sewing with the needle down in the fabric on the outside of the curve. Pivot the fabric slightly, then sew. Stop and pivot again as often as necessary. Sometimes the outside or widest part of the curve will go to the left, sometimes to the right, so the pivot point may be at either the right or left needle position, depending on which way the curve goes.

Iron block, remove stabilizer and iron again. Trim block to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Note: Leigh and Janette will have example products and fabrics at meetings during October to answer any questions. They will let you know which week at the end of the month they will be bringing in their machines to demonstrate the machine appliqué process.







CALENDAR

Oct 2 Zoomobile
Oct 4 Virginia Walton, fee and registration
Oct 5 Virginia Walton, fee and registration
Oct 6 Virginia Walton lecture 7 pm
Oct 9 Love Quilts
Oct 10 Bus trip - PA Shopping; fee reservation
Oct 13 Love Quilts
Oct 27 Round Robin - Monday
Oct 30 Round Robin - Thursday
Nov 1 Board Meeting, 9am room 152
Nov 3 Silent Auction 7pm; bidding 7:30
Nov 6 Love Quilts
Nov 10 Love Quilts
Nov 13 11 am Marylou McDonald

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Jan 10 Board Meeting, 9am room 152
Mar 7 Board Meeting, 9am room 152
Jun 6 Board Meeting, 9am room 152

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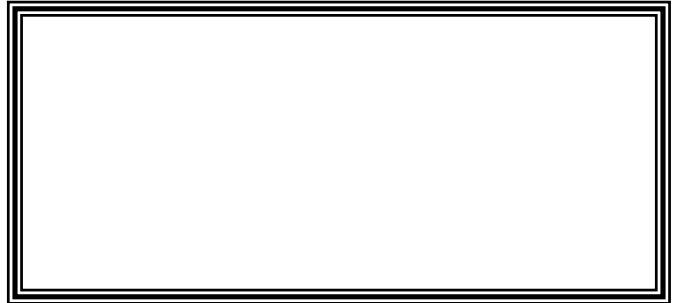
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welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

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



Betty Kilroy Oct Birthday Party

01	Jean Hedrick	16	Sharon Rhoton
02	Sonia Jimenez	17	Beth Bohac
03	Stephanie Sanidas	17	Mary Corbin
03	Terry Wilson	17	Ellen Layman
04	Susan Mitchell	17	Charlene Werner
05	Veronica Christensen	18	Alka Mital
05	Karen Van Aacken	19	Sandy Schlossberg
06	Sue Campise	20	Debbie Goode
07	Sheila Allen	23	Jane Sonn
07	Joyce Rozas	25	Maria OHaver
10	Sue Van Vorhees	28	Dawn Byrd
13	Bonnie Dank	28	Sherry Hazelhurst
16	Fran Keepers		