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plus  
2 BOMs  
1 Mystery  
1 Workshop*

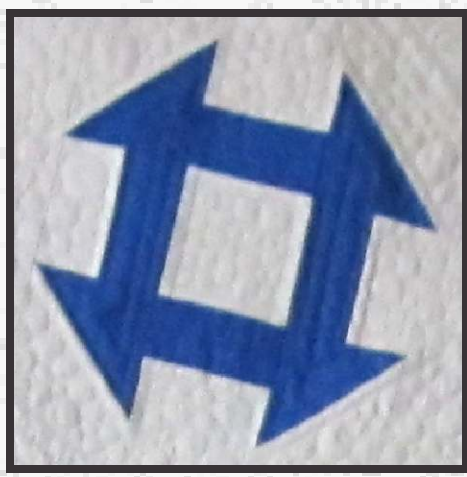
- \* *Make it modern.*
- \* *Enjoy a little mystery.*
- \* *Join a history project.*



Kites



Happy Scrappy Endings



Churning Churn Dashes



Blue Star

## A Message from Barbara

September has always been a pivotal time of beginnings for me. Growing up, it was the month a new school year began. This always meant a brand-spanking-new box of colorful crayons - even then color was important to me. It is also my birthday month - beginning my own new year.



*Barbara Douglas*

The most momentous September event in my life was the birth of my oldest daughter on the day of my own birth. This was by far the loveliest of “beginnings”. We don’t share the same creative passions; mine is quilting and hers is cooking, but we do share in the idea unless it’s homemade by the children, we would gladly forgo the usual birthday cards and cake and go for something practical. What we really appreciate is time with family. This usually means a last family camping trip of the season since our birthday often falls within the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Staying within the practical guidelines, I began the birthday tradition of making potholders for my children because they all have a creative passion for cooking and it lets me use my own creative passion for designing and

quilting. Potholders get grungy with lasagna sauce or pancake batter and need to be tossed frequently into the laundry. They don’t have to match the decor. They can be funny, picturing desserts no one wants to admit to eating - except on birthdays - or maybe a pieced orphan block, which makes my son happy. My birthday daughter will get a kick out of the Fruit of the Vine potholders. Maybe she’ll use them to cook birthday burgers as we toast one another over the fire pit of our last seasonal camping trip and happily begin our new year.

This month **TQPM** is absolutely packed with small projects, big projects, BOMs, great quilt-related articles, and our Editor-in-Chief Barbara Chojnacki intrigues us with the first installment of her **Trumpet Flower Mystery Quilt**.

*Barbara*

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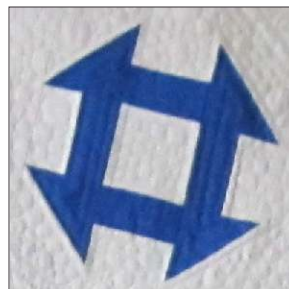


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- **A beginner** must have basic sewing knowledge (including how to use a rotary cutter and the ability to sew a proper seam allowance) and have made at least one quilt.
- **A beginner/intermediate** quilter has more than basic quilting skills and the beginning of intermediate skills.
- **An intermediate** quilter must have made several quilts in either pieced or appliqué styles.
- **An intermediate/advanced** quilter has more than intermediate quilting skills and the beginning of advanced skills.
- **An advanced** quilter will have made many complex quilts.

### Common Abbreviations:

- BA:** Baltimore Album
- BOM:** Block Of The Month
- COC:** Cream On Cream
- EPP:** English Paper Piecing
- FPA:** Freezer Paper Appliqué
- FQ:** Fat Quarter
- HST:** Half Square Triangle
- LOF:** Length Of Fabric
- NS:** No Steam
- OG:** On Grain
- OTB:** On The Bias
- PWF:** PreWashed Fabric
- QST:** Quarter Square Triangle
- RST:** Right Sides Together
- SST:** Side Setting Triangle
- UFO:** UnFinished Object
- WIP:** Works In Progress
- WOF:** Width Of Fabric  
(from selvage to selvage)
- WOW:** White On White



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