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Happy Father's Day!

Where in Maryland?

Somewhere in Maryland the image to the right can be found. Where is it?

(Answer on page 10 of this issue)



A Note from your New Editor

As hard as it is to believe, it is already time for the May/June issue of *The Maryland Register*! As you may have heard, *The Maryland Register* has a new owner and publisher! It's me! I'm her!

Let me introduce myself, my name is Kim Keller. I began publishing *The Country Register of Minnesota* in 2009. At the time my children were young, my son was 7 and my twin daughters were 5. During the last 15 years my children grew up! I now have three adult children who are all in college. In a few months I won't even have teenagers anymore! A little side information on me...I am a huge animal lover and therefore have 3 dogs and 3 cats! Of those 6 animals 3 are "foster failures". I absolutely love to travel! The picture above is my husband and I and our three kids in Costa Rica this past March. Costa Rica is one of my favorite places and if you ever have a chance to go there I highly recommend it!



The opportunity to take over *The Maryland Register* seemed to come at an opportune time as my husband and I have entered into our empty nest era. Over the last 15 years publishing the Minnesota paper I have enjoyed meeting the shop owners and hearing from the readers. I look forward to meeting the shop owners in Maryland! I also look forward to interacting with all the readers! Send us letters and recipes. Every issue we print some great recipes sent in by our readers. Looking ahead to the Nov/Dec issue, we'll have our first issue with the 12 Days of Baking! We'll need you to send your favorite Christmas recipes in for that! More to come on that later. We also want to see your finished projects! Send in pictures and details of your projects and be featured in a future issue of the paper.

Looks like I know where I'll be traveling too next. How is Maryland in the Fall?

Pancake in a Mug Cake

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp butter, melted
- 6 tbsp milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Select a wide mug for a fluffy texture.
2. Lightly spray mug with cooking spray.
3. Whisk the dry ingredients in the mug.
4. Stir in the liquid ingredients with a fork.
5. Combine until light and runny with no lumps.
6. Microwave for 80 seconds on medium heat.
7. Continue with 10 second bursts until set in the center.
8. Serve with butter, maple syrup, berries etc.



Recipe by Sweet & Tea Sprinkles

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website: <https://baltimorequilters.com>
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website: www.villagequiltersMD.com

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- Carroll County Artists Guild - Westminster, MD
website: www.carrollcountyartistguild.wordpress.com
- Four County Quilters Guild Inc. - Mount Airy, MD
website: www.fourcountyquilters.org

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- Clustered Spires Quilt Guild - Frederick, MD
website: www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org

Montgomery County

- Bethesda Quilters - Chevy Chase, MD
website: <https://bethesdaquilters.org>
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 I sew
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 My spirit sublime
 I sew
 And yearn for nothing more
 Than my needle taut in my hand
 Ready to sail into another world
 I sew

Sheila Tinkham lives in Lincoln, NE. She started quilting when she sprained her ankle and fell in love with the process of sewing and the focused peacefulness of making and designing quilts. Writing is her passion and she has self-published three poetry books. You can follow her on Twitter at SheilaTinkham



On this day in
History

May 5, 1961: Navy Commander Alan Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space! The suborbital flight lasted 15 minutes and reached a height of 116 miles into the atmosphere.

June 10, 1752: Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunderstorm to collect an electrical charge in a Leyden jar demonstrating the connection between lightning and electricity.

Information found on www.history.com

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Wit and Wisdom

The Art of Listening

by Juleann Lattimer

As a child, jump ropes, marbles and squirt guns signaled the arrival of spring. As an adult, it's snowdrops peeking through the snow, driving on bare pavement and sun shining through dirty windows that herald its arrival. But it's the sounds of spring that I most look forward to enjoy.

I love waking up to hungry chirping outside my windows. Close your eyes and listen. Our sense of hearing is fine-tuned when our eyes are closed. Sadly, we're often too busy to listen to nature's voice, or to a loved one's need, or to God's nudgings. Remember, He wasn't in the thunder or the wind, but in the still small voice.

I spend time every morning reading the Bible and praying, but seldom do I take the time to just sit and listen. I once read a book written by a Quaker minister. He wrote about their worship service in the "meeting house". They have a special time set aside to just sit and listen. They give the Holy Spirit time to work in their hearts. Sounds like a good idea. We should try that every day—stop talking and let God do some.

Spring is the beginning of new life. It's the perfect time to put new life in our daily walk with God. Stop, close your eyes, listen . . . sh sh sh.

-In the early 1990's four Christian friends, with a shared interest in writing, began meeting once a month to learn the writing trade. The four were each active in their various churches. As part of an outreach ministry, they decided to write an inspirational newspaper column as a way to reach a wider, and perhaps mostly secular, audience. Contact the authors at: witandwisdomwriters@gmail.com

KISSed Quilts

by Marlene Oddie

Super Honey Beehive



The new "Honey and Clover" bee themed collection from Northcott appealed to my design aesthetic. After doing some research, I was excited to learn that the word Super is short of Super-structure, referring to the boxes placed together to form a beehive and store honey.

This includes a border print, panel and nine other coordinates plus two Colorworks solids and three Toscana complimentary colors.

In this design, I developed a half hexagon shape that maximizes the use of a 10" square. So, this is a 10" stack friendly design. I chose to use just the fabrics in the collection – including 1 panel and the border stripe/print.

By folding the panel squares in half, you can still use the same template to cut a complete hexagon. This means there are a few Y seams to keep those panels intact. These are quite large hexagons, so it is definitely doable by hand or by machine to sew all of them as complete hexagons. The border stripe is fussy cut and I'm excited about how the hexagons appear to float into the border.

The pattern includes mitering details.

You can find this pattern on my website or ask at a local quilt shop near you. Be sure to tag us if you make this up in these fabrics or something else. Happy Stitching!

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Random Acts

by Maranda K. Jones

Field Day

Nothing screams "spring is here" like an elementary field day! Kids love this annual event and always look forward to it. They arrive to school smelling like sunscreen, bouncing around in their tennis shoes and athletic gear, sloshing water bottles in their hands. A million questions are thrown at the teacher as she takes attendance. "Is it time to go outside now?" "Can I eat this snack now?" "When is lunch?" "Will we get ribbons?" "Do we still get recess?" "Are my mom and dad coming?" She does her best to answer all inquiries and still keep control in the classroom buzzing with excitement. They put their water bottles, snacks, and sack lunches in her wagon and follow her down to the football field for the beginning of this highly anticipated day.

It's a nice change of pace being outside together. Instead of ceiling tiles and florescent lighting overhead, we have a partly cloudy sky. The sun is shining, the wind is blowing, and their hats are flying away. It is not on today's schedule, but catching their caps in the breeze is an event that keeps us laughing. Zigging and zagging, trying to snag their hats could be enough to wear them out. They are full of energy though and still line up quickly for the first event when the whistle blows.



Whether it's the 100-yard dash, the long jump, or the football throw, youngsters feel the competitiveness rise up inside of them and give it their all. They want to know someone has seen their efforts. "Did you see that?!" They hit the ball off the tee and immediately turn around to ask if you thought it was a home run. They roll the tire as fast as they can, wobbling back and forth, picking it up when it falls down and continue on as they remind you to watch them. "Here I go!" They pass the batons to team members as they round each lap of the track. They root for each other on the field, just like they do inside the building. This group of kids is so encouraging. Encouraging to each other, to their teacher, and to the world. They high-five their friends and cheer for their classmates to finish each race.

And they do finish. They finish their final event for the day and get ready for lunch. They finish the end of the school year with a day of fun and friendly competition. They have grown and shown their strengths. They have overcome obstacles in academics and are ready for the next level. They finish one grade and are ready for another. They have spent so much time together as a class, yet it feels like it was not long enough. Even though it is time to let them go, spring plays tug-of-war in this teacher's heart.

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is now available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

The book includes her reader-acclaimed articles from the last decade!

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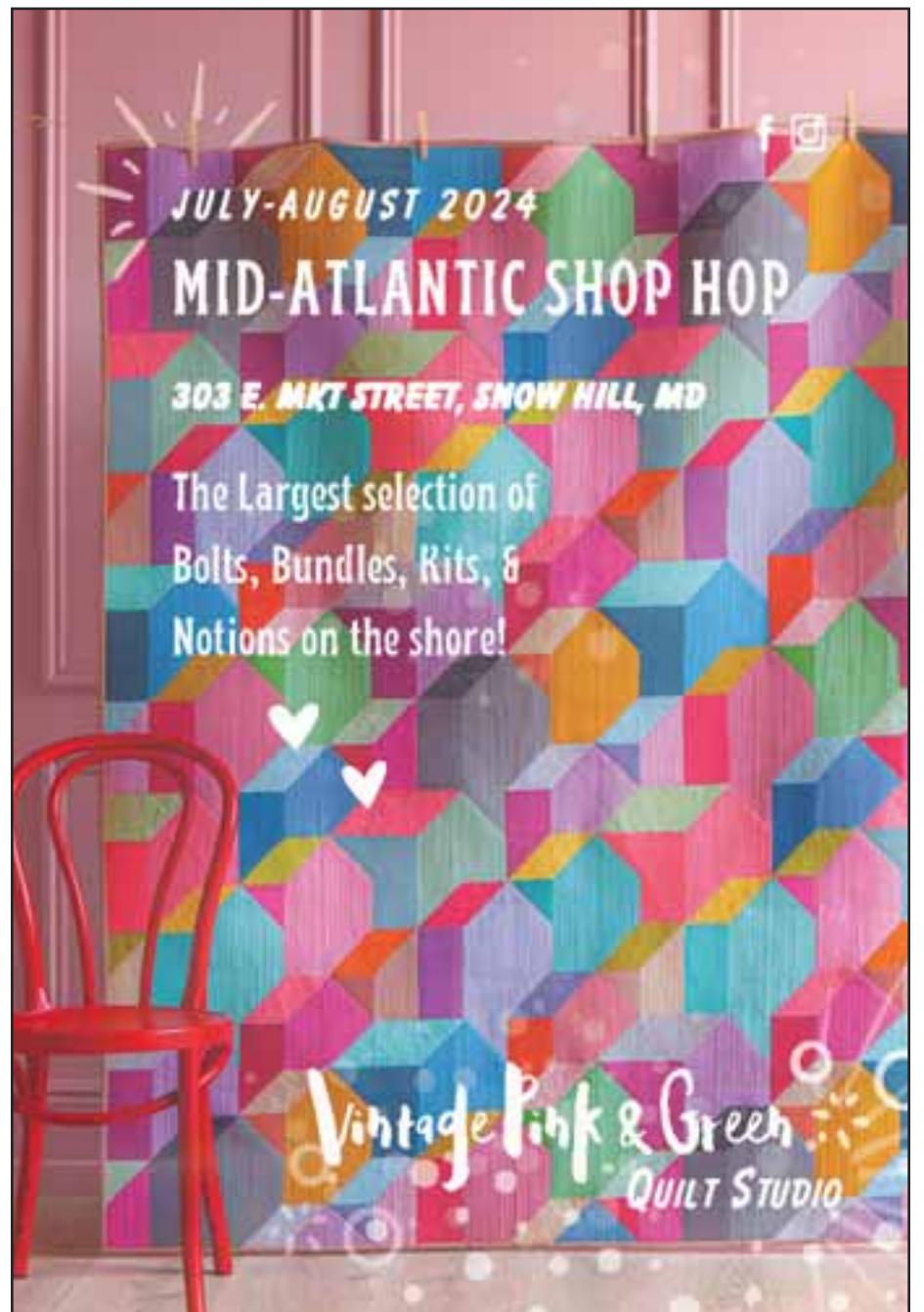
Cucumber Sandwiches

submitted by Lila Liebl



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| 1 - 8oz package of cream cheese, softened | 30 slices of snack rye bread |
| 1/2 envelope dry Italian salad dressing mix | 30 thin slices cucumber |
| 2 tbsp mayonnaise | dill weed |

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Creamy Pepperoncini Chicken Skillet

recipe by Sweet C's

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| 2 tbsp butter | 1/2 cup chicken stock |
| 2 lbs chicken cut into thin <u>strips</u> | 1/2 cup roasted red pepper, drained and sliced |
| 1 tsp sea salt | 1 cup <u>heavy cream</u> |
| 1 tsp ground pepper | 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, shredded |
| 1 white onion, <u>diced</u> | 1 tbsp Italian <u>seasoning</u> |
| 2 tbsp garlic, diced | 1/2 cup pepperoncini peppers, <u>drained</u> |

In a large pan melt butter on medium high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add to pan. Brown chicken on all sides flipping a few times for 8 minutes. Remove chicken from pan (chicken may not be 165° in the middle yet and that is fine). Add garlic and onion to the pan. Let brown for about 5 minutes. Add chicken stock and roasted red peppers. Let reduce to about half (about 5 minutes). Turn heat off and slowly stir in cream and parmesan. Whisk rapidly as you add the cream. Slowly bring heat back to medium high. Add Italian seasoning, pepperoncinis and chicken to the pan. Let sauce reduce to half and bring chicken to 165° internally. Remove from heat and serve over vegetables, pasta, rice or alone!

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Sewing Room

by Judy Ann Stupak

I walk into my sewing room and sit down. It's been years. Once this was my sanctuary; my place of escape. When the children went to bed, I retreated to the sewing room for an hour or two of peace. No questions. No begging. No crying. No arguments.

Each piece of fabric called my name. Even organizing it was fun. What would it become? Was it enough? Could I mix this with that? Would it look better with the body of this pattern and the sleeves of another? Should it have buttons instead of a zipper? What about beads or lace?

Most days our kitten would join me. He had his own basket. Even after he outgrew his basket and I had abandoned my precious sewing room, it continued to be his retreat. Somehow he managed to fit his massive body into a little basket, with fur hanging over all the edges.

As a kitten though, he added joy and humor to the room. One of his favorite tricks was to grab the head of a pin, pull it out of the pincushion with his teeth and throw it as far as he could with the flick of his head. Pin by pin he would continue until there were no pins in the pincushion and a pile of pins laying on the floor.

Another favorite past time of his was to play with ribbon. My industrial-sized spools of ribbon were threaded on a rod close to the ceiling. From his perch on the table he would reach up and grab an end with his teeth. He would then jump down, run out of the room and unravel as much of the spool as he could. The work of rewinding and cleaning up was worth the humor. It was our special place.

Once this was a place of dreams. I took classes. I learned everything I could. New techniques. New equipment. Could I sell what I made? If I made 1, could I make 10? If I made 10, could I make 100? People complimented my work. Major craft shows solicited my business. Could I make an income doing what I loved?

Now everything is coated with dust. The sewing machines have turned yellow with age. Most of the things I made were given away or donated. Tools, books, and supplies line the shelves in the storage room. Paint, glass, fabric, cement, ornaments. Do I really want to do this again? Can I still create magic? My cat is now a senior. He crawls out of his basket with a dazed look and comes to sit beside me purring. Yes, I remember when this was our room.

Purge. Yes, that is what I need to do. Good-bye to the fabric and lace from the 90's. Good bye buttons and zippers. Good-bye doll making supplies. Good-bye silk ribbon embroidery. Goodbye beads and jewelry making supplies.

But wait. Here are some quilting patterns my mom gave me. The winter before her stroke she made a quilt for each grandchild – 13 in total. My 2 children were fortunate recipients. The quilts were well used and loved. Could I duplicate her quilts? Should I try?

There is a quilt store down the street that I haven't visited for years. Maybe tomorrow, I will see if there are classes coming up. There might be a sale on fabric. Maybe even on machines. Oh boy I can't wait!




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Fruited Cabbage Salad

submitted by Patti Lee Bock of New Ulm, MN



2 oranges, peeled and sectioned	1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
2 apples, chopped	1 tbsp sugar
1 cup seedless green grapes	1 tbsp lemon juice
2 cups shredded green cabbage	1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup whipping cream	

Mix fruit and cabbage in a bowl. In a chilled bowl, beat the whipping cream until stiff. Put mayonnaise into a bowl, fold in the whipped cream, sugar, lemon juice and salt. Stir into the fruited cabbage mixture.

Gaithersburg

Where Does Your Garden Grow?

by Barbara Kalkis

Glorious spring is time to make everything new – starting with our gardens. In keeping with the spirit of the season, my kitchen counter is stacked with seed packets. Six flats await planting to copy photos I saw in my stack of magazine garden issues. Only one question nags me: Who weeded all those beautiful landscapes?

I believe that gardening is like home decor: Both require “weeding” and cleaning. Translated, that means plants (and furniture) must meet this standard: Be sturdy, strong, demonstrate a survivor instinct that tolerates hard use or neglect, mostly take care of yourself, and I will love you! And yes, that philosophy includes dandelions and random weeds. No matter how efficiently I dig them out, weeds grow back with more intensity than my pretty-but-delicate hybrids. My approach is now what the French call “laissez-faire.” I call it saving my strength.

Gardens I Love.

Growing up in the east, gardens kept time with the seasons like a calendar. In February thaws, my sisters and I cut brown pussy willow branches that revealed tiny buds. These became winter bouquets at home and in school as we waited for catkins to appear. March brought the onion snow – a signal to plant cold-weather vegetables. Crocuses surging above the spring snow launched a parade-like arrival of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth and forsythia. April brought the pansies and azaleas. Spring gardens peaked in May. Every imaginable flower and shrub filled yards and spiced the air. The colors would clash in a quilt but made perfect sense in the garden.

Then I moved west. The seasons have flipped. Golden poppies, purple lupine, camellias and violets fill my winter garden. The grass lawn turns brown in June instead of November. Rosemary and oregano line walkways. A gigantic bougainvillea blooms all year and hosts nests for towhees. In summer’s most intense heat, succulents spin out thread-thin spikes that bloom in white, fluorescent pink and sunny yellow-golds.

Leveraging my laissez-faire attitude, giant hydrangeas blossom next to Jade plants next to organic mint next to a lemon bush next to a redwood tree, next to various anonymous succulents purchased on whimsy at markets and hardware stores.

Visiting Arizona’s Sonoran desert, gardens take on a new form and meaning. No gardens here with rounded clumps of flower varieties crowding together in a continuous rainbow of colors. Cacti and succulents reign supreme in stark independence. Each variety claims its own space, emphasizing form, shape, outline and personality. Named for their resemblance to hedgehogs, teddy bears, barrels, balls or fence posts, each cactus stands as if dropped on top of the gravelly sandy ground they occupy. Needles warn away curious fingers but welcome birds. Alluring for their height and human-like shapes, the saguaro tolerates wounds of rounded holes where woodpeckers nest. Looking across the landscape, it appears one sees only shades of green and brown: plant and earth in a monotonous duo. But appearances are wrong.

Looking closer, colors emerge: Delicate lavender shading; white, orange and red streaks. Vivacious flowers emerge in phosphorescent colors that are at odds with their prickly homes. In autumn, these gardens provide resting stops for migrating butterflies and birds. Their joyous energy and feeding frenzy transmits itself to humans caught in the scene.

I’ve learned anything can grow if it’s in the right spot. Even people. Pondering gardens as they are and as we dream them to be, it is important to know that our personalities and creative instincts match the place where we are “planted.” And the place we thrive in is also perfect ... wherever that is.

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Garden Keepsakes

by Kristine Walden

Have you envisioned having a beautiful, lush garden but felt discouraged by space limitations? Welcome to the world of container gardening! Whether your preference leans towards vibrant blossoms, robust foliage, garden vegetables or fragrant herbs, your envisioned garden is merely a pot away! Acquire an assortment of plants and nestle them into unique containers such as enamelware pans, crocks, or vintage wash tubs. Think outside of the box to create unique, eye-catching displays. Nourish your plants tenderly and witness your miniature paradise flourish. Below are five creative ideas that you can incorporate into your own garden:



Vintage Wagon - Are your grown children's toys just taking up space in the garage? Turn a vintage wagon into a container garden. Fill it full of plants, flowers, or herbs. You don't have an old wagon? Use an old Tonka truck! Place a small potted plant in the box to achieve a similar look.



Bicycle & Basket - That old bicycle looks absolutely stunning in your yard when you place some brightly colored flowers in the basket. If your bike doesn't have a basket, don't worry! You can attach one to the front handlebars with wire. Change out the contents in the basket with the seasons - tulips in the spring, geraniums and a flag in the summer, mums in the fall, and Christmas greenery in the winter.



Crocks - Don't be afraid to bring old crocks or jugs outside. If you don't have any, you can find inexpensive ones with cracks, chips or other imperfections at garage sales or online.



Child's Tricycle - When they outgrow it, don't throw it! Keep the memory of childhood alive by placing a pot of colorful flowers on the seat. You now have a beautiful new plant stand keeping childhood memories alive.

Vintage Wash Tub - Don't take that old wash tub to the dump! It's great for planting ferns, geraniums, and even strawberry plants! They are also perfect for making that cute, little fairy garden you've always wanted to make.

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Mother's Day Rhubarb Delights

by Janet M. Blair

Each year as Mother's Day approaches, I get excited—not because I am expecting any special present for being a mother and grandmother. Living in Connecticut, Mother's Day means that our rhubarb will be big enough to pick.

I like to bake a rhubarb pie for Mother's Day. I know that rhubarb is an acquired taste, but in our family we all love it. We cannot wait for that first taste of flaky homemade pie crust and sugared rhubarb tartness.

My mother-in-law loved rhubarb but couldn't get it to grow in her shady yard. Frustrated, she gave us her five plants about 30 years ago and they have been flourishing in our sun ever since. When she was still alive, I would bake a rhubarb pie for her around Mother's Day. I've sort of carried on that tradition ever since.

Once I have baked that first pie, I move on to other things—since we have a lot of rhubarb. Rhubarb sauce, rhubarb crisp and rhubarb cake usually use up quite a few cups of rhubarb. I found a Strawberry Rhubarb Cake recipe that is so simple even a child can make it. It's perfect for quilting groups, church dinners, or family gatherings.

Mother's Day is also a signal to let us know we can finally plant our garden. Cherry tomatoes grow best. The past few years, little Peter Rabbit or Flopsy have eaten all of our string beans and lettuce, so we have given up on those crops. Our local farm stand sells most of the vegetables we need anyway. Besides, little Flopsy or Peter sure are cute whenever we see them at dusk eating our clover.

Whether you enjoy your Mother's Day planting your garden or baking, I hope you have a beautiful day!

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STRAWBERRY RHUBARB CAKE

Spray 9 by 12-inch pan.

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4-5 cups rhubarb, cut up into one-inch pieces

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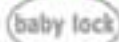
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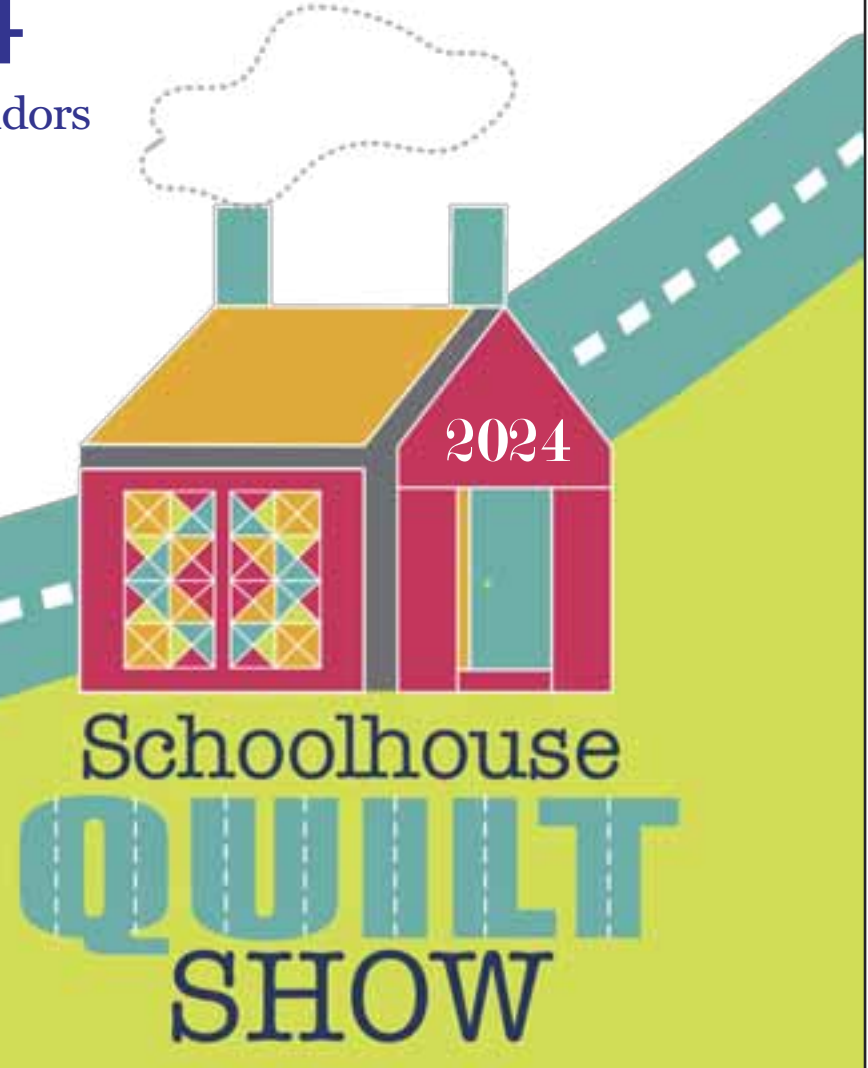
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