



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes



What a great meeting we had in January! It seems like we get precipitation just about every time we meet. Fortunately the weather was not as bad as the forecast.

Thank you, Maridell and Nancy for sharing your quilting journeys. I'm sure I am not the only one who was inspired by your work and talent! Mary, our program chair, revealed a diverse array of meeting topics for this year. We will have fun, education and entertainment. Might even get some quilting done.

See you at the meeting!

Joan Watkins



February 2017 Newsletter

A Look Ahead

Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 2, 2017
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

Meetings:

First Thursday of the Month
(unless otherwise noted)
6:00—6:30 pm—Arrival & Social Time
6:30 - 8:30 pm Guild meeting
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
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Frederick, MD 21701

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Quilt Exhibit



I thank everyone who helped with the quilt show, especially Helen Wasserman and Peggy Haser who met ahead of time and helped to design the layout. We only had to tweak the plan a little bit! The hanging crew got the quilts up faster than I imagined. Thanks go to Helen and Peggy, Charmaine Richman and her tall hammer-wielding husband, Dot White who volunteered to stay when she brought her quilts, Olga Schrichte who will remember the formula for

The BOM Committee is seeking input from members for what techniques and skills you want to see for the block of the month. Please contact Kathy Shankle or Cindy Shugars with your thoughts/ideas.

Cindy Shugars

getting the correct height, and Barbara Scuderi. The show was very well received by the visitors at the Delaplaine. Many positive comments were heard. Thank you to all who participated. I have asked that we be put on the schedule for another exhibit in December, 2018.

Joan



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild - January Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017

Business Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Joan Watkins, President. There were 30 members and 8 visitors: Jim and Evelyn Ball (Nancy Pedersen's parents), Gunnar Pedersen (her husband), Jackie Jans (her friend), Betsy Lyon (new member) and Barb (?). Arriving later were Maridell's daughter and granddaughter.

In the absence of Treasurer, Robin Rippeon, Joan gave the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2016

Income	\$5,640.47
Expenses	<u>(\$6,444.13)</u>
Net Loss	(803.66)

Bank balance at 12/31/16 is \$6,788.82.

The minutes for the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter.

The 2017 Budget which was previously approved by Board Members was presented. Julie Howell made the motion to accept the budget. There was no discussion. Nancy Speck made the second. The budget was approved as published.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

- Elections will be held in May. The offices of President and Secretary will be vacant.
- Marie Cochran made an announcement about a friend of hers at her work, Amy Martin, who is very ill and now in long term care. She is a lifelong quilter and is still quite young. Her husband has asked Marie to take some of her quilting fabric to sell at reduced prices at our Guild meeting.
- Cynthia Gaughan thanked everyone who sent cards to her in Florida for the last nine weeks. She has already used her 5 inch square pieces of fabric that were sent to her by CSQG members and hopes to bring the beginning of her quilt to an upcoming meeting.
- Sandy Dunning reported about a new initiative from the Program Committee, *Learn One, Teach One*. The following information was shared: Each meeting we would like to offer an informal "tutoring" session during the social time from 6:00 to 6:30. This would be a time to meet as a small group of members who could *learn "with and from" each other*. If you would be willing to "teach" a new technique – or even an old one that others might enjoy – then sign below under the column labeled, "Teach One", and indicate what you would be willing to teach. If you would like to learn a new skill or technique or have a member's previous presentation retaught, then sign under the "Learn One" column and indicate what you would like to have taught and/or reviewed. A member of the Program Committee will contact members to schedule a meeting time at a future Guild meeting.
- Joan thanked everyone for the entering quilts in the recent Delaplaine Exhibit which was very successful. Our Guild will be featured in another exhibit scheduled for December 2018. One member mentioned that she heard that exhibit viewers were disappointed that there were not more quilts for sale.
- Brenda Barnhardt announced that the sign-up sheet for the April Retreat in Paw Paw, WV was posted at the back table.

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January Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- Nancy Pedersen announced that Michael Snellinger, from Sew'n Place, will be at her house on January 13 to service machines and sharpen scissors. She must know who is interested ASAP in order to have the minimum number of machines to service.
- Mary Pauley "revealed" the Program Schedule for the 2017 meetings. The schedule will be posted on the website under the calendar tab.

Show and Tell was held at 6:50 with several members "showing and telling" about their work.

The **January Program** featured the Annual Member Trunk Show. Guild members Nancy Pedersen and Maridell Mason were our presenters this year. They each shared some of their quilts and told about their journeys into quilting. Both ladies are accomplished quilters and had compelling stories to tell, as well as, beautiful and stunning quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Dunning
Secretary



We are very excited to be bringing **Karen Kay Buckley** to Frederick for our **Thursday, April 6th** Guild meeting - Lecture and Trunk Show – **From the Beginning: Album of a Quilter**

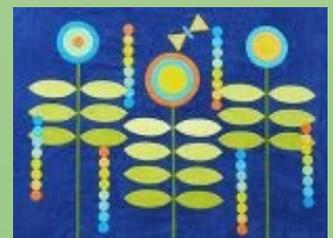


And then on **Friday, April 7th**, Karen will be leading a full day (6 hour) workshop on hand applique. Our selected project is **Circular Garden – a 20" x 26" wall hanging** for beginner and intermediate levels. You will learn to make smooth curves, sharp points, perfect circles, and smooth even stems, with a little reverse applique – just for fun. Your workshop kit will include a full-size pattern and some other specialty items from Karen. You will need to provide your own fabrics and other basic sewing supplies. A full supply list will be available prior to the workshop.

Karen is a superstar in the world of quilting and applique and we hope many of our members will be able to participate in this workshop opportunity. Please sign up at the February 2nd meeting, or e-mail Mary Pauley –

pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com.

Workshop fee is \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members. Your workshop kit (\$28 value) is included in this fee. Your payment must be received at time of registration - checks payable to CSQG. Class size is limited to 25.





Double O Retreat

The 2017 Spring retreat is April 7-9. We have 5 signed up and need a minimum of 8, so we need 3 more or Colleen will solicit others outside our guild to fill the openings. 12 is the maximum. Sign up at the February meeting or contact me at brenda@bverizon.net or 301-662-2943.

Also, Colleen sent this "Sunshine News" about Kayla...

I wanted to inform all of you that Kayla, our massage therapist at the Double O Retreat, has been in a bizarre shooting incident back in December 2016. She is extremely lucky to be alive and very fortunate to have not been paralyzed. She is doing quite well physically and will be recuperating at her parents for at least the next couple of months. With that said, I am sure that the 2017 year will be a VERY trying time for her, so I thought some of you would like her address to send her words of encouragement.

Kayla Fishel
559 Bethel Road
Paw Paw, WV 25434

Sincerely,

Colleen Tavenner



Refreshments volunteers for February:

Snacks: Sandy Dunning, Claire Daly

Drinks: Danita Frisby, Nancy Speck

(For foods, please bring a list of ingredients for food allergies and other health issues.)

If you signed up to bring snacks or beverages and cannot come, please notify Linda Beavers at 301-831-9821.



Happy Birthday February Quilters!

- 19 Low Zollman
- 23 Karen Lewns
- 25 Dot White

Learn One, Teach One

Please join me, Olga Schrichte, at 6 pm on February 2nd, for a pre-meeting demo of how to make a Heart Garland. I'll have samples, along with written directions so you'll be able to make some of these darling hearts, just in time for Valentine's Day.





From your Program Committee: Mary Pauley, Helen Wasserman, Kathy Cramer, Julie Howell, Celeste Schley, and Sandy Dunning:

Many thanks to Guild members Maridell Mason and Nancy Pedersen for sharing their lovely quilts with us during our January meeting. We all enjoyed hearing their stories and getting to know them through their quilting experiences.



Our February 2nd meeting will be a Game Night. This year we will be playing Fat Quarter Bunco! For those of you who have never played Bunco, it's a very easy, lively dice game - with a heavy emphasis on social time. Please bring your sense of humor and one high quality cotton fat quarter to add to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize "winnings" baskets.

We will also have a Valentine Gift Exchange early in the evening. Please bring a wrapped quilting or sewing related gift of a \$10-\$15 value. Store bought or homemade - you decide. Remember to enclose a signed Valentine card.



Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. - Social Time & **Learn One, Teach One with Olga**
- 6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting and Announcements
- 6:45 p.m. - Show and Tell
- 7:15 p.m. - Valentine Gift Exchange
- 7:45 p.m. - FAT QUARTER BUNCO
- 8:45 p.m. - PRIZES

Happily, our Mini Monthly Swap Meet has been invigorated by all new items still coming in during January. Keep them coming! Remember all proceeds from this exchange of great bargain priced quilting and sewing fabrics, notions, patterns and books are used to support our speakers and programs throughout the year.



Please welcome Becky Lyon to our membership. She moved to Frederick from Montgomery County and joined at our January meeting:

403A Magnolia Avenue
Frederick, MD 2170
301-738-3958
Birthday - October 3

We'll be collecting dues starting in February for the 2017 year's membership. See you there.

Darlene Morris



***** Clustered Spires Quilt Guild – 2017 Programs *****

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Program/Speaker/Topic</u>
January 5	Annual Meeting / Member Trunk Shows – Maridell Mason and Nancy Pedersen.
February 2	Game Night – Fat Quarter Bunco (Bring one desirable quality fabric fat quarter). 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place game winners will take home fat quarter collections. Valentine Gift Exchange – Bring a wrapped quilting or sewing related gift – Value \$10 - \$15, and enclose a signed valentine.
March 2	Patches Quilting and Sewing Shop set up. Owner, Jackie Bingham, will speak and provide a demonstration on English paper piecing.
April 6	Karen Kay Buckley – Lecture and Trunk Show – From the Beginning: Album of a Quilter.
April 7 th (Friday) - 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Karen Kay Buckley Workshop – Hand Applique (Beginner and Intermediate) Circular Garden – finished size 20" x 26" wall hanging. Fee: Members \$75 / Non-Members \$85 – Checks payable to CSQG. You must pay in full at time of sign up. Fee includes 6 hour workshop, full size pattern, and some supplies. Fabric requirements and a supply list will be provided prior to the workshop.
May 4	Guild 18 th Birthday Celebration – Sit and Sew – There will be cake!
June 1	Barbara Korengold, Award Winning Quilter - Lecture and Trunk Show (see her latest work before it's sent to Houston).
July 6	Community Service Project Sewing
August 3 (EARLY START 5:00 PM)	Elizabeth Lay and Lauren Kingsland – The Inspirational Quilts of Gee's Bend, History, plus mini hands-on workshop – making quilts in the style of Gee's Bend. Participants will each bring a shirt to cut up and share with others. Bring sewing machines and basic sewing supplies. Light dinner fare will be available for purchase. Plan for 3.5 – 4.0 hours
September 7	Suzzie Schuyler, Sew Bee It - Team Spirit lecture and trunk show. She will have books and team novelty print fabrics for sale.
October 5	Challenge Quilts Revealed and Community Service Project Presentation
November 2	Karen Schulz, Modern Abstract Quilter, Lecture and Trunk Show
December 7 th	Guild Holiday Party

All monthly meetings are held on the First Thursday of the month, unless otherwise noted: The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick, MD 21701 - Tel. 301-698-0656
6:00 p.m. – Social Time / 6:30 p.m. – Meeting and Program

Good News!



Betsy Quinn is scheduled to return home to Frederick, this Saturday, January 28th. Yeah!!! Her husband, David, has been busy getting their home ready for her. It's been a long 2 months since she has been home and I'm sure she's going to be thrilled to be back in her familiar surroundings once again.

Betsy's mailing address is: 19 Lord Nickens Street, Frederick, MD, 21701.
Her email address is: dbquinnaz@gmail.com



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Committees

Current as of December, 2016

Banquet--December

Joan Cornell - Chair
Maridell Mason
Lou Zollman
Kathy Shankle
Claudia Helta
Linda Beavers
Claire Daly
Cara Wilfong

Community Service

Danita Frisby – Co-Chair
Betsy Quinn – on leave
Kathy Shankle
Brenda Barnhardt
Linda Smith
Pat James
Joan Watkins

Block of the Month

Cindy Shugars - Chair
Kathy Shankle

Fat Quarter Basket

Grace Thorne - Co-Chair
Marty Simmons - Co-Chair
Christie Vu - Co-Chair

Fundraising

Nancy Speck - Chair
Joan Cornell

Hospitality – *needs chair*

Betsy Quinn – on leave
Peggy Haser
Marie Cochran

Membership

Darlene Morris - Chair
Stella Penalver

Newsletter

Brenda Barnhardt - Chair
Cindy Shugars

Refreshments

Linda Beavers - Chair
Maureen Henry

Sunshine

Olga Schrichte

Publicity – contact newspaper

Cindy Shugars

Opportunity Quilt Construction

Brenda Barnhardt – Chair
Gale Vernon
Stella Penalver
Kathy Shankle
Marty Simmons
Grace Thorne

Opportunity Quilt Marketing – *needs chair*

Cindy Shugars– Quilt Mother
Linda Smith
Joan Cornell
Julie Howell
Marty Simmons

Programs

Mary Pauley - Chair
Kathy Cramer
Julie Howell
Celeste Schley
Helen Wasserman
Sandy Dunning

Quilt Challenge

Brenda Barnhardt – Chair
Julie Howell
Olga Schrichte

Mini Swap Meet

Nancy Pedersen—set up
???—put away

Website & Facebook

Sandy Dunning – Chair
Joan Watkins





10 Things Every Quilter Is Grateful For

It's the time of year we all take a minute to think on the things we are thankful for. With playful heart, we share ten things any quilter can identify with and will want to give thanks for.

10. **Bias** – We all need a little forgiveness and grace in our lives.
9. **Scant 1/4"** – Often a reminder that we can do more with less.
8. **Seam Ripper** – All things are possible when you can try, try again.
7. **Cats** – Who else will offer endless quality control checks?
6. **Pins** – With all great achievements comes a little pain.
5. **Spray Bottle** – Removes wrinkles, cats, and anyone asking about dinner.
4. **Storage Containers** – Because filling our lives with joy and color is only better when under every bed in the house!
3. **Rulers** – We all need a little squaring up every now and again.
2. **Quilting** – Sometimes we just have to trust it will QUILT OUT!
1. **Each Other** – We laugh, we cry, we sew, we share stories, we learn, we grow, we cherish, we stitch each other into our hearts every day – thank goodness.

<http://www.aqsblog.com/10-things-every-quilter-is-grateful-for>

January meeting photos – For our trunk shows, Nancy Pedersen. Her first quilt, and samples of her Stained Glass and Crabapple Hill blocks phases.



Left is Nancy's 2015 flannel quilt; middle, embroidery blocks of the month; and right, her 2016 guild challenge 2nd place winner





Nancy Pedersen's trunk show (continued). Some of the many "Little Angels" gowns and suits she's made, a table runner (modeled by Olga), and examples of quilted eggs.



One of the panel quilts featuring a rooster, and finally, a prize winning tuffet and children's quilt.



Maridell Mason, our first trunk show speaker, made a wall hanging from Patches with printed panels and a

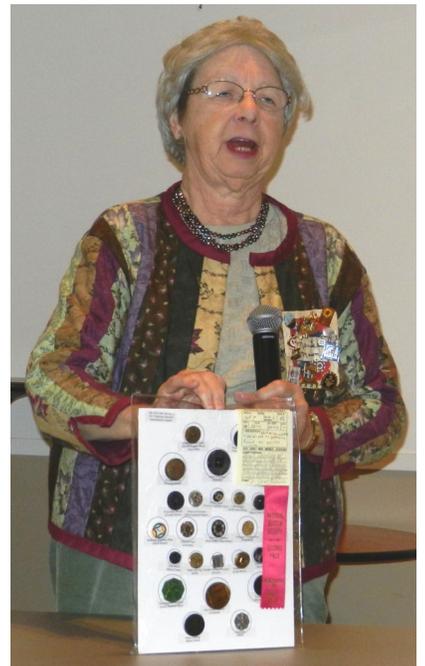


sugar bowl bow pattern for her granddaughter, Aubrey on the right. Below is a table of her projects including a pillow with raised braille label for a blind friend and a table runner for her daughter-in-law's ministry with a butterfly center.





Left, Maridell's quilt made from blocks guild members made for her when she was recovering from cancer in 2009, a jelly roll 1600/lasagna quilt, and a lap quilt and t-shirt quilt made from her late husband Karle's shirts. She made numerous ones of each for family members. Left, an antique applique quilt made in the late 1800's given to her great grandparents for helping with a neighbor's butchering. Center, a mystery quilt made at a CSQG workshop around 2003, and finally, one of Maridell's button collections that we know she has a passion for.

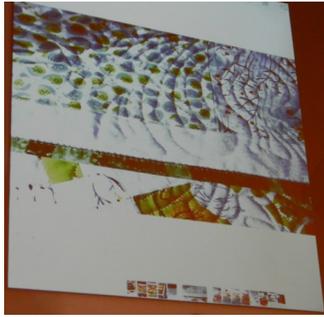


And if that weren't enough quilts, here were our Show & Tell ladies... Julie Howell showed 2 wool jackets she made and an appliqued and embroidered hand towel.





Show & Tell (continued)... Sandy Dunning showed slides of two quilts she made from panels for her grandchildren. Olga Schrichte quilted them. And speaking of Olga, below is a panel she's designed for a class for fabric painting at the Muse and a fabric microwave bowl. She suggested using cotton batting for it.



Below, Olga shows a t-shirt quilt as does Frances Shearer, called "Get Wild with Pete." Next, Peggy Haser showed her hand appliqued and quilted wall hanging and Barbara Scuderi won a Hagerstown quilt guild opportunity quilt that she proudly displayed.



Below, Joan Watkins shows cute, little scrappy bags she made. Nancy Speck pieced

antique velvet crazy quilt blocks together that her friend inherited for a finished quilt for the friend which was challenging but a beautiful result.





2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
February	2	CSQG Meeting - Game Night - Fat Quarter Bunco & Valentine Gift Exchange	
February	23-26	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival @ Hampton, VA	www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival
March	2	CSQG Meeting - Patches Quilting Shop's Jackie Bingham & English Paper Piecing	
March	9	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
March	29-4/1	AQS Quilt Show @ Lancaster, PA	www.americanquilter.com
March	29-4/1	Lancaster Quilt Show @ The Continental Inn	www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com
March	18-19	Baltimore Heritage Quilters' Quilt Expo	www.baltimorequilters.com
April	6	CSQG Meeting - Karen Kay Buckley Lecture and Trunk Show	
April	7	CSQG - Karen Kay Buckley - Circular Garden Hand Applique	
April	7-9	CSQG Quilt Retreat at Paw Paw, WV	www.doubleoretreat.com
April	21-23	Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show	www.nsvquiltshow.com
April	26-29	AQS Spring Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky	www.americanquilter.com
April	28-30	Friendship Star Quilters Show	www.friendshipstar.org
May	4	CSQG Meeting - Guild's 18th Birthday Celebration - Sit & Sew	
June	1	CSQG Meeting - Barbara Karengold - Lecture and Trunk Show	
June	8	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
June	2-4	Quilter's Unlimited Quilt Show	www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow
June-Sept.	6/21-9/6	Row by Row Experience Shop Hop	www.rowbyrowexperience.com
July	6	CSQG Meeting - Community Service Sewing Project	
July	14-16	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar	www.maqonline.org
July	20-23	Quilt Odyssey Quilt Show @ Hershey, PA	https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/www/index.php
August	3 @ 5pm	CSQG Meeting - Elizabeth Lay and Lauren Kingsley - Quilts of Gee's Bend and Mini Workshop	
September	7	CSQG Meeting - Suzzie Schuler - Sew Bee It - Team Spirit Lecture and Trunk Show	
September	13-16	AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky	www.americanquilter.com
September	14	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
September	14-17	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA	www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza
September	15-23	Great Frederick Fair	
October	5	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Quilts Awards & Community Service Presentation	
November	2	CSQG Meeting - Karen Schulz - Modern Abstract Lecture and Trunk Show	
November	9	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
November	9-18	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop	www.quiltersquest.org
December	7	CSQG Holiday Banquet	
Ongoing	2nd Tuesday each Month:	4 County Quilters Guild - Mt. Airy, MD	www.fourcountyquilters.com
Ongoing	1st Wednesday each Month:	Valley Quilters, TLC - Jefferson, MD	

Quilters Newsletter - 9 Guides for Quilting Success: **To Steam or Not To Steam**

Another often debated topic in quilting circles is whether or not it's a good idea to press with steam. Shrinkage and distortion are the two biggest concerns over using steam. Fabric that has been washed will not shrink when it is pressed with steam. Regardless of whether the fabric has been prewashed, excessive moisture from the steam combined with an ironing motion (as opposed to an up-and-down pressing motion) can distort the grain.

Quilters who use steam often do so because it gives the fabric a firmer, smoother finish. Also, setting seams with a burst of steam before they are pressed open will set the stitches so they won't pull apart. If used with care, steam will not distort the fabric. Steam can also be a benefit when used to block blocks that are prone to distortion, such as the diamonds of a Lone Star.

The Common Thread is published monthly by the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild of Frederick, Maryland. Subscription to the newsletter is included in the annual membership fee. Articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 15th of each month by postal mail, e-mail or written message given at the quilt guild meeting. The newsletter is posted on the guild's website on the 25th of the month.

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