



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

My thanks go to Nancy Speck who will be our new secretary for the next two years.



Our board will meet on Thursday, June 8, at 7:00 pm. If you are a committee chair and will not be able to attend, please send someone from the committee or send me a report ahead of time. I appreciate the work you are all doing to make this a wonderful quilt guild. By the way, all members are welcome to attend board meetings. Address: Linton Shafer Building, 201 Thomas Johnson Drive (Corner of Opossumtown Pike), Frederick, MD 21702.

Last month I wrote about maybe taking up some hand stitching—slow quilting perhaps. Well, that didn't happen. In fact, I've done very little in the way of quilting at all! I did try stitching out the embroidery of the CSQG logo that Sandy digitized. She did a great job but the translation to my machine's software left something to be desired. We try new things and sometimes they work—other times, not so much! It's important to keep trying though.

I look forward to all our meetings knowing there will be something new to learn. Yes, our speakers show lots of good ideas. But the best comes from our members! Show & Tell is a treasure box full of great ideas and techniques. And who knows what you will find on the mini swap table!



June 2017 Newsletter

A Look Ahead

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

Meetings:

First Thursday of the Month
(unless otherwise noted)

6:00 - 6:30 pm - Arrival; Learn One, Teach One; Social Time

6:30 - 8:30 pm - Guild meeting

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

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Happy Birthday July Quilters!

4 Antonette Levin	7 Janis Trepper
10 Claire Daly	12 Cara Wilfong
17 Sandra Rice	21 Barbara Scuderì





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

We are delighted to be presenting Barbara (Bobbie) Korengold's Lecture and Trunk Show for our June 1st guild meeting. Bobbie is a self-taught, nationally recognized, award winning hand quilter. Her quilts have won top prizes at AQS Shows, International Quilt Festival - Houston, Quilt Odyssey, and Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festivals, to name just a few. This is our opportunity to see many of them up close. Bobbie will also be bringing her latest work - before she sends it off to a show in Houston. If you have never seen Bobbie's quilts - prepare to be amazed!

Thursday, June 1st - Agenda

6:00 p.m. - Social Time

6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting and Announcements

6:45 p.m. - Show and Tell

7:15 p.m. - Bobbie Korengold Trunk Show

Bobbie will have notecards with photos of her quilts for sale during our meeting.



We look forward to seeing everyone June 1st.

Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
May Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2017

6:00 – 6:30

Learn One Teach One

Olga Schrichte and Nancy Pedersen demonstrated how to use a "Simple Curvy Weaving" technique to create a stunning background for a quilt. It was made from two pieces of fabric cut into curvy strips and then woven together. They also showed us how to add applique and other embellishments to the curvy woven background to enhance the block. Many members attempted the method themselves at the later "Sit and Sew"!

Business Meeting:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Joan Watkins, President. There were 31 members.

Robin Rippeon sent the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2017.

Income	\$3,030.95
Expenses	-\$4,372.74
Net Loss	-\$1,341.79
Bank balance at 4/30/17 is	\$5,433.08



May Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- The minutes for the April meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter.
- Charmaine Richman facilitated the annual election. The nominees for President and Secretary were Joan Watkins and Nancy Speck, respectively. Nancy Speck made the motion to accept the nominees by voice acclamation. There was no discussion. Danita Frisby made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

- Charmaine Richman, Marketing Committee, announced that the raffle tickets were available tonight. The committee requested that all members commit to selling and/or buying 12 tickets. She also requested that members sign up to take the opportunity quilt to local quilt guilds. Charmaine will be the contact person for this volunteer group.
- Joan Cornell announced that she took the opportunity quilt to Rose Hill for the Spring Festival. Despite a low turnout, \$157 was made from raffle tickets and misc. merchandise sales.
- Brenda Barnhardt clarified the information in the April newsletter regarding the month for the Challenge Quilt deadline. The quilts will be due at the October meeting, not the November meeting.
- Maridell Mason set up a display that she takes to her Button Club meetings and explained the purpose of the display. It features the angel gowns made by Nancy Pedersen and information is available for the Button Club members if they wish to donate buttons to the project.
- Olga Schrichte reminded everyone that The Muse is still selling our guild notecards. This is an especially nice way to market our guild, she noted, as well as earn income for the guild.
- Danita Frisby, Community Service, explained that we would be making back packs in July for our Annual Charity Project. She had information available for anyone who might want to get a head start.
- Mary Pauley, Program Chair, announced that Karen Kay Buckley had donated more than \$100 worth of her merchandise to be used for our monthly raffles. She also thanked Marty Simmons for donating to the monthly raffle the gift basket that she won at a local quilt show.
- Joan Watkins announced that both she and Olga Schrichte had quilts in the Art Quilt Show at the Carroll County Center for the Arts in Westminster. The show continues throughout the month of May.
- Sandy Dunning reminded everyone that she is sending updates for the Members Directory via email, as well as posting the directory on the website. This way members will be able to print out updated directories if desired. New members are added to the last page so that only the last page needs to be printed.

Following the Business Meeting, everyone was invited to celebrate the guild's 18th birthday by enjoying ice cream and cake.

Show and Tell was held after all had enjoyed cake and ice cream, followed by the April program.

- The **April Program** was the Guild's annual birthday event with a Sit and Sew. Ironing stations were set up around the room, and a UFO and Orphan Block swap were featured. Machine sewing and hand sewing stations were available for members to "sit and sew" and enjoy conversation with fellow quilters.

Winner of the raffle was Gray Miller.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Dunning
Secretary



Refreshments volunteers for June:

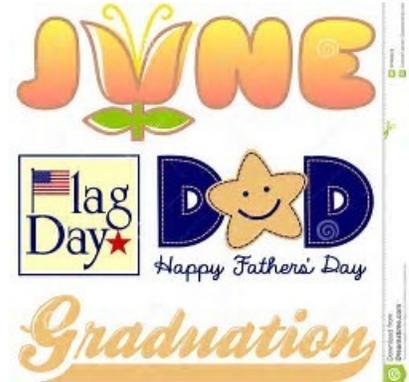
Snacks: Cindy Shugars and Barbara Scuderi

Drinks: Marty Simmons



(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.



Charlotte's Cottage is moving from Walkersville to 122 North East Street in Frederick. Grand opening is June 13. Yay! A quilt shop in Frederick again.

The Fine Art of the Quilt

On view April 27 to June 2. Quilting traditions have been part of the United States since the early colonies. Mostly utilitarian rather than decorative, quilts were seen more as a craft than fine art. That all shifted in the 1960's due to the ground breaking work by Judy Chicago and her contemporaries, especially Miriam Shapiro, when quilting finally gained the reputation it deserved as a fine art.

Enjoy the work of nine talented quilters from the tri county region. Each artist brings her own unique pattern and stitch to each work of art. Some of these quilts have a soft watercolor expression while others manifest bold color and abstract design.

The Gift Show will feature quilted items made by these artists to tie in with the theme of the exhibit: Kay Campbell Anderson, Woodbine, MD; Della Aubrey-Miller, Clarksville MD; Karen Amelia Brown, Westminster, MD; Ann Brakob, Germantown, MD; Elsie Dentes, Frederick, MD; Neani Mee, Ijamsville, MD; Judy Miller, Woodbine, MD; **Olga Schrichte**, Frederick, MD; Etta Stewart, Randallstown, MD; **Joan Watkins**, Frederick, MD; and Carol Yonetz, Frederick, MD.

Location: The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster, MD, 21157

http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/eventdetail.asp?event_id=1667



From: David Hartness <dhartness@floc.org>

Date: May 3, 2017 at 10:23:34 AM EDT

Subject: Donated Quilts

Dear Quilters,

My name is David Hartness and I am the director of FLOC Outdoor Education Center, an educational non-profit working with at-risk youth. We focus on environmental education and adventure based education with the purpose and mission to get kids outside and provide positive exposure to our youth, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience the outdoors. We work hand-in-hand with local schools to provide quality out of work time. As part of our program, we provide free summer camps for DC, and West Virginia youth.

Currently, we use old donated hospital blankets in our lodge. These blankets don't serve the purpose we need them to serve and don't provide a welcome and caring atmosphere. Many of our students simply can't afford a sleeping bag, and as such, we provide these blankets for their use. I would like to be able to provide something that says we care for their needs and welcome them to our site. This is why I am writing today.

My mom has been a quilter for many years, in fact all my beds at my home have hand sewn quilts she made. I understand the love, care and passion that goes into each quilt, which is why I would love to see each bed in our lodge with a quilt. I was wondering if your quilting guild would be interested in donating some needed quilts. We can provide a tax exempt receipt.

We service mainly middle school age students. We are looking to receive 25 quilts, but any number that can be provided would greatly benefit our program. The measurements of the bed are 74" x 31" with a 4 inch mattresses. We are thinking an additional 6" all the way around would allow for enough overhang.

I want to thank you for reading and considering this kind donation. If you have any additional questions or would like to learn more about our program, you can either take a look at our website or contact me personally. My cell phone and office phone are located in my signature. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

David Hartness
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From: Intern <Intern@beachley.com>

Date: Tue, May 9, 2017 at 10:05 AM

Subject: Fabrics

My name is Kelsey Chaney and I am currently an intern at Beachley Furniture Company in Hagerstown, MD. Currently, we have copious amounts of designer fabrics that we are looking to sell for discounted prices. Please let me know if you would be interested in purchasing any.

Thank you,

Kelsey Chaney



Opportunity Quilt Marketing Venues... The Muse with Charmaine Richman, Julie Howell and Olga Schrichte on May 21.



And in addition to our Autumnal Symphony opportunity quilt, Nancy Speck donated her "Black, White and Red All Over" applique wall hanging for second prize this year. Right, Claudia Helta and Joan Cornell sell tickets and our craft wares at the Catoclin Furnace Festival May 6th.

May meeting photos - Olga Schrichte shows a woven background for Learn One, Teach One with Christie Vu and Nancy Pedersen before the meeting started. And what would a birthday party be without a cake? Happy 18th!





Donated UFO's table. We'll be continuing with this opportunity to finish someone else's project until they all find a new home. Junice Patton shows a children's quilt, table runner and mini "rug."



Dot White shows her son's t-shirt quilt, Aubrey Mason finished a baby quilt at retreat, and Barbara Scuderi made a table runner from MAQ blocks. Below, Grace Thorne made a quilt with hand dyed fabrics and Edith Barnhill also finished a project at the Double O retreat.

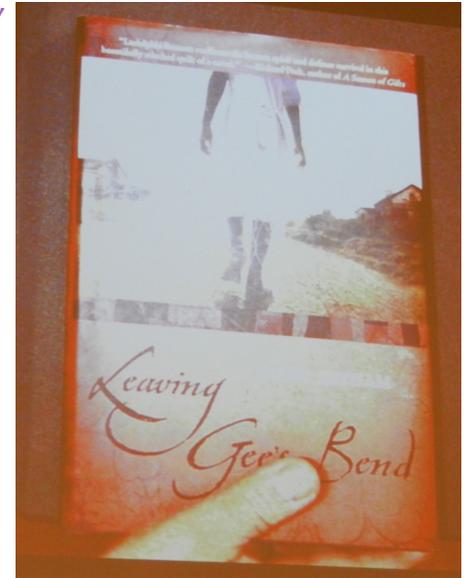


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Olga Schrichte shows projects from her recent classes at the Muse: Coloring Mats and Sharpie Dyed Scarves. Then, while the ladies worked on their projects during "Sit & Sew", Sandy Dunning talked about Gee's Bend which will be an August guild meeting topic with Elizabeth Lay and Lauren Kingsley.



Danita Frisby, Olga, Madeline Wadja and Nancy Pedersen show woven fabrics projects they worked on during the meeting.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



A reminder that the guild's challenges are due at the October meeting. If you want a printed logo on fabric to use as a focal point on your ID tag for this challenge, please contact Brenda Barnhardt at brendadb@verizon.net. If you do not have a name tag to wear at the meetings, then you definitely want to participate in this challenge. Visit the guild's website or see Brenda at the guild meeting for the challenges' "Rules of the Game."



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June	1	CSQG Meeting - Barbara Korengold - Lecture and Trunk Show	
June	2-4	Bayside Quilters Quilt Show	www.baysidequilters.org
June	2-4	Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show @ Dulles Expo Center	www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow
June	8	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
June	10 & 11	Annapolis Quilt Guild Show in Annapolis	
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	
August	11-13	Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show @ Frederick Fairgrounds	www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org
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	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
September	23 & 24	Friendship & Eternal Quilts Guilds Show in Lithicum Heights	
October	5	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Quilts Awards & Community Service Presentation	
October	6 - 8	Everybody's Quilt Guild Show in Westminster	
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	

8 Tips for Success from American Patchwork & Quilting

1. To keep appliqué stems from shifting out of position while hand-stitching, pin over, rather than through, them.
2. To wash small pieces of fabric without fraying the edges, put them in a salad spinner, rather than a washing machine. Spin with hot water and soap. Rinse in cool water, drain, and spin. Press the pieces dry.
3. To match ends perfectly, lay two binding strips right sides up and overlap the ends by 2". Cut through both layers at a 45° angle. Place strips right sides together and stitch a 1/4" seam.
4. To make a sewing machine needle easier to thread, shine a beam of light behind the needle's eye.
5. To make a long row of even blanket stitches, machine-baste a visible line 1/4" from the edge of the fabric and use this basting line as a guide for stitch length.
6. To make it easier to remove papers from foundation-pieced projects, run the handle end of a pair of scissors along each stitching line to weaken the paper.
7. To more easily make triangle-squares from marked squares, press the sewn triangles open before cutting them apart. This method stabilizes the bias edges and prevents stretching.
8. To machine-appliqué circular or oval pieces, first make marks that imitate the hours of a clock face on each appliqué shape. Pivot the fabric at each hour mark when you stitch.

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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