



# THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

## President's Notes

**Synergy:** A state in which two or more things work together in a particularly fruitful way that produces an effect greater than the sum of their individual effects. Expressed also as "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Source: <http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/synergy.html>



Have you ever worked on a project with a friend and everything worked out better than you could have imagined? I suggest that was synergy.

Ever gotten stuck on a quilting project and asked for suggestions at a guild meeting? I'll bet you received constructive ideas and ended up with a great result. Synergy!

We still need chairpersons for the Quilt Marketing and Program committees. It's important for each committee to have someone to coordinate their meetings and activities. These positions can be shared by more than one person. Co-chairs can work very well together, sharing more ideas as well as the responsibility, and getting the job done exceedingly well—synergy!

I expect to see synergy in action at our August meeting as we share and create!

See you there,  
Joan Watkins



August 2017 Newsletter

## A Look Ahead

### Next Meeting:

**Thursday, August 3, 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  
40 South Carroll Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

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*Talent and individual expression are not qualities that just other people possess. You have it too! All of you have a capacity for creativity in your quilting. Let yours happen and realize there are no boundaries to your unique expression.*

*From the program guide from Quilt Odyssey 2017*



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2017

**Business Meeting**

President Joan Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:35. 28 members were present with no guests. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2017**

Joan reported as Treasurer Robin Rippeon was selling raffle tickets at the Walkersville Carnival:

YTD Income	\$4,777.05
YTD Expenses	\$(5,082.36)
YTD Net Loss	\$(304.81)

Bank Balance as of June 30, 2017 - \$6,470.06

Robin advised that she will be away beginning on July 26 and requested that anyone submitting money or needing reimbursement please get to her prior to July 25.

**Announcements and Committee Reports**

- Joan announced that there are two committee chair vacancies – Quilt Marketing and Programs. She noted these are both important operational committees and asked that members consider volunteering.
- Programs – Mary Pauley reviewed the program for the next meeting, August 3. It will involve Gees Bend Quilts. The meeting will start at 5pm and we will order pizza. People should bring sewing supplies and a freshly washed shirt. The shirts will be cut and shared and after a presentation about Gees Bend, members will do a small Gees Bend style quilt. There will be no Show and Tell or other business meeting in August.
- Opportunity Quilt Construction – Sandy Dunning explained that for the 2018 raffle we will be soliciting donation of two smaller lap quilts as featured items. Other small items to be provided by members will be used to fill five “Theme Gift Baskets”, covering the December Holidays, Children, Patriotic, Picnic/Wine, and Pets. Sandy provided a handout with a suggested list of types of items that can be submitted. Items will be due at the January 2018 Guild meeting, with a “Show and Tell” tentatively at the March 2018 meeting.
- Quilt Marketing – Cindy Shugars advised that the quilt is doing well at the Walkersville Carnival. It will be taken to Four County Quilt Guild next week. Nancy Speck asked if Cindy could check about the possibility of putting the quilt in the Frederick County Fair in September. The quilt has been appraised at \$2,900 and is now insured. A new canopy with sides and flooring has been purchased for use in future outdoor events.
- Retreat – Brenda Barnhardt advised that dates for the spring 2018 Retreat are April 6 through 8.
- As a follow up on last month's meeting Mary Pauley noted that Bobby Korengold's quilt was awarded the Best Applique ribbon and won Best in Show.
- Fat Quarter – Grace Thorne reported that starting in September the Fat Quarter basket will contain a gift certificate to a local or online quilt shop rather than specific fabrics.
- Refreshments – Linda Beavers has requested that people sign up for refreshments beginning with the September meeting, and anyone who has seen her folder of information get in touch with her.
- Fundraising – Nancy indicated that the committee currently includes her and Joan Cornell and invited any other members to join the committee. She reviewed tentative plans for a Cook-Off possibly in January 2018. This project involves members bringing their favorite dishes (identifying the ingredients). Attendees would then buy tickets that would be used to vote on their favorites in different categories. The goal would be a modest one – to raise enough funds to make up the \$800 deficit in the budget. Nancy asked for feedback on this proposal.

There was a Show and Tell time and Fat Quarter drawing. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to sewing backpack bags as part of this year's community service project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Speck  
Secretary



From the Program Committee: Mary Pauley, Sandy Dunning, Julie Howell, Celeste Schley, Marty Simmons, Dot White, Grace Thorne, and Barbara Scuderi

Thank you and welcome to our newest committee members, Grace Thorne and Barbara Scuderi. We are all busy working on planning monthly programs for 2018 and into 2019. We certainly welcome ideas from all members.

We hope everyone enjoyed the time during our July meeting to start making backpacks for Frederick's foster children. We will be presenting them to a representative during our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, so there's plenty of time to make more.

Our August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will welcome guest speakers, Lauren Kingsland and Elizabeth Lay, presenting The Inspirational Quilts of Gee's Bend Lecture and Workshop. All the details for this meeting/workshop/dinner are provided on the CSQG web page and were also e-mailed to all members earlier in July. Questions may be directed to Mary Pauley - [pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com](mailto:pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com). Pizza will be served.



### Refreshments volunteers for August:

The Program Committee is providing food (pizza). I will bring drinks since we still have some from last meeting.

I left my yellow two pocket folder at the June meeting. It included the refreshments sign ups, a guild directory, and some other items I would like to have. If anyone picked it up, please return it. We checked with the Delaplaine Center and they do not have it. Thank you.

Linda Beavers at 301-831-9821.



### Happy Birthday August Quilters!

- 1 Jessica Melendez
- 5 Cindy Shugars
- 14 Linda Smith
- 24 Kathy Phillips
- 25 Nancy Speck
- 27 Teresa Killar
- 27 Grace Thorne

### From Community Service Committee:

Thanks to everyone who turned in a finished backpack for our county foster kids and to those working on adding to the project. We have 26 completed bags. Please continue to sew and help meet our goal of 100--150 bags by our October meeting. I have several bags cut out from donated fabric and will bring some to our August meeting if anyone would like to take some to complete.

Danita Frisby



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### Double O Retreat

2018 retreat dates are April 6 - 8

Open Weekends next year at the Double O Retreat:

- January 26th - 28th, 2018
- February 2nd - 4th, 2018
- February 9th - 11th, 2018
- May 11th - 13th, 2018 (Mother's Day)
- June 29th - July 1st, 2018
- December 14th - 16th, 2018

If we can get enough people to meet the minimum, we could add another week-end next year for the retreat. Please provide feedback to Brenda Barnhardt if you're interested (brenz2catz@gmail.com).



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Submitted by Jacque Janss

JENNIFER SKINNELL



### FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD



### Quilt Show

August 11 - 13, 2017

*"Piecing Together"*  
30 Years of Fabric & Friends

Over 200+ quilts on display  
(Frederick Fairgrounds - Null Building)  
797 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD, 21701  
Friday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For details and directions visit our guild's website  
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#### ON DISPLAY

- 200+ Member-Made Quilts, Wall Hangings, Challenge Quilts

#### TO SEE

- 2017 FCQG Opportunity Quilt
- Emporium items \$15 and under
  - Demonstrations
  - Raffle Baskets
  - Silent Auction
  - Vendors

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Children in strollers FREE, Free Parking, \$10 per day  
(re-entry with wrist band intact)



From: "Jennifer Skinnell" <[jskinnell@verizon.net](mailto:jskinnell@verizon.net)>

Date: July 12, 2017

Subject: I'm a quilter and an author

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Skinnell, a quilter from Herndon, VA. I have also recently published my first novel, *One Sweet Development*, on Amazon. As a self-published author, I also have to do my own marketing. I'm writing you today to see if it would be possible to let your members know of my new book either through email, or in your newsletter?

*One Sweet Development* is the first in my Hope Springs Romance Series about a group of women of all different ages who live in the small town of Hope Springs. It is a "clean and wholesome" contemporary romance! The ladies of the Advice Quilting Bee meet every Thursday night at Rosie's Quilting Emporium to hand-quilt a quilt they have pieced for a deserving cause. While sitting around the quilting frame, the older ladies give advice about love, relationships and life to the younger members. *One Sweet Development* centers around Chandler, the town baker, and her budding relationship with Rosie's grandson, Peter, who is a real estate developer.

*One Sweet Development* is now available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) in eBook (\$2.99) or paperback (\$7.99). If you go to my author page at [www.amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell](http://www.amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell) you will find the link to purchase. You can also visit my website [www.jenniferskinnellquilting.wordpress.com](http://www.jenniferskinnellquilting.wordpress.com) and click on the book cover on the right side of the homepage.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Jennifer Skinnell  
[Amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell](http://Amazon.com/author/jenniferskinnell)



### 2018 Opportunity Quilt Construction Update

After our July Guild meeting we have had several members sign up to make items for our 2018 Opportunity Raffle.

Thanks to the following members who have volunteered:

Kay Rice and Marcia Walker will make a lap size modern Christmas Tree quilt as one of our feature items.

Pictured is a similar one that they made for a church raffle.



Nancy Pedersen and Darlene Morris each volunteered to make a wall hanging as our other feature items.

Thanks also to those members who have signed up to make items for the following theme baskets:

**December Holidays: (Coordinator: Sandy Dunning)**

Grace Thorne: Stocking

Frances Shearer: Placemats

Linda Beavers: TBD

**Patriotic: (Coordinator: Marty Simmons)**

Brenda Barnhardt: Table Runner, Door Quilt/Small Wall Quilt

Sandy Dunning: Wreath

**Picnic/Wine: (Coordinator: Claudia Helta)**

Pat James, Claudia Helta, Teresa Killar, and Joan Cornell: TBD

Sandy Dunning: Wine Bag

**Home, Garden and Pets: (Coordinator: Brenda Barnhardt)**

Nancy Speck: TBD

Sandy Dunning: TBD

Brenda Barnhardt: Cat Bed

**Infants/Children: (Coordinator: Grace Thorne)**

Danita Frisby: Burp Cloth/Bib

Barbara Scuderi: Burp Cloth, Receiving Blanket

As you can see, we are still in need of several more items to complete the baskets. Please notify any of the coordinators if you can volunteer to make an item(s) for any of the baskets. Also, there will be sign-up sheets at the August meeting, so please consider helping us fill our raffle baskets!





July meeting photos - Junice Patton finished a UFO from 10-12 years ago for her granddaughter. Right, Eleanor Weitzel shows two table runners. Below, middle, Sandy Dunning shows a Sharpie scarf she made in a workshop by Olga Schrichte and a patriotic wreath she's donating for a 2018 raffle basket.



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Above left: Barbara Scuderi made a Bargello quilt for a Hagerstown guild challenge where they had to use their first initial (B). Bottom row: Danita Frisby showed a woven background with appliqued Santa Claus, a hand appliqued and embroidered rooster, and a freezer paper pieced bird wall hanging.



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July meeting photos (continued)... Darlene Morris finished a 20 block quilt top at MAQ and her Anita Good "Quiet Oasis" quilt for her mother's birthday. Below left, Nancy Speck showed a table quilt with numerous "Y" seams for a class she took at a Lancaster AQS workshop earlier this year. She expects this to be her first and last "Y" seam project.



Above middle, Olga Schrichte made a folded flowers Christmas tree from the Fabled Flowers book and a triaxle woven circle. Left, Grace Thorne showed a beach bag made for her by another woman for a project swap...



... and Nancy Pedersen's still doing woven ribbons. Each very different from the other.





2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
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	<a href="http://www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org">www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org</a>
September	7	CSQG Meeting - Suzzie Schuler - Sew Bee It - Team Spirit Lecture and Trunk Show	
September	13-16	AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky	<a href="http://www.americanquilter.com">www.americanquilter.com</a>
September	14	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
September	14-17	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA	<a href="http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza">www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza</a>
September	15-23	Great Frederick Fair	<a href="http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com">www.thegreatfrederickfair.com</a>
September	23 & 24	Friendship & Eternal Quilts Guilds Show in Lithicum Heights	
October	5	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Quilts Awards & Community Service Presentation	
October	5-7	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Fredericksburg, VA	<a href="http://sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg,VA.aspx">http://sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg,VA.aspx</a>
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	<a href="http://www.quiltersquest.org">www.quiltersquest.org</a>
December	7	CSQG Holiday Banquet	
Ongoing	2nd Tuesday each Month: 4 County Quilters Guild - Mt. Airy, MD		<a href="http://www.fourcountyquilters.com">www.fourcountyquilters.com</a>
Ongoing	1st Wednesday each Month: Valley Quilters, TLC - Jefferson, MD		



PRESSING TIPS - Part 2 from Sewing Room Secrets

**PIN PLUS**

I removed the "strawberry" from an old pincushion and pinned it to the wide end of my ironing board. Now I have a handy place to store needles and pins for quick fixes while I'm ironing.

**DOWEL DUTY**

Use 12"-long dowel rods in various diameters as seam rolls for pressing loops, straps, narrow sashes and other hard-to-reach areas. Simply insert the dowel into the open end of the sewn tube to press seam allowances flat before turning — no more burned fingers trying to manipulate these tiny areas!

**WATER POWER**

I keep an old, but clean, toothbrush and a small cup of water near my ironing board. When I need a lot of moisture in an area for concentrated pressing, I apply it with the brush and gently rub it in.

**STEAM DREAM**

I purchased a 3' length of stair railing from my local lumber yard to use as a seam roll for pants. The top edge is round so seam allowances don't press through and the bottom side is flat so it stays in place on my ironing board; I just glued felt to the cut ends to avoid any snagged fabric. Now I can press an entire pant seam and let it cool without disturbing the garment.

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