



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes



Did you know that National Quilting Day is March 16? How will you celebrate? I think I'll make a label for an old family quilt that could use some documentation. Then my children won't have to wonder about the story that's been passed down to me. My great aunt and her mother and grandmother made this one before she married in 1916. The applique is done by treadle machine! Sometimes I set up my treadle machine, from my grandmother on the other side of the family, and stitch some simple blocks. It feels good to be connected with my foremothers. And I renew my appreciation for electric machines.

I'm looking forward to getting inspiration tips from Carol Keyser at our March 14 meeting. There are days I could really use some.

Remember to let me know if you can serve on the Nominating Committee—still 2 openings as I write this. This is a very important short-term committee—not a long-term commitment. We will elect President and Secretary in May.

Joan Watkins



March 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month
(unless otherwise noted)

6:00 - 6:30 pm - Arrival, Social Time

6:30 - 8:30 pm Guild meeting

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Robin Rippeon requests using 540-270-6210, her cell phone number only.



New (and returning) Members:

Please welcome our two new members, Denise Flora and Karen Smith. Denise has been quilting (self-taught) for about 10 years and this is her first quilt guild. She would like advice from other quilters and to learn new ideas or techniques and would like to learn free motion machine quilting. She heard about our quild from the website and quilt show. We currently have 29 paid members.



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The Annapolis Quilt Guild hosts the amazing **QUILTS BY THE BAY** show at the **Annapolis High School** each year during the second week-end of June.

In 2019, the Annapolis Quilt Guild will celebrate its 39th consecutive quilt show, Quilts by the Bay. Each year we feature approximately 200 quilts by our talented members: traditional, modern, hand quilted, machine quilted, appliqued and pieced! The show transforms the school into a quilt extravaganza. A visitor in 2017 said, "This show is so much bigger than I thought it would be. I had no idea you invited all these vendors and had all this other stuff here. This is awesome!"

The main entryway to the quilt show sometimes feels like a big party! Our **Raffle Quilt** is on display with tickets available, and there are spectacular **Raffle Baskets** and a **Silent Auction**. Other key areas of the show include:

- The **Country Store** – where you can find all kinds of quilt-related goods at yard sale prices.
 - A **Boutique** featuring new handmade items for sale: unique purses, zipper pouches, kitchen items, decorative items, jewelry, clothing and much more.
 - **This Year's Special Exhibit:** String Quilts
 - A traveling **Hoffman Fabrics Quilt Exhibit**. These quilts travel the country for a year and feature special Hoffman fabric used in a challenge. Each quilt in the exhibit has been judged and is accepted for its excellence.
 - **Vendors** offering fabric, notions, high-end sewing tables and machines, handmade wood carved items, patterns, threads, wool, demonstrations, and more. It's really an exciting day of shopping! We regularly invite new vendors, so there is something new and exciting available for everyone.
 - **Free Demonstrations**
 - **Kids' Scavenger Hunt**
 - **Food and Beverages** are available, provided by **Zonta International**.
 - **Phyllis Twigg Hatcher** will again be offering **quilt appraisals** at the show both Saturday and Sunday. Each quilt takes about 30 minutes for her to examine. You can make an appointment by contacting her at **Phyllis2775@hotmail.com** or by calling her at 410-571-8847 (home) or 443-822-2045 (cell). The cost is \$50 per quilt (cash or check; no credit cards). If your quilt will be in an exhibit at the show Phyllis can appraise it while it hangs even if you will not be present. Please complete an appraisal request form to help with accuracy.
- Newly-Made Quilt Form** or **Vintage/Antique Quilt Form** Phyllis looks forward to seeing your quilt at the show!

We will update this page throughout the year with information about the upcoming quilt show. We hope you will check back soon!

<http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>



From the Program Committee:

The Program Committee extends our thanks to all who participated in the Valentine exchange.

Olga's program was outstanding and very informative - now to try those techniques and tips.

Our March meeting features Carol Keyser from Hagerstown who will share with us "Where I Get My Inspiration."

A sign up sheet will be available to those interested in the "Collage Workshop" by Carly Mur from Web Fabrics on April 11. There is more information in this newsletter.

The Maryland Historical Museum in Baltimore is opening a quilt display "Hometown Girl" featuring quilts and their story by Mimi Dietrich opening March 23. It will be a year long exhibit and groups (10 plus) can request a special tour with Mimi as the host. We will have a sign up sheet to see if there is interest in a road trip. Give some thought to month and what day of the week (M-F and 1-5 on Sunday).

Frances Shearer, Chairman

Refreshments volunteers for March:

Drinks: Nancy Speck, Pat James
Snacks: Cindy Shugars, Beth Johnson

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



10 Denise Flora
25 Darlene Morris

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

Community Service Committee:

Frances Shearer has once again agreed to quilt our QOV. The award veteran has been selected, which will take place at the June meeting. Reminder: size for the cancer center quilts is 34" x70" so please be sure they measure at least that size. A bit over either way isn't an issue, but smaller than requested size will not fit the infusion chairs.

Grace Thorne, Chairman



Double O Retreat

The retreat dates this year are April 5 - 7. We only have 3 sign ups so far and need a minimum of 8 or the retreats will be cancelled for the future. The Double O Retreat has 3 large beautifully decorated bedrooms for your stay. We have 3 bathrooms: 2 large full bathrooms on the main floor of the retreat and 1 powder room upstairs. One bathroom is ADA compliant

Our workroom area is an impressive 24' x 28' room with clear natural lighting. It is equipped with twelve worktables, each measuring 30" x 72". Each table is accompanied with an ergonomic chair and a wastebasket. Cutting boards, a large flat screen TV and WiFi are also available. A handsome kitchenette area completes the room, with standard size refrigerator, microwave, fully stocked cabinets and snacks. All you need to bring is your sewing machine, sewing/quilting/scrapbooking projects and supplies needed for it.

Upstairs we have a beautiful lodge-style great room, with extra large windows to give you a gorgeous sweeping view of the property. The sunroom is set with a spacious 14' table where our meals will be held.

We will be happy to attempt to accommodate any special request, such as special dietary or physical requirements.



The Double O Retreat's hours of operation are from 4pm Friday to 2pm Sunday. A weekend stay is only \$275 per person which includes: Friday: Dinner; Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner; and Sunday: Brunch

A masseuse will visit for \$35 for 1/2 hour and \$55 for full hour of luxury. The Retreat can be booked with a minimum of 8 people and a maximum of 12 people. Non-CSQG quilters and scrapbooks are now invited to attend so we get the minimum. Bring your friends and family.



Website: <http://www.doubleoretreat.com/home.html>.

Contact Brenda Barnhardt for questions or to sign up @ brenz2catz@gmail.com or 301-662-2943.



Join Lunder Conservation Center for Conservation Clinic: How to Care for Quilts

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 a.m.–noon

Location: American Art Museum, G Street Lobby

Discover ways to [care for quilts with textile conservator](#) Julia M. Brennan. In this hands-on workshop, learn about quilt conservation and explore stabilization methods, proper storage, and handling techniques for your textile heirlooms. Materials fee (\$15) ap-

plies. Space is limited.

https://americanart.si.edu/calendar/event?trumbaEmbed=eventid%3D131266472%26view%3Devent%26-childview%3D%26returnUrl%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Famericanart.si.edu%252Fcalendar%2523%252F%253F%253D1&utm_source=Museum+Updates+from+SAAM+and+the+Renwick+Gallery&utm_campaign=b429d5e8c4-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_02_05_08_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5694db792e-b429d5e8c4-129346817 to register.



Building on the successes of the Guild's previous Quilt Shows in 2015 and 2017, the Ocean Waves Quilt Guild's 2019 Quilt Show, to be held April 26-27, 2019 at Sussex Academy, 21150 Airport Road, Georgetown, DE, will be a celebration of nature's springtime bounty, "Birds, Blooms and Butterflies," when cheerful, bright spring colors abound in our natural surroundings and inspire quilters to create beautiful quilts reflecting nature's beauty. Over 300 judged and non-judged quilts made by Guild members and friends of the Guild will be exhibited along with Quilts of Valor and quilts made for the show's themed Challenge. This fundraiser will help the Guild to continue both its educational endeavors and community service.

The Show's featured artist is Victoria Findlay Wolfe, an internationally recognized and prominent quilter, author and teacher from New York City. Victoria's extensive background includes fine arts training. She is a painter, sculptor, and photographer among the many creative art forms she has practiced, but to her surprise, quilting became her greatest passion. Victoria says "A quilt I have made keeps me attached to the people who live with it and that, besides my loving family, brings me the greatest joy." The Show will feature an exhibit of Victoria's quilts and she will offer her original design patterns, templates, and fabrics for sale at our Merchants' Mart. Victoria will give a lecture and trunk show, included in the price of quilt show admission, following the close of the show on Friday, April 26 at 5:15 pm. Entrance to her lecture is included in the price of the show admission.

At the Show we will also have a fabulous Merchants' Mart offering both quilting and non-sewing related items for sale, drawings for Raffle Baskets and Quilts, a drawing for a Martelli sewing workstation, scheduled quilt appraisals by Karen Dever, a Second Time Around Shop with fantastic quilt fabric bargains, quilting and crafting demonstrations, and on-site food service. Quilts that have been entered for judging will be judged by nationally certified judges Lorry Chwazik and Sandra L. Dorrbecker.

The Show will be open from 10 am to 5 pm Friday, April 26 and from 10 am to 3 pm on April 27. Drawings for the Raffle Baskets and Quilts will take place at 3 pm on Saturday, April 27. Free parking is available at Sussex Academy. Entrance fee is \$10 for one day or \$15 for two days.

Visit our website: oceanwavesquiltguild.org for more details about the show and vfwquilts.com for information about Victoria Findlay Wolfe and follow us on Facebook: Ocean Waves Quilt Guild presents "Birds, Blooms and Butterflies".

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Wasn't Olga's presentation wonderful? It was so inspiring and informative. Olga provided a file with the links to the videos and documents she mentioned during the presentation.



The file is available to you on the members page of the website:

<http://clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/members/>

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Show Management

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- Quilt Competition - Throwback Thursday!

ENTER YOUR FAVORITE QUILT MADE FROM 2009 - 2019!
*Restrictions apply, please review Lancaster Competition Entry Form for details

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Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest icons with text: QuiltfestShows, Quiltfest, QuiltfestShows
www.quiltfest.com



Collage Letter Workshop with Carly Mur

Friday, April 12, 9am-12 Noon
Church of Christ, 1305 North Market Street
Registration Deadline: April 1, 2019
Cost: \$31.00 (kit and class fee)

A pair of scissors and fabric is all you need for this workshop. Irons provided (1 for every 3 people). When you sign up you will need to indicate what letter of the alphabet you want. Carly will bring a kit for each participate. The cost of the kit is \$11. The class cost is \$20. Total cost for class is \$31.

Letters are 14" except for J and Q which are 18".

Suggestions from Carly on selecting fabric: Think about the fabric you want to use. If a specific color, you will need at least 50 assorted scraps in that color. (The kit contains a half yard of fusible web which might help in deciding on how much fabric. More is always better.) Tiny pieces are fine (1-2 inches), in a variety of values and styles. Batiks, reproductions, blenders, novelties, pretty or ugly fabrics - anything in your color choice will work. Mix it up!! It is nice to have a focus fabric which feature large flowers, animals, paisleys, etc.

Another possibility is to make a letter using a theme, sports, food, patriotic, etc. Bring lots of scraps in your chosen theme and also a accent color that goes well with theme (greens with food, reds and blues for patriotic).

Making your letter in one color is probably the best choice, but you can challenge yourself by using 2 or more colors. The class is about color value so unless you are really good at colors I encourage staying with one color.

March 16 is **National Quilting Day**. Be sure to make time to quilt today. Link for some ways to celebrate the day:

<https://quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday/>



Websites Referenced in My Fine Finishings Presentation

Dear Quilters,

Here are the websites that we weren't able to visit during my presentation. I hope you'll find the tips helpful for keeping your quilts square and for attaching bindings or facings with little or no trouble. (See Page 8 for photos.)

Thank you very kindly,
Olga Schrichte

How to Attach Borders by Diane Harris of National Quilter's Circle

Diane Harris demonstrates this technique that I learned from Gyleen Fitzgerald

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_SEZo6hEBI&t=12s

How to Make Faux Piped Binding By Trisha Chubbs, from American Quilters magazine, Sept., 2012

<http://colormequilts.blogspot.com/2012/08/faux-piped-binding.html>

How to Sew Faux Flange Quilt Binding by Laura from SewVeryEasy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DGNhbaA-3U&t=31s>

How to Add a Quilt Label to the Binding By Sharon Pedersen of The Quilt Show

<https://thequiltsow.com/daily-blog/142-newsletter/14631-sharon-pederson-lesson-9-putting-a-quilt-label-on-the-binding>

Perfect Straight Binding by Sharon Schamber (Go to 10:44 to see how to turn corners)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2hWQ5-ZccE>

Binding Quilts with Odd Angles – a Tutorial, by Geta's Quilt Studio

<https://www.getasquiltingstudio.com/2017/06/binding-quilts-with-odd-angles-a-tutorial.html>

Mitered Binding for Different Angles by Marci Baker

<https://quiltwithmarcibaker.com/mitered-binding-for-different-angles/>

Invisible Appliqué Stitch by Ami Simms

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=ami+simms+invisible+applique&&view=detail&mid=B29E90DCFA7849BBB569B29E90DCFA7849BBB569&&FORM=VRDGR>

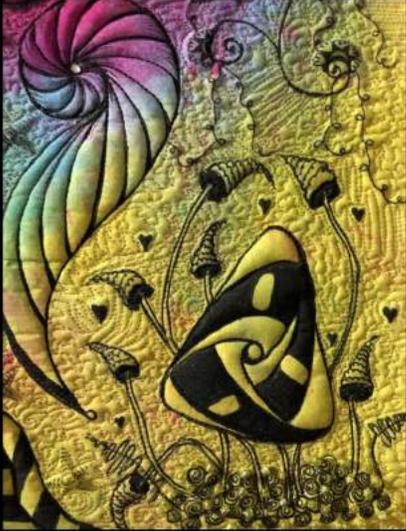
Facings for Quilts by Jeri Riggs

<http://jeririggs.blogspot.com/2008/02/facings-for-quilts.html>

AUGUST 2
10:00-5:00

AUGUST 3
9:00-4:00

Admission \$10
(Unlimited re-entry with wristband intact)



Four County Quilters Guild – 2019 Quilt Show
“Connecting the World With Thread”
Details: www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org

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| <p>St. Michael Church 1125 St. Michael's Road Mt. Airy, MD 21771</p> <p>Free Parking Restaurants nearby in historic Mt. Airy</p> <p>From WEST: > I-70 to MD-27 south (Ridge Rd-Damascus); turn at Shell station to MD-144 Old National Pike/Frederick Rd; turn right onto St Michael's Rd.</p> <p>From EAST: > I-70 to MD-94 south (Woodbine Rd); turn right to MD-144; turn left onto St Michael's Rd.</p> | <p>200+ Member-Made Quilts 2019 Opportunity Quilt Emporium-Items under \$20 Demonstrations Raffle Baskets Silent Auction Vendors</p> |
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The Four County Quilters Guild will be having its 2019 Quilt Show “Connecting the World With Thread” on August 2 & 3 at St. Michael Church, 1125 St. Michael’s Rd., Mt. Airy, Maryland. The times are Friday 10:00-5:00 and Saturday 9:00-4:00. On display will be over 200 member-made quilts, the 2019 Opportunity Quilt, an Emporium of items \$20 and under, Demonstrations, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction and Vendors. Admission is \$10/day (unlimited re-entry with wrist band intact) and parking is free. For details, visit our guild’s website www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org.

LAST CHANCE STASH

Calling on all CSQG members to bring items to donate to our guild meeting - Last Chance Stash – every month.

Give all your poor, forgotten unfinished projects, fabrics, notions, quilting books and patterns a chance to find a new home...with one of your fellow quilters who will love and appreciate them. Plus it helps the guild make a little money to support all our wonderful programs.

Mary Pauley





Olga Schrichte's Presentation on Fine Finishings...



| Cakes | Quilts |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Special Occasions</u> • Recipe • Ingredients • Directions • Prep Pans/Bake • Frost • Enjoy! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Occasions • Pattern • Materials • Directions • Square/Layer • Quilt/Bind or Face • Enjoy! |

How to Finish?

- Things to Consider
- Overall impression
- Usage



The Devil is in the Details

- Cutting
 - Blade
 - Ruler
 - Multiple layers
 - Always discard selvages
- Sewing
 - Pay attention to the size of block instead of seam allowance
 - Use Templates
 - If it's not right, correct it right now! (It's not going to get any better!)
- Pressing
 - Press, don't iron
 - Use spray starch
 - Helps fabric retain a crease

How to Add Borders

- **Gylene Fitzgerald's Tip** ★
 - Refrain from cutting borders a specific length
 - Cut first 2 strips the desired width, but longer than necessary
 - Lay strips down the middle of the quilt lengthwise (to determine the length for the side borders)
 - Borders should extend past the quilt a little on both ends
 - Smooth out & trim even with the quilt
 - Place border fabric & quilt top together RST
 - Place the side with extra fullness on the bottom
 - Pin & sew
 - Press
 - Repeat steps for top & bottom borders

Is Your Quilt Square?

- Here's an easy way to check ★
 - Find the lengthwise center. Place a pin. Then fold the sides to the center
 - Smooth out
 - Do the raw edges match?
 - Find the widthwise center. Place a pin. Then fold the top & bottom to the center
 - Smooth out
 - Do the raw edges match?



Batting - Which to Choose?

- Overall impression
- Types of batting
 - Cotton, Polyester, Blend, Thermore, Wool, Silk, Bamboo
- Single or double layer
 - Show quilts
 - Wall quilts
- Interfacings
 - Wall quilts

Quilting

- Overall
- Semi-custom
- Custom
- Density
- Stitches per Inch
 - Higher the SPI, the smoother the curves
 - Fine Quilting 14 SPI
- Type & weight of thread



Types of Binding

- French Binding
 - > 2 - 2 1/2" wide
- Single Fold
 - > 1 1/4" wide
- Bias
- Faux Piped Binding
 - > Narrow
 - > Wider Faux Flange Binding

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Joining Binding Strips

- Use spray starch ★
 - Helps the fabric retain a crease
- Use Elmer's School Glue for joining strips
 - Lay all strips wrong side up
 - Fold corners of all strips on the right-hand side down at 45°
 - Place a bead of glue along the creases
 - Take the unfolded end of a strip and lay it on top of the triangle. Match the raw edges on the left.
 - Double-check, set with a hot iron
 - Stitch on the crease
 - Check - Even?
 - Pop the glue
 - Press seam allowance open
 - Trim



Add a Label to the Binding

- Sharon Pedersen's examples
- I recommend doing the following:
 - Embroider on a single layer of starched binding with an interfacing, like DecorBond
 - Lightly fuse the interfacing since you'll be removing the extra afterwards
 - Make a test sample first



Olga Schrichte's Presentation (continued)...



Apply the Binding

- *Gylene Fitzgerald's Tip* ★
- Don't let the binding "run" around the quilt
 - Measure lengthwise through the center of the quilt for the measurement of the binding for the sides
 - Measure crosswise through the center of the quilt for the measurement of the binding for the top & bottom
 - Make the quilt fit the length of binding
 - Start about 12" down on the right-hand side
 - Why?



Binding Tips from Sharon Schamber

- Perfect Straight Binding
- How to determine width of seam allowance
 - Fold binding in thirds
 - Test with a basting stitch
 - Adjust needle left or right until there are equal amounts of binding on both sides of the quilt
- Where to stop in the corner ★
 - Fold binding 45° angle, crease, draw line
 - Sew to line, stop, pivot & stitch off the quilt - NOT diagonally through the corner
- How to start the next side ★
 - Make sure at least 1/32nd of an inch of the quilt is visible
 - This ensures a nice, sharp corner



Mitered Binding for Different Angles

- Geta's Tips
- Marci Baker's Tips




Hand-Sewing



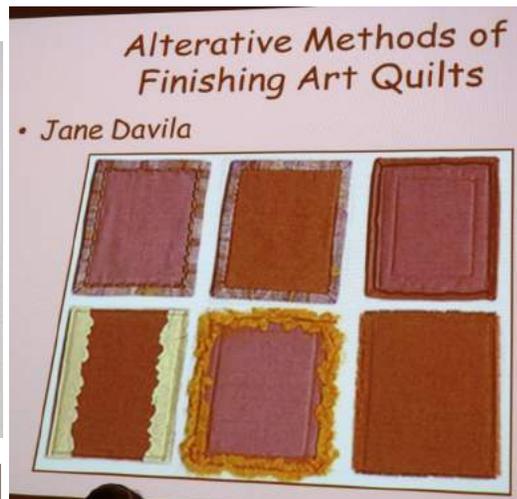
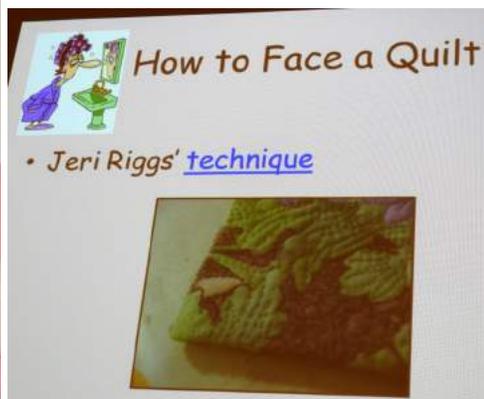

- Invisible Appliqué Stitch
- Always stitch in the mitered corners on both sides
- "Grandmother's Principal"
 - Do all 4 corners first
- If you choose to machine stitch the binding, use an edge-joining foot for a more precise application

See tips' links on Page 7.

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Olga Schrichte's Presentation (concluded)...





February meeting photos - Valentine Exchange...

Mary Pauley chose bowl holders from Danita Frisby.

Cindy Shugars chose a log cabin pot holder from Nancy Speck.

Kathy Shankle got a double sided heart pot holder from Grace Thorne.

New member, Denise Flora, chose a mug rug by Cheryl Kershner.

Brenda Barnhardt got a hot mitt from Cindy Shugars.



Fran Scher got a mug rug by Darlene Morris.

Helen Hoskelis got a mug rug by Jacque Janss.

Grace Thorne also got a mug rug by Frances Shearer.

Nancy Speck chose a mug rug from Sylvia Cooper.

Sandy Dunning's was made by Denise Flora.

New and returning member, Karen Smith, received a pot holder from Kathy Shankle.

Beth Johnson chose a sewing machine mug rug by Claire Daly.



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February meeting photos - Valentine Exchange (continued)...

Cheryl Kershner chose a mug rug from Mary Pauley.



Olga Schrichte got a hexie mug rug from Brenda Barnhardt.



Claire Daly received a mug rug from Fran Scher.



Darlene Morris got a small mug rug from a mystery Valentine.



Danita Frisby received a sachet from Ellen Huskins.



Marty Simmons received a mug rug from Sandy Dunning.



Jacque Janss got a pot holder from Beth Johnson.



Frances Shearer got a Singer sewing machine mug rug by Marty Simmons.



What fun?! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Valentine gift exchange.

Nancy Woods got a fish mug rug from Olga Schrichte.



Finally, Sylvia Cooper chose a "mug" mug rug from Nancy Woods.



February Show & Tell Photos... Olga Schrichte

showed a wheel chair lap quilt with pockets for hands and her "Trash to Treasure" wall quilt with lollipops. Sandy Dunning displayed her sewing machine cover and Bargello quilt... More -->





February Show & Tell Photos (continued)... Sandy Dunning brought her brown bag round robin with additions by Kathy Shankle and Kathy Cramer, and her completed snowflake wall quilt from the Terry Kramzar workshop last year. Danita Frisby showed a wool applique owls wall quilt too.



Left, Danita also made a small Ricky Tims Harmonic Convergence wall quilt. Then Julie Howell talked about an old necktie quilt she's been asked to repair and showed a pink log cabin table runner with embellishments in the center of each square. Below, Darlene Morris showed her "Puppy Love" table runner, and her Delaplaine Exhibit entries: "Mosaic Heart", "Paper Pieced Landscape" and "Great Outdoors."

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February Show & Tell Photos (continued)... Fran Scher did a modern art wall quilt named "Garden in the Rain." Joan Watkins finished her brown bag round robin challenge with Helen Wasserman doing the first border and Julie Howell adding the outer border. Joan used felt for the edging and backing. Nancy Woods showed an antique quilt.



Cindy Shugars showed two mug rugs and a baby quilt and fabric basket below. Thanks to Cindy for assisting with Valentines and Show & Tell narratives.



FOR SALE: Martelli 60 mm rotary cutter blades....New....3 packages, 1 per package...these are \$17 each each on Amazon....my price \$10 each....also New Martelli 60 mm left hand cutter, sells \$21 on Amazon, my price \$15....good deals if you can use them!

Grace Thorne





2019 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

U.S. STATE & FLAG

This year's challenge is based on your choice of a U.S. state. You can represent the state where you were born, reside in now, wish to visit, have traveled to, got married in, vacation in, etc. Also, you must use **all** of the colors in that state's flag (for example, Maryland's flag is gold, red, black and white).

You're free to include other states, colors, and any other elements in the project. Requirements continue below. If all "rules" are not followed, you are not eligible for a prize.



"Rules of the Game":

1. Your entry must represent a state in an obvious manner. Famous buildings, landmarks, tourist spots, maps, people, something associated with that state (hard shell crabs for Maryland for example), etc. If you add other states, you do not have to use their state flags' colors – only the primary state you feature's flag colors.
2. It has to be predominantly 3 layers (top, batting, and backing) with some cotton fabric and some quilting.
3. There are no size, fabric/media, or shape limitations, nor what kind of item it must be. Quilts, table runners, placemats, tote bags, purses, vests/jackets, door or wall quilts, etc.
4. You must pin a small, printed copy of the state's flag to your entry for the judging (similar to one below).

First (valued at \$75), second (\$50) and third (\$25) prizes will be awarded at the October meeting with the members voting. Have fun!!!

More examples:

Pennsylvania



Florida



Washington

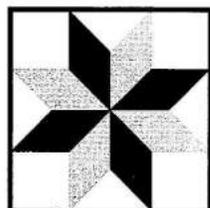


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SHOW HOURS

Friday, April 26
Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28
10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

ADMISSION:

Adults: \$10
Children-16 & under: Free

DIRECTIONS:

From I-270 take Exit 11 (Montgomery Village Avenue, Route 124 East) to Route 355 (Frederick Avenue). Turn right onto Route 355 South, go 0.7 miles and make a right at Chestnut Street. Go through the traffic light at Diamond Avenue and turn at the next right. If you cross the railroad tracks, you have gone too far. Follow the quilt show signs to the Home Arts Building.

ADDRESS-for GPS:

16 Chestnut Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Friendship Star Quilters, Inc.
P.O. Box 8051
Gaithersburg, MD 20898**





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019

The meeting began at 6:45. There were 33 members present including Karen Smith, a former member, and Denise Flora, who both joined at the meeting.

Minutes

The minutes from January 10 were approved as published in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report as of January, 2018

President Joan Watkins provided the year-end financial report for Treasurer Robin Rippeon:

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| Income Year ending 1/31/18 | \$7,751.06 |
| Expenses Year ending 1/31/18 | (\$5,653.37) |
| Net Income Year ending 1/31/18 | \$2,097.69 |
| Bank Balance as of 1/31/19 | \$9,575.69 |

Announcements

- President Joan Watkins indicated that we will have elections in May for President and Secretary. A Nominating Committee of 3 people will report with a slate in April. Please contact Joan if you can serve on the committee.
- Joan indicated that the committee list is on the back table. Members should check and add or delete themselves to or from any appropriate committee.
- The guild's Board will meet next month, March 7 at the Linton Shafer Office at 7pm.
- Brenda Barnhardt reminded members of the guild retreat at the Double O in Paw Paw, West Virginia on April 5-7. There are now only 3 signups; 8 are needed for the retreat to take place. Information is on the back table. After the March meeting the retreat will be opened to other guilds and individuals recruited by the Double O owner.

Committee Reports

- Frances Shearer advised for the Program Committee that they are planning 2020 programs. They are recruiting someone to join the group and after working as a member and learning the process this year, will be prepared to stand in as Chair at the end of the year. Frances also advised that the signup sheet for the April 12 workshop is on the back table. She provided information about the event which will be included in detail in the newsletter.
- Brenda Barnhardt provided the Challenge Committee report with the 2019 challenge, due in October, that will be a project inspired by a US State flag. She distributed a handout with rules, particularly that the project must represent something about the State in an obvious manner (such as crabs for Maryland). A picture of the flag should be included.
- Mary Pauley reported that January income for the Last Chance Stash was \$89. She also advised for those going to the Mancuso show later in the month that various rooms are reserved and things are set up. This Saturday there is a showing on MPT of "Why Quilts Matter."
- Grace Thorne noted for the Community Service Committee that she is going to start putting the Quilt of Valor together, though 4 blocks are still outstanding. A veteran has been selected to be awarded the quilt at the June meeting. The workshop meeting for the Stockman Center cancer quilts will be in July. Members are reminded that these quilts are generally to be 34" by 70". They can be a tad bigger by no smaller.
- Nancy Speck reported that the 2019 opportunity quilt is at the quilter's.
- Linda Beavers noted that there are still some openings for refreshments this year. Members can sign up at the back table.

Guild member Olga Schricte gave an informative and challenging presentation on "Fine Finishings" of quilts.

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a gift exchange (lots of beautiful mug rugs and pot holders!). Pat James won the Fat Quarter Basket and Claudia Helta won the Door Prize, followed by Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





2019 Exhibit

Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection

Dr. Sandra Sider, Curator

A Creative Quilting Odyssey

By Barbara Cline

Treasures From the Vault: Virginia Stars

Showcase of Quilts Madison Quilt Guild: A Collection of Guild Challenges and Favorites
Becky Thompson, President

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2019 EVENTS

Harrisonburg, VA

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday & Monday: Closed

WHAT'S NEW IN 2019?

Docent Tuesdays:

Our Curator will be our Museum docent every Tuesday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Workshops:

VQM will be hosting family-oriented craft workshops for certain Holidays throughout the year. Prices will vary by craft.

Quilt Evaluation Days:

Please contact our Curator for more information: (540) 433 - 3818 curator@vaquiltmuseum.org

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301 S. Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

(540) 433 - 3818

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

Please visit our website for the most up to date exhibit information.

www.vaquiltmuseum.org

JANUARY

Winter Break:

Museum closed seasonally from Dec. 15, 2018 thru Feb. 18, 2019.

Starting a book club!

Please email vqmevents@gmail.com for more information.

FEBRUARY

2/9 - Stash Blast, Harrisonburg, VA
2/19 - NEW Exhibit Opening!
2/23 - Artist Meet & Greet

MARCH

3/1 - First Fridays
3/16 - National Quilting Day - Quilt Evaluation Day!

APRIL

4/5 - First Fridays
4/13 - Easter Craft Workshop
4/26 - Volunteer Recognition Event

MAY

5/3 - First Fridays
5/4 - Stash Blast - Location TBD
5/11 - Mother's Day Craft Workshop
5/18 - Spring Tea

JUNE

6/7 - First Fridays
6/15 - Father's Day Craft Workshop

JULY

7/4 - Independence Day Parade
7/5 - First Fridays
7/14 to 7/22 - CLOSED for Exhibit Change
7/23 - NEW Exhibit Opening!
7/27 - Artist Meet & Greet

AUGUST

8/2 - First Fridays
8/24 - JMU Block Party in the 'Burg

SEPTEMBER

9/6 - First Fridays
9/14 - Stash Blast - Location TBD
9/21 - Quilt Evaluation Day!

OCTOBER

10/1 to 10/31 - Quilts About Town & Online Auction
10/12 - Christmas Ornament Workshop
10/31 - Halloween Kids Craft & Candy Night

NOVEMBER

11/1 - First Fridays
11/10 - Veterans Day Parade
11/20 to 11/22 - CLOSED for Thanksgiving
11/23 - Small Business Saturday & Gift Shop Sale Begins

DECEMBER

12/6 - First Fridays
12/7 - Winter Tea
12/15 - CLOSED seasonally for the year.





2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| March | 7 | CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm | |
| March | 14 | CSQG Meeting - Carol Keyser Lecture "Where I Get My Inspiration" | |
| March | 16 | National Quilting Day | https://quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday/ |
| March | 23-24 | Baltimore Heritage Quilters' Guild Expo | www.baltimorequilters.com |
| March | 27-30 | AQS Quilt Show @ Lancaster, PA | www.quiltweek.com |
| March | 27-30 | Lancaster Quilt Show @ Double Tree Resort (New location) | www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com |
| April | 5-7 | CSQG Quilt Retreat at Paw Paw, WV | www.doubleoretreat.com |
| April | 11 | CSQG Meeting - Carly Mul, Web Fabrics, Lecture "Color" | |
| April | 12 | Workshop: Carly Mul - "Alphabet Collage" | |
| April | 12-14 | Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show | www.nsvquiltshow.com |
| April | 24-27 | AQS Spring Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky | www.americanquilter.com |
| April | 26-28 | Friendship Star Quilters Show | www.friendshipstar.org |
| May | 9 | CSQG Meeting - Misty Cole - Lecture "Poison Bottle", Guild's 20th Year Birthday Party | |
| May | 9-11 | Mancuso Quiltfest @ Lancaster, PA | www.quiltfest.com |
| May-June | 5/31-6/2 | Bayside Quilters Quilt Show @ Oxford | www.baysidequilters.com |
| May-June | 5/31-6/2 | Quilter's Unlimited Quilt Show @ Dulles Expo Center | www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow |
| June | 6 | CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm | |
| June | 6-8 | Annapolis Quilts by the Bay Quilt Show | www.annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show |
| June | 13 | CSQG Meeting - Renelda Peldunas-Harter - Lecture "Quilt of Valor Foundation", Quilt of Valor quilt presentation | |
| June-Sept. | TBD | Row by Row Experience Shop Hop | www.rowbyrowexperience.com |
| July | 11 | CSQG Meeting - Community Service - Sewing Evening of Lap Quilts for the James M. Stockman Cancer | |
| July | 11-28 | Sacred Threads - Quilts Exploring Life's Journeys | http://sacredthreadsquilts.com/ |
| July | 12-14 | Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar @ Gettysburg College (New location) | www.maqonline.org |
| July | 25-28 | Quilt Odyssey Quilt Show @ Hershey, PA | https://server7.pacecomputing.com/quiltodysseycom/ www/index.php |
| August | 2-3 | Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show | www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org |
| August | 8 | CSQG Meeting - Frances Shearer - Penny Rug Workshop | |
| August | 21-24 | Quilters' Quest Shop Hop | www.quiltersquest.org |
| September | 4 | CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm | |
| September | 11-14 | AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky | www.americanquilter.com |
| September | 12 | CSQG Meeting - Polly Mello - Lecture "Things That Go Bump in the Night" | |
| September | 12-15 | Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA | http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/ |
| September | 13-21 | Great Frederick Fair | www.thegreatfrederickfair.com |
| October | 10 | CSQG Meeting - Challenge Project and Donation of Lap Quilts to the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute | |
| October | 11-20 | Quilters' Quest | |
| November | 1-3 | Everybody's Quilt Guild Fall Harvest of Quilts Show | http://egg.wildapricot.org/page-1829416 |
| November | 7 | CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm | |
| November | 14 | CSQG Meeting - Cheryl Lynch - Lecture "Love Your Curves" | |
| November | 15 | Workshop: Cheryl Lunch Workshop: Mini Mosaic (requires no machine) | |
| December | 12 | Guild Holiday Party | |

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