



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

October—such a time of transition. After the long hot days of summer you start to feel hints of the briskness of winter. Daylight savings time begins. Trees celebrate with a last hoorah of color in preparation for dormancy. We all experience momentous transitions in our lives—a marriage, the birth of a child, a retirement, the loss of a parent. How do quilters manage transitions? We memorialize them in quilts. Our September speaker, Polly Mello, showed us many quilts as testament to this: funeral quilts, Presidential assassination quilts, baby quilts; and we have had numerous examples that our own guild members have shared in show and tell. Our quilts are the stories of our lives, expressions of our personalities, our celebrations, and our sorrows.

Our October meeting highlights our understanding of and compassion to others facing the immense life transitions illness can bring on. We will be presenting quilts to the Stockman Center for patients undergoing chemotherapy. Thanks to all of the quilters who helped in this endeavor.

We'll also be memorializing and celebrating our country with the display of the state flag challenge quilts. Be prepared to be awed by our guild members' creativity!

Danita Frisby



October 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month
Thursday, October 10, 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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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2019

The meeting began at 6:30. There were 35 members present. There were 3 visitors, Lynne McCracken, Emily Roy and former member, Janice Trepper. Also, members of Four County Quilt Guild were present with their raffle quilt.

We started with a presentation by guest speaker and quilt collector Polly Mello. She displayed and discussed mourning quilts, coffin drapes, creepy critter quilts, creepy crib quilts, Presidential assassination quilts and quilts from the headlines.

The business meeting began at 8:10 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from August 8 were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2019

Treasurer Robin Rippeon reported:

Income Year ending 8/31/19	\$3,775.85
Expenses Year ending 8/31/19	(\$3,823.08)
Net Loss Year ending 8/31/19	(\$ 47.23)
Bank Balance as of 8/31/19	\$9,528.46

Old Business

- President Danita Frisby discussed the need for volunteers to take charge of quilt raffle events at Middletown and Brunswick. She will handle Oktoberfest, Nancy Speck is organizing Quilt Quest at Capitol Quilts and Sandy Dunning is working on the Christmas Bazaar at All Saints Church. Danita stressed the importance of stepping up for these events. We have paid entry fees and could lose our future place at these events if we do not show up. Also, the raffle process is our primary fundraising source of income.
- Danita also noted that she is currently recruiting chairs for Publicity, Block of the Month, Fundraising, Facebook, and 2020 Quilt Construction. Kathy Shankle volunteered to chair the Block of the Month.

Committee Reports

- Grace Thorne reported for Community Service that we will not do a complete Quilt of Valor for 2020. However, the Quilt of Valor Foundation collects individual blocks that are then sewn into quilts. The patterns are simple nine-patches. Patterns and more information are available at www.qovf.org and will be collected to send to the organization prior to December 1, 2020. Grace also indicated that she has ribbons and tags for the Stockman Center quilts that will be presented at the October meeting.
- Julie Howell reminded members that quilt challenge entries are also due at the October meeting. She reiterated that they can be based on any state and must include all of the colors in its state flag. There was a show of hands of those expecting to participate.
- Linda Beavers advised that refreshments are taken care of through January 2020, and asked members to sign up beginning in February.
- Program Committee Chair Frances Shearer advised that the Cheryl Lynch Mini Mosaic workshop is on for the day after the November meeting. Cost is \$65, including \$35 kit costs. Machines are not required.
- Olga Schricte noted that Nancy Pederson will be having additional surgery soon and asked for members' thoughts for her. Nancy Speck asked for members to think of Brenda Barnhardt, whose mother recently had a serious stroke.

Members planning to go to Baltimore for Mimi Dietrich's show were reminded of the date - October 16.

Those present reviewed the submissions for the coloring contest challenge. There were 18 submissions, and Olga Schricte's entry was chosen as the winner of a fat quarter crayon box shaped packet. Pat James won the raffle basket and Jacque Janss won the door prize. There was Show and Tell, including all of the crayon entries and several quilts intended for the Stockman Center donation.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019

Board Members Present - Brenda Barnhardt, Danita Frisby, Nancy Speck, Joan Watkins, Grace Thorne, Barbara Scuderi.

Minutes – The minutes of the June Board meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – There was no Treasurer's report.

Old Business

- Quilt marketing continues to be an issue. There is no chair for either Middletown or Brunswick events. Danita will handle Oktoberfest and Nancy is organizing our presence at Quilters Quest. Danita will discuss at the September meeting, making clear how important these events are.

Committee Reports

- Community Service** - Grace Thorne indicated that plans are being started for the 2020 community service projects. As for this year, the quilts will be presented to the Stockman Cancer Center at the October meeting. Grace will have ribbon and tags at the September meeting. There is no Quilt of Valor planned at this time but members can be encouraged to do individual blocks. Grace will provide additional information at the meeting.
- Basket Drawing** – Chair Danita Frisby reported that donations have restocked the basket.
- Hospitality** – Barbara Scuderi indicated she will plan to use donations to the Last Chance sales table for door prizes. She also requested that she have the names of member renewals for the attendance desk.
- Programs** – Grace reported for the committee that all but one speaker is confirmed for 2020.
- Publicity** – It was noted that an article about the Quilt of Valor presentation was run in the Frederick NewsPost.
- Quilt Challenge** - Chair Brenda Barnhardt is organizing her committee to set up for the challenge presentation at the October meeting. She expects that the Delaplaine will help set up the dividers.
- Facebook** – Danita reported that an administrator is needed for the guild Facebook account. She is recruiting now for someone to take on this job. Brenda indicated that she may be able to help.

General

- There was a discussion of membership, and the serious need to increase the membership, especially recruiting younger, more active people. We also need to follow up with members that have not renewed.
- The possibility of moving the July meeting for 2020 was considered, as it conflicts with MAQ, which is attended by many CSQG members. Danita will check out various possibilities.
- Our Delaplaine quilt exhibit for fall 2020 was discussed. The Delaplaine is interested in a community involvement approach, focusing on drug abuse issues in Frederick. There will be more information to come, possibly suggesting consideration for the annual guild challenge theme.
- The issue of a 2020 opportunity quilt was discussed. Since we are having difficulty marketing the quilt we might consider not doing a quilt, and having another fundraising approach. This is a matter for future review and discussion by the guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Speck, Secretary

Next Board Meeting November 7

Quilt Marketing

A big thank you to Linda McNey for heading up the Middletown Heritage Festival venue, Barbara Scuderi for taking Brunswick Railroad Days, Nancy Speck for coordinating Quilter's Quest and Sandy Dunning for heading up the Holiday Bazaar. I am heading up Oktoberfest. Please contact these guild members if you can help sell Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets on any of these days:

Middletown Heritage Festival - September 28 - Linda McNey (L_mcney@Live.com)

Brunswick Railroad Days — October 5, 10-12, 12-2, and 2-5, and

October 6, 10-12 and 12-2 — Barbara Scuderi (bscuderi52@gmail.com)

Quilters' Quest (Capital Quilts) — October 11 thru 18 — Nancy Speck (nspeck@comcast.net)

Oktoberfest (Schifferstadt) — October 19, 11:00 till 6:00 and

October 20, 12:00 till 5:00 — Danita Frisby (whamo345@gmail.com)

Church Bazaar — December 5, 6, & 7 — Sandy Dunning (sdunning0117@gmail.com)

Danita Frisby



From the Program Committee:

Our October meeting will be a time of sharing our talents as we created quilts to share with those suffering from cancer and we also will bring our creations that represent a state that we have a connection with.

Looking forward to our November meeting, Cheryl Lynch will be our November guild meeting guest speaker. Her topic will be "Love Your Curves."

Cheryl Lynch will be teaching a "mini mosaic" workshop for us on November 15th from 9 am to 3 pm at Church of Christ, [1305 N Market St, Frederick](#). No sewing machine is required! Cost is \$35 and there is an additional \$30 kit fee--so a total of \$65.

Here are a few examples of Cheryl's fun mosaics:



You can see more of her work at cheryllynchquilts.com.

We hope you will join us to learn this fun technique. To sign up, please email Frances at francessearner1092@gmail.com or call or text her at 630-730-3592 or sign-up at the October meeting.



Refreshments volunteers for October:

Snacks: Julie Howell and Eleanor Weitzel
Drinks: Kathy Shankle and Celeste Schley
(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.

Birthdays of the Month

- 3 Becky Lyon
- 9 Peggy Haser
- 25 Linda Beavers
- 30 Julie Howell

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reminder: Ribbons and tags for charity quilts will be available at the October meeting....this is presentation night so be sure and bring them!

Grace Thorne



***** IT'S NOT TOO LATE - TWO WEEKS AND COUNTING *****
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).



"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



West Virginia



Last Chance Stash Reminder

Please remember to bring sales items to every monthly guild meeting... and also some cash to purchase some great bargains.

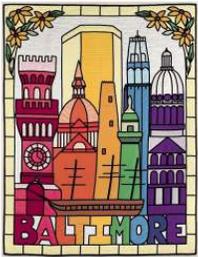
Thanks,
Mary Pauley





In keeping with the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute lap quilt donations and theme, Jodi Gerber has invited a doctor to speak to the guild about colon cancer screenings since October is colon cancer awareness month. Our speaker will be Dr. Dawei Yang from Frederick Gastroenterology Associates.

Frances Shearer



MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIP FOR MIMI DIETRICH'S HOMETOWN GIRL EXHIBIT AND TOUR UPDATE

We have 14 members ready to travel to the MD Historical Society on 10/16 to see Hometown Girl and tour with Mimi Dietrich.

We will meet at the parking lot at Joann's and be ready to depart by 8:30. Tour will be 10-11:30 with lunch afterwards on your own at the Mt. Vernon Marketplace food court. Return to Frederick is estimated to be around 2:30 or so.

We could still welcome 2 more people to join us as we have 4 volunteer drivers. Email Peggy Haser at peggyhaser@comcast.net if you would like to join us. Cost is \$14/\$12 for age 60+.

Peggy Haser - peggyhaser@comcast.net

SUNSHINE NEWS: Last weekend, Nancy Pedersen was readmitted to Walter Reed with another infection. The good news is that she was able to come home earlier this week, but she's still not out of the woods.



Let's hope the time passes quickly for Nancy without any hiccups.

Please let Nancy know that you're thinking of her. This has been such a long ordeal for her.

Nancy's mailing information is: Nancy Pedersen
2637 Bear Den Road
Frederick, MD 21701

Email: nancy.pedersen49@yahoo.com

Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric (She loves turquoise!) so Nancy can create her own bouquet.

Thank you very kindly for being such a caring, creative community.

If you know of someone who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Olga Schrichte
Sunshine Committee

It is with great sadness to tell you that Brenda Barnhardt's mother, Joy Barnhardt, passed away on Saturday, September 14, at the age of 88. As Nancy Speck shared with us at the meeting last month, Brenda's mother suffered a severe stroke the week before.

Please keep Brenda in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. If you'd like to send Brenda your condolences, here is her contact information. Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric in your card.

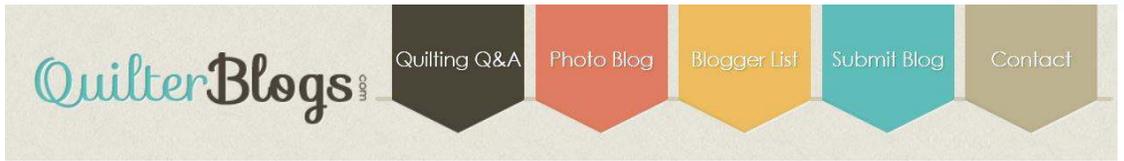
Brenda Barnhardt
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Frederick, MD 21703

Email: brenz2catz@gmail.com





Are you familiar with this website? Looks like it might be of interest to our members.



<http://www.quilterblogs.com>

Submitted by Olga Schrichte



September meeting photos - Thanks to Linda McNeY for carrying the ball with meeting and Show & Tell photos, and narrative this month! Additional photos from Robin Rippeon and Olga Schrichte. And now, Polly Mello's lecture and trunk show... "Quilts That Go Bump in the Night" is the aptly name presentation of our speaker who is a collector of over 200 quilts focusing on the macabre. The quilts can be categorized into remembrance/mourning, presidential assassinations, nursery rhymes, and creepy crawlers. Mourning quilts and samplers also contain symbols of grief: weeping willows, mourning doves, and broken rose stems are often seen on gravestones.

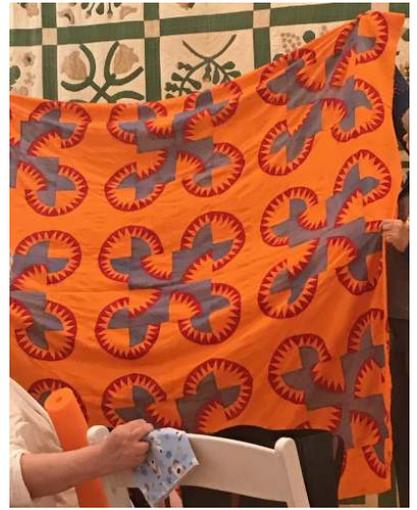
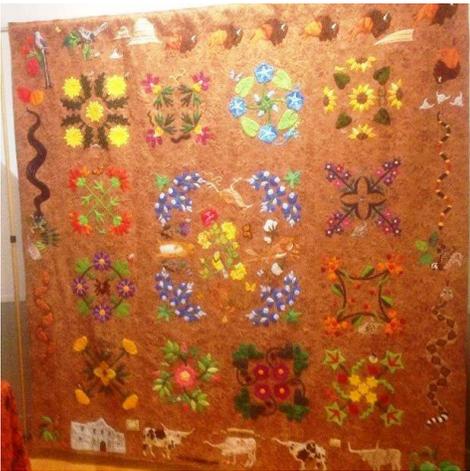


Below, a presidential assassination quilt memorializing Lincoln, Garfield or McKinley from 1800-1900. Creepy critters can feature animals in whole or a part. Nursery rhymes can be frightening such as Peter Piper kidnapping children, ring around the rosy about the plague and the prayer "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep."





Polly Mello (Continued)... Below, Polly included one of her modern quilts in which she stitched all the creepy critters of Texas among with the animals of her home state. Next, Halloween glow in the dark skulls and cats, and a bright orange quilt. Below that, scary cats are the theme, and an album quilt from Mimi Dietrich's master class, and finally, an antique hand appliqued quilt with a bible, crowns and crosses from Polly's collection.

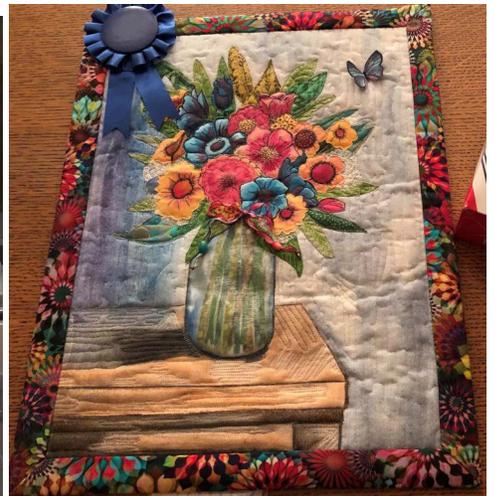


The Program Committee's **crayon challenge** entries and judging came next. Below are the creative outcomes - not all identified: Top left bird wall quilt by Danita Frisby, to its right, a dinosaur scene with a purple background tote bag with a landscape. Below left, three traditional pieced baskets, Darlene Morris's "Flowers Feed the Soul" mug rug, a zippered pouch of roses by Francis Shearer, and Fran Scher's "I <Heart> Coffee" mug rug. Middle photo shows a "Quilter's Search Engine" tote bag and Robin Rippeon's teapot wall quilt. To the right, upper left is Olga Schrichte's first prize winning vase of flowers wall quilt (see Page 9 for close up). Below that is a Christmas stocking, and upper right is Claire Daly's leaf wall hanging, and a final poppy themed wall quilt by Nancy Pedersen who was absent.





Crayon Challenge (Continued)... Finally, a pieced cow, an Iris pillow with lace edging, a bird on a branch by Celeste Schley, and a close up of Olga's winning wall quilt. We apologize for any omissions and thank everyone for a fun challenge.



And we would be remiss not to share pictures of our guild's representation at the **2019 Great Frederick Fair**. Many ribbons were won. Some entries we've seen at Show & Tell before, and others are shown here for the first time. Additional photos provided by Becky Lyon, Robin Rippeon and Joan Watkins - thank you. First, is a pretty quilt by Barbara Yinger that won a blue ribbon. Middle, another first prize in its category for Julie Howell's heart themed quilt. She also did the pumpkins which won third prize. Right, Olga Schrichte won a blue ribbon for her fall pumpkins panel quilt.



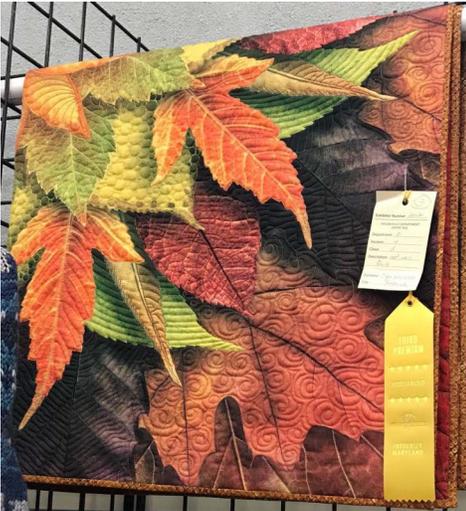
Julie made a yo yo flowers in batik fabrics wall quilt with button centers that took a blue ribbon. Next to it, Beth Johnson used dotted fabrics with houses in a Halloween themed wall quilt.



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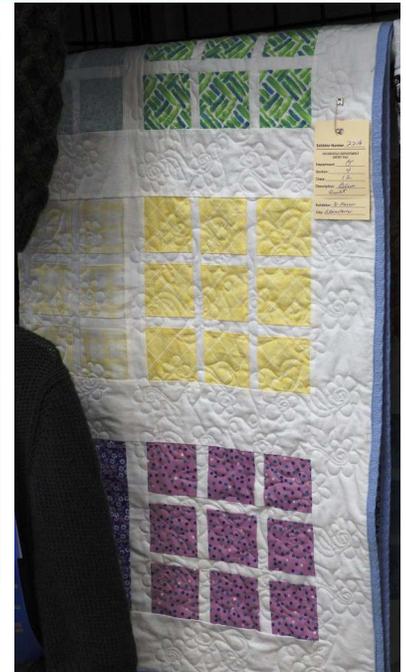
Frederick Fair Entries (Continued)... Below, Olga won a third prize for the graphic leaves quilt. Middle, Julie made a modern wall quilt of leaves embellished with metal spirals. Beside that, Darlene Morris made a pretty quilt of nine patches.



Middle, Joan Watkins memorialized her father with a fabric portrait that won a blue ribbon.



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Bottom left, Olga made an appliqued lollipop landscape using multiple fabrics and birds which also took a first prize in its category.



Middle, Danita Frisby won second place for a chicken themed quilt, and bottom right, Julie Howell entered a machine embroidered inspirational quilt made by a group that won second prize too.

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Frederick Fair Entries (Continued)... At left is Julie's 30's print tall flowers wall quilt which won third prize in its category. Middle, Joan took second prize with a small wall quilt using oriental prints. At right, is a wall quilt with painted background with flowers and a butterfly that Olga was awarded a blue ribbon for.



At left, is a table topper by Olga that earned second prize.

At right, a blue ribbon for Joan with a paint and thread painted sunset.



Bottom left is a machine embroidered, nine block, halloween themed wall quilt made by Darlene that also took a red ribbon.

Finally, lower right, Olga took a BEST IN SHOW for her "Olga Quilts" tote bag.



Congratulations everyone!





Show & Tell Photos... Cheryl Kershner showed her block of the month "On the Road to Paducah" which she entered at Paducah. Though she didn't win a prize, she did learn new techniques. Robin Rippeon showed her completed wool penny rug from the August meeting. By the way, these two ladies rarely bring their wonderful works to Show & Tell, so it's especially enjoyable to see them here. On the right, Joan Watkins also showed her acorn penny rug.



Above left, Joan finished a zippered pouch with colored triangles. The next three photos are Madeline Wajda with her brown bag square to be bordered and completed in the future. She also pieced a lap quilt bordered with a hedgehog print which is her granddaughter's favorite animal. The blue lap quilt was made from a batik jelly roll collection for the Stockman quilt. Left, Kathy Shankle continues with dachshund blocks for October with a pumpkin.



Below left, Danita Frisby made snowman potholders for the sales table. Right, Fran Scher used new software to make two quilts for the cancer center. The first is colorful twisted ribbons and the other is colorful randomly placed squares. Fran offered her patterns if anyone's interested.



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Show & Tell Photos (Continued)... First row left, Danita shared a floral pillow she colored with crayons for the challenge but entered another project instead. Her Stockman quilt featured large squares mirror-imaging colors and fabrics. On the right is her table topper with red "fringed" flowers with geometrically arranged triangles.



Second row left, Olga Schrichte showed a wheelchair robe using Australian fabric that will have a pocket on the front. Middle, Jacque Janss made two bibs for seniors. They have a tab to tuck into a shirt.



Right of that, Olga made a cork wallet which was very easy to work with.



Below left, Nancy Speck did a crazy pieced quilt for the cancer center with island colored fabrics that were a gift from a friend.



Below middle and right, former member Janice



Trepper showed her penny rug. Finally she showed a small wool hanging decorated with buttons.



From: Robert Long, Email: lugeracer@yahoo.com

I have a New Home "Free Arm" sewing machine that I am selling. It was a gift to my mother many years ago. She kept it in excellent condition. It has not been used since her death in 2002. It also has the owner's manual with it. It has a wooden table/stand. The original price was over \$600. I am asking a price of \$100. Please call me if you're interested.





2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	10	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Project and Donation of Lap Quilts to the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute
October	11-20	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop www.quiltersquest.org
November	1-3	Everybody's Quilt Guild Fall Harvest of Quilts Show, Westminster, MD http://eqg.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 Lynch Workshop: Mini Mosaic (requires no machine)
December	12	Guild Holiday Party

Updated 5/31/19



2019 Quilters' Quest Dates:

This year's Quilters' Quest will take place from Friday, October 11th through Sunday, October 20th. The participating stores will be open Monday-Saturday from 9:30am-6:00pm and Sunday, 11:00am-4:00pm

2019 Color Palette:

When it came to deciding on a color theme for this year's Quest Quilts and Quest Cuts, we were looking for colors to be reminiscent of the covers of our favorite, well-read books.



Shop Hours

All shops will be open during the following times although some may have extended hours if they are regularly open beyond these times. See the information on the following link:

https://media.rainpos.com/4769/2019_event_packet_final_92519pdf.pdf

October 11 – October 20
Monday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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