



President's Notes



A friend of mine, a long-time English teacher, says because of the pandemic, "I miss NOUNS" — persons, places, and things. As our world seems to close in on us it's more important than ever to stay in contact with each other. That's why I want to give a big hand of applause to those who have tirelessly worked to keep our group going. Thanks to Karen Smith and Sandy Dunning for hosting our Zoom meetings and making them fun and stress free. Thanks to Frances Shearer and her Program Committee for continuing to bring us interesting programs. Thanks to Brenda Barnhardt for her beautiful newsletters. And thanks to all of you who send in photos, interesting news, sunshine reports and who continue working in your committees to keep us going regardless of this challenge.

It's so good to see so many on our Zoom meetings, but we're missing some of you. I'm not the most tech savvy person and I understand the hesitancy some of you may feel to join a virtual meeting. If you wish to join us but feel a bit intimidated by the technology, please reach out to us and I'm sure someone will be glad and able to help bring you up to speed. Accessing the Zoom meetings is very easy (you don't even need to wear masks, pants or shoes!) and our meetings are fun and rewarding. We will continue to have virtual meetings through December and re-evaluate then.

Remember, although we may be forced to miss NOUNS, fortunately "quilt" is also a VERB!

Danita Frisby



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September 2020 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month
Thursday, September 10, 2020
 Zoom Meeting

Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month
 (unless otherwise noted)
 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Arrival, Social Time
 6:30 - 8:30 pm Guild Meeting
 Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2020

The meeting began at 7pm. The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Karen Smith.

We started with a presentation by Clara Daniels entitled “Pre-Cut Passions.” Clara shared useful information about the many types of fabric pre-cuts, and showed her original and exciting quilts from her original patterns. (See Page 4 for information to purchase patterns.)

The business meeting began at 7:20.

Treasurer’s report

Income as of July 31, 2020	\$1,825.00
Expenses as of July 31, 2020	\$1,178.61
Net Income as of July 31, 020	\$646.39
Checking account balance July 31, 2020	\$11,770.30

Committee Reports

Community Service – Kay Rice reported that she has talked to people from COIP (Children of Incarcerated Parents) and they are looking forward to receiving our quilt donations. They are due at the October meeting and Marcia will arrange to collect them as we will still be meeting virtually. Sandy will do a slide presentation to show them at the Zoom meeting. They will be given to the group in CSQG bags left over from the birthday meeting, and will include tags. Please email to Kay if you have quilts to be presented. (See Page 9 for more information.)

Newsletter – Brenda Barnhardt reminded members of the August 25 deadline for newsletter submissions, and asked members to send her articles and Show & Tell photos.

Challenge – The challenge quilts (with a “tree” theme) are due in October. Chair Brenda Barnhardt discussed whether these quilts could be presented competitively as in the past at the meeting, or if they should only be shown as part of the Delaplaine exhibit, given the virtual nature of the meeting. It was decided to show the challenge entries in both venues. Sandy Dunning will prepare a Power-Point presentation of the quilts and voting will be through a Zoom utility. The question of whether the event should be open to members not participating in Zoom meetings was presented but not decided. Brenda pointed out that the quilts will need to have a sleeve so they can be hung in the exhibit. The challenge quilts will only be part of the exhibit.

Delaplaine Exhibit - Joan Watkins advised that a form for entry to the Delaplaine exhibit will be online. Members can use the link that she has sent out. Electronic pictures of the submissions are due by the October meeting. The Delaplaine will be showing the exhibit online as well as for in-person viewing at the center. Joan indicated that she needs help putting the show together and Danita and Helen volunteered. Quilts will be hung on December 1 and 2. (See page 6 for more information.)

Block of the Month - Kathy Shankle advised that the block of the month is paper pieced. There is only one more month for this year’s project.

Membership - Darlene Morris reported that she will be sending out emails to anyone who hasn’t renewed for this year.

Programs – Frances Shearer reminded everyone that the Zoom meeting in September is a presentation by Meg Cox from the National Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska. She said that the speaker’s fee for the presentation is a donation to the Museum. She indicated that she will follow up on the question of what to do for a program for the December meeting since we will not be able to do a holiday banquet as in the past. Most of next year’s programs are settled.

There was Show and Tell and door prizes were won by Kathy Cramer, Kathy Shankle, Brenda Barnhardt, Becky Lyons, and Cindy Shugars. There is a Board meeting on September 3. Danita will send a Zoom invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Meg Cox will be our featured speaker for our September meeting.

Author and quilter Meg Cox is a sought-after speaker and teacher at guilds and museums and a staff writer for Quiltfolk magazine. Her journalism has been published by dozens of national magazines and the Wall Street Journal, where she was a reporter for 17 years. A past president of the national nonprofit Quilt Alliance, Cox serves on the advisory board of the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. She writes a popular free monthly newsletter called "Quilt Journalist Tells All!" and wrote a bestselling resource guide, *The Quilter's Catalog* (Workman Publishing). For more, go to www.megcox.com.



Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World

Let Meg Cox, who serves on the board of advisors for the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, open the vaults and reveal the treasures of this astounding place. Her PowerPoint lecture will show you masterpiece quilts, introduce you to curators and break down the steps in mounting an exhibition. IQM boasts a broad and unique collection of American quilts, including the red and white quilts that dazzled the quilt world when hung in Manhattan's Park Avenue Armory in 2011. But it has also collected quilts from more than 55 countries. Meg created this presentation to benefit the museum she loves, so she donates every penny of her speaking fee to the IQM.

October will be featuring our guild's Tree Challenge projects. Be sure to look elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

November will feature (by Zoom) Karen Fricke from Rockville. Her program "Beads, Buckles, and Buttons" will give us insight into her use of these items in quilting. A bio next month.

December will be a Zoom meeting featuring Diane Harris from Bladen, NE, a scrappy quilt designer. Her "Jingle Bells Trunk Show" of 50 quilts will encourage us to finish those seasonal quilts we have stashed away to finish someday! A bio will be published later this year.

Frances Shearer, Chair

Here's an interesting video on the history of sewing machines that I thought it was interesting, and you might enjoy it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3144SpUGbng>

Marty Simmons





AUGUST'S VIRTUAL PRESENTATION by CLARA DANIELS was on "Precut Passions" including her PowerPoint slideshow of her quilts. Clara explained that precut fabrics include jelly rolls, charm squares, fat quarters and many other sizes and shapes of fabric other than off the bolt. You can check out some of her quilts on the internet though she doesn't have a dedicated website. Below is her order form if you'd like to purchase patterns that she designed and sells via email. Photos of all but two of the patterns follow that.

Brenda Barnhardt

Clara Daniels

Pattern Order Form

Pattern	Price	Quantity	Total
Candy Crush— A Jelly Roll Quilt	\$12.00		
Criss-Cross Applesauce — A Layer Cake Quilt	\$12.00		
Tulip Crown — A Layer Cake Quilt	\$12.00		
Pinwheel Posies — A Layer Cake Quilt	\$12.00		
Star Circle — A Jelly Roll Quilt	\$12.00		
Clara's Messenger Bag	\$12.00		
Sunday Best Apron	<u>\$12.00</u>		
Sub Total			
Shipping — \$1 per pattern (8 or more patterns \$8 max)			
Total			

Please email Clara at clarabobpuppies@aol.com to place order. Make sure to include shipping address.

Send payment via PayPal to clarabobpuppies@aol.com OR

Mail completed order form and a check to Clara Daniels, 241 Belvedere Ct, Falling Waters WV 25419

Items ship when payment is received.

US Postal Service Ship To:

Name

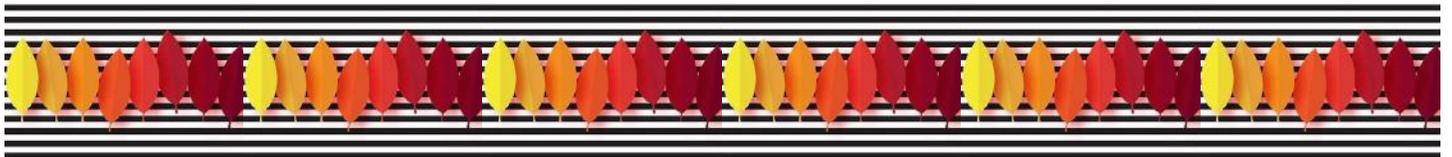
Address



Clara Daniels's patterns (Continued)



From left to right, "Candy Crush", "Criss-Cross Applesauce", "Tulip Crown", "Clara's Messenger Bag", and "Pinwheel Posies" with a close up. Not shown are "Star Circle" and "Sunday Best Apron." Clara did not respond to an email requesting photos of them by newsletter deadline.



Bottle Tree by Danita Frisby

DECEMBER 5-27

CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD

Trees

Fiber works

Founded in 1999, the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild welcomes quilters of all skill levels as they advance in their mastery of working with fiber. *Trees* gives a nod to the many quilts and quilters that are rooted in the group's past, and that have led to the varied works they create today.



CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD QUILT SHOW

December 2020 Quilt Exhibit at The Delaplaine Arts Center
Theme: Trees

Our theme is based on this year's challenge. Sydney, gallery manager at the Delaplaine, has approved the theme and accepted a few member photos for publicity. All the Delaplaine exhibits this year are being offered virtually as well as in the gallery. This means we must submit really good photos! Let me know if you need help with photos. The artist talk on December 5 may be in the gallery in person or it may be virtual with members sharing from their homes. The decision will be made in early November. If you are interested in being on the panel in either format please let me know.

I'd love to have a few more members join me, Danita and Helen on this committee!

Joan Watkins
Cell: 301-461-0348
Email: joanspatches@gmail.com

Timeline:

Now: Enter your quilt! https://prommeetings.formstack.com/forms/csqg_quilt_regisitation

October 8: Entry deadline

November 8: Entry photos and information will be sent to the Delaplaine.

December 1: Quilts, ready to hang, will be delivered and hung at the Delaplaine—yes, sleeves are a must!

December 5-27: Exhibit will be open to the public in the East Gallery and online.

There may/may not be an opening reception.

There will be an artist talk by a few members. This will be live or virtual TBD.

December 28: Quilts will be taken down and can be picked up.



See Page 7 for Entry form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Damita Green (damita.green@comcast.net) is a member of The Four County Quilters Guild as well as a member of the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society (CFHS) in Thurmont, Md. She is requesting volunteer assistance from Clustered Spires Quilt Guild for a mask sewing project. Information about CFHS can be found at this website – <https://catoctinfurnace.org>. She explained that at present, the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society's museum is closed due to the COVID19 pandemic. But when the museum opens again, they are hoping to be able to provide masks to their visitors. They are hoping to find some volunteers to sew masks for both adults and children (ratio 75% adult masks, 25% children masks). The 100% cotton fabric chosen closely resembles fabric designs of the museum period.

Is this something that we could ask guild members if they would be willing to support?

The Society would supply kits containing the prewashed fabric, thread, and elastic.

They are using an online tutorial that is easy to follow and here is a link. It is called the "Lena Day Face Mask tutorial."

Adult & Children's facemask tutorials (downloadable pattern below video):

<https://leahday.com/pages/how-to-make-a-face-mask-free-pattern>

Any number of volunteers would be welcome and the guild would receive recognition for their contributions.

Contributed by Olga Schrichte



Clustered Spires Quilt Registration



"Trees" Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine and 2020 Guild Challenge

*Please complete a registration form for
each quilt you enter*

*Entry Deadline Thursday, October 8,
2020*

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Phone *

Email *

Name of Quilt *

Challenge Quilt? Challenge Quilts must be 24" wide *

- Yes
 No

Height to the nearest inch *

Width to the nearest inch *

Is your quilt for sale? *

- Yes
 No

Sale Price or insurance value. If your quilt is sold during the exhibit the Delaplaine will retain a commission of 30% (20% for Delaplaine members). *

By clicking on the Submit Quilt Button, I agree to be published on the CSQG website and/or Facebook page and on the Delaplaine website for the online digital exhibit and for publicity purposes.vote for their favorite quilt. *

- Yes

Upload a photo of your quilt. If you cannot upload your photo, please text photo to Joan, 301461-0348, or email to joansPatches@gmail.com

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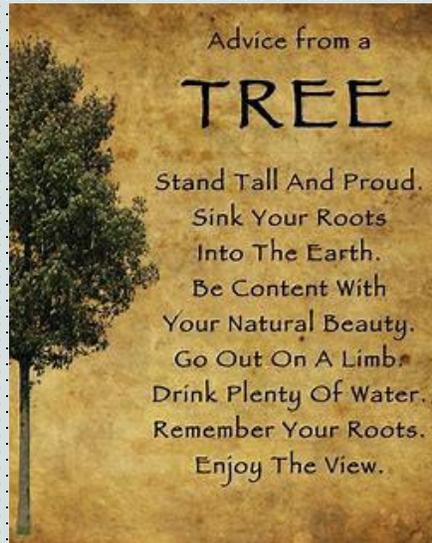


2020 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

TREE(S)

2020's challenge theme is TREE(S) – one or more. Where would we be without trees?

NOTE VOTING
CHANGE
UPDATE BELOW



Requirements are below. Please follow these rules to be eligible to win a prize.

Rules of the Challenge

1. Your entry must represent a **tree** in any way.
2. It has to be predominantly **3 layers** (top, batting, and backing) with **some quilting**.
3. There is a size requirement – it **MUST BE 24" WIDE** and **ANY LENGTH UP TO 36"**. So it can be square or rectangular, portrait or landscape orientation – just 24 inches wide.

That's it! We're planning on featuring the entries at the CSQG quilt show at the Delaplaine in December so all sizes need to be of a consistent width.

Prizes: First place (valued at \$75), second (\$50) and third (\$25). **Voting will be via October's guild Zoom meeting. Your photos for the Delaplaine virtual show will be used for a slideshow for members to vote on in Zoom or email (details TBD). Have fun!!!**



SUNSHINE NEWS

Our sympathy to Nancy Woods whose husband recently passed away. Please reach out to Nancy to let her know you're thinking about her. Nancy's mailing address is:



Nancy Woods
3200 Baker Circle, Apt. 1-108
Adamstown, MD 21710

Email: quilttwo@yahoo.com

In Get Well news, Frances Shearer had back surgery on August 27th and she'll be recovering for the next several months. Please let Frances know that you're keeping her in your thoughts and prayers too. Frances' contact information is:

Frances Shearer
3807 Kendall Drive
Frederick, MD 21704-7884
Email: franceshearer1092@gmail.com



If you send our friends a card, please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric. Thank you so kindly for continuing to be part of our caring community. If you know of someone else who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know. Thank you very kindly.

Olga Schrichte, Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Marcia and I are continuing to fine tune our 2020 Community Service project. If you attended the guild's virtual meeting last month, you know most of what we are sharing. However, If you were not able to join the conversation, this will catch you up a bit. Below are the updated drop-off points.

Drop off 1: Worman's Mill, Walkersville, Woodsboro Area:
Kay (3015 Palatine Drive, Frederick)

Drop off 2: Frederick City Area: Danita (1600 Bolton Street, Frederick)

Drop off 3: Southern Frederick County Area: Pat (1749 Mt. Ephraim Road, Adamstown) **NOTE:** Need to arrange date/time for pick-up

DROP OFF DEADLINE: No later than October 1

In mid-September I will ask Danita to send a guild email with the drop off the final points/addresses/contact information and any other notations you feel is appropriate for your drop-off point. I will also submit the same thing for the October newsletter. Would you please let me know if you feel we need a 4th drop-off point and offer a suggestion as to whose house **no later than September 15?**



IN PROCESS OR COMPLETED:

- We have gift bags thanks to Francis Shearer.
- Sandy Dunning will prepare a slide show presentation of donated quilts for our October meeting.



COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)

- Ken Walker will prepare the gift tags. I have attached a draft of what we are proposing. It is intentionally generic so we can reuse the design.
- Marcia emailed the Executive Director Sheri to see if she could participate in our virtual October meeting to acknowledge receipt of our quilts and she said, and I quote, "I wouldn't miss it!" She will also give an update on the organization during COVID19.
- Each drop off point will be given a supply of bags, gift cards and ribbon, we are asking each drop off point's guild member to wrap what is donated.
- Marcia and I will collect quilts from the drop off points and deliver them to COIPP.
- And, thank you to Marcia, who is now working on cutting out the gift tags.



We are asking members (if they can) to take pictures of their quilt and send it via email to Sandy Dunning at sdunning0117@gmail.com. She has generously offered to take these pictures and put them into a slide show for our October meeting. By the way - Sandy informs me she can take pictures up to the day of the meeting. Won't it be fun for all of us to see these beautiful quilts together?

We would like to get a general idea of how many folks are working on this project. If you are making a quilt, plan on making a quilt, or have already completed one please contact me at 240-446-8919 or email me at: mwalkersh@comcast.net.

I think between all of us we have most, if not everything covered. If we have missed anything, please let me know. Thank you to each of you whose generous spirits always embrace our Community Services project.

Kay Rice and Marcia Walker, Co-chairs
2020 Community Service Project
Children of Incarcerated Parents in Partnership



MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to Helen Wasserman for renewing her membership. We have 25 people who have not renewed their memberships. I will be contacting them shortly on their status.
Hope everyone is getting a lot of projects completed.

Darlene Morris, Chair





BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Hello Quilters! This month's block is called Pier 44 and is located on pages 65-67 in the Sundays Best Quilts book. It is comprised of 4 separate blocks and is paper pieced. The breakdown for each of the smaller blocks is as follows:
 From prints cut 4 - 2" x 4", 4 - 2" x 5", 4 - 2" x 6", and 4 - 2-1/2" x 4" pieces.
 From the background fabric cut 4 - 2" x 3", 4 - 2" x 4", and 4 - 2" x 5" pieces.
 Only one more month of blocks. If you have any questions, just give me a call or email. Enjoy!!



Kathy Shankle, Chair



September 23 Cynthia Gaughan
 September 23 Karen Smith

HOSPITALITY: Geraldine Wilkins, who was a scheduled speaker until COVID hit, donated door prizes this month. We'll get her back at a future date. Winners were:

- Kathy Cramer - A bag with thread and quilt coupon file
- Kathy Shankle - A bag slip cover, Dr. Bob DVD, and craft paper fabric kit
- Brenda Barnhardt - 3 batik fabric packs
- Becky Lyon - Batting grab bag
- Cindy Shugars - Batting grab bag

Barbara Scuderi, Chair

Show & Tell - Danita Frisby finished a sampler from the El Dorado Quilt Guild with traditional blocks. Middle, her block of the month quilt getting hand quilted. Right, Nancy Woods has been working on repairing a quilt for a friend that's partially deteriorated. She's hand appliqueing replacement squares and will redo the binding. She



thanked everyone for their cards and fabric squares when her husband was ill.

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Show & Tell (Continued) – At right, Joan Watkins made a baby quilt from lots of 6" scraps. Beside that, is a small memory quilt for her niece who miscarried from a panel left over from another quilt. The baby's 2 year old sister is shown with a toy bear gift. Middle, Nancy Speck has completed 16 scrub caps for the hospital.



Bottom right, Olga Schrichte, who was absent from the meeting, says "My Moroccan Vibe Quilt came from the book *One Wonderful Curve, 12 Contemporary Quilts*. It was made using the Quick Curve Ruler to create shapes reminiscent of the curved domes that can be found on

buildings in the Middle East. The quilting patterns were custom-designed by Nancy Haacke of Wasatch Quilting. I elected to add a border to the quilt and I used a faux-piped binding to frame it."



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Show & Tell (Continued) – Sandy Dunning belongs to a Yorkie fan Facebook group and made a couple of Yorkie themed pillows for an online friend and one for her own Yorkie, Lily. At right, Stella Penalver completed a wall hanging from a Kokopelli kit from Sedona that her husband admired. It's 18" x 24". Bottom left, Frances Shearer showed a quilt made from a kit that she bought in Padukah that was designed by Eleanor Burns. However, it was a friend who made it and returned it to Frances for quilting and binding. Frances is using Sparrow Quilting in Canada to do the quilting.



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	3	CSQG Board of Directors Virtual Meeting @ 7pm	
September	10	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Meg Cox - International Quilt Museum Presentation	www.megcox.com
October	8	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Guild Challenge Awards and COIPP Community Service Presentation	
November	12	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Karen Fricke "Beads, Buckles and Buttons"	www.karenfrickequilts.com
December	5-27	Delaplaine Center Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Quilt Exhibit	
December	10	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Diane Harris - "Jingle Bells" Trunk show	stashbandit.net

For more information, go to www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/programs

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