



## President's Notes



If October ghosts, goblins, and walking dead were the only things we had to worry about we would be grateful. If nothing else, this virus makes us appreciate the small things we can be joyful about. It was so nice to see so many faces on our September Zoom meeting, and our speaker, Meg Cox, gave us an interesting and inspiring talk. I was particularly inspired by one of the quilts she showed — a Tile Quilt — and that's going to be my next project!

We have lots of excitement coming up: challenge quilts and Community Service projects will be highlighted in our next meeting, and speakers are scheduled for November and December. Keep sewing and I hope to see you soon, even if it's virtual.

Danita Frisby

## October 2020 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2020, 7:00 pm**  
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Meetings:**  
 Second Thursday of the Month  
 (unless otherwise noted)  
 7 pm Guild Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2020

The meeting began at 7pm. The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Sandy Dunning. Twenty-five members participated.

We started with a presentation by Meg Cox about the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. Meg discussed a lot of interesting quilt history and showed a slide show of beautiful quilts collected by museum founder Robert James. Recently renamed Quilt House, it houses more than 7,500 quilts, including international quilts and a collection of abstract art quilts. Meg provided a door prize of various museum items, which was won by Celeste Schley.

The business meeting began at 8:15.

Minutes of the August 13 meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**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, 2020	\$646.39
Checking account balance July 31, 2020	\$11,770.30

**Committee Reports**

Sunshine – Fran Scher advised that Frances Shearer has had back surgery and is recovering in a rehab center in Rockville.

Challenge – Chair Brenda Barnhardt requested that pictures of completed quilts be sent to Sandy Dunning who will set them up for viewing via Zoom at the October meeting. The participants will vote and then the pictures will be cycled through for quilters to discuss. Challenge quilts can then be submitted for inclusion in the Delaplaine Exhibit. By a show of hands it looks like there are 7 definite submissions, 6 maybes, and 8 indicating that they would not submit challenge quilts.

Community Service – Marcia Walker reported that she will email instructions for handling the quilts being made for COIP (Children of Incarcerated Parents), including information about where to take the quilts. Drop off should be by October 1. She and Kay Rice will tag the quilts and deliver to COIP, whose representatives will handle the distribution to families.

Delaplaine Exhibit - Joan Watkins advised that quilt entries for the exhibit can be about trees (per the Challenge subject) or can be other subjects. Quilts must not have been previously displayed at the Delaplaine. The registration form is in the Members section of our website. Entries must include a picture of the quilt.

Newsletter – Brenda Barnhardt requested articles for the newsletter and also asked participants to send her pictures of quilts shown in Show and Tell this meeting.

Block of the Month - Kathy Shankle indicated that there are three more blocks in this program.

Programs – Fran Scher advised that the program for November is Karen Fricky, speaking on Beads, Buckles and Buttons. In December there will be virtual presentation by Diane Harris. Subject matter – “Jingle Bells.”

**General Matters**

Face masks are needed by Catocin Furnace. Kits are available at Grove Stadium.

Based on a Zoom poll, it was determined that during this time of virtual meetings and no pre-meeting gathering opportunity, guild meetings will continue to begin at 7:00 pm.

There was Show and Tell, and the door prize (8 Calypso fabric line fat quarters) was won by Nancy Speck.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck  
Secretary



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2020

**Board Members Present** – Note: Due to limitations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a virtual meeting. The following Board members attended via Zoom: Brenda Barnhardt, Sandy Dunning, Danita Frisby, Darlene Morris, Kay Rice, Fran Scher, Kathy Shankle, Karen Smith, Nancy Speck, and Joan Watkins.

Minutes of the meeting on June 4 were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income as of 8/31/20	\$1,825.00
Expenses as 8/31/20	\$1,178.61
Net Income as of 8/31/20	\$646.39
Bank Balance as of 8/31/20	\$11,770.30

The next Board meeting is in November and is the budget meeting. Robin will send budget status information to all committee chairs prior to the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Hospitality** – Barbara Scuderi sent a report that she has plenty of door prizes that she was able to acquire when a local quilt shop closed.

**Membership** – Darlene Morris reported that she has mailed renewal notices to everyone who did not renew. She received 5 renewals, 5 nonrenewal responses, and expects more responses.

**Community Service** – Co-Chair Kay Rice indicated that quilts for COIP are due for presentation at the October meeting. There are several drop off places: Kay Rice in Worman’s Mill, Danita Frisby in the city, Pat James in the lower county, and Fran Scher in the western area of the county. Kay will send out a reminder of this information. She has coordinated with Sherry Scher from COIP and representatives of the group will participate in the meeting. Kay and Marcia Walker will get cards and ribbons to each drop off point and Marcia will take the quilts to COIP. They will ask members to have pictures taken of them and the quilt, and send to Sandy to be included in the virtual Show and Tell.

**Challenge** – Brenda Barnhardt asked that pictures of Challenge quilts be sent to Sandy, who will set them up to be shown, and will create a Zoom tally. Each person participating in the meeting will be able to vote for one quilt and results will be available right away. Then the quilts will be shown again and each maker can talk about their quilt. Sandy can accept pictures any time up to early morning of the meeting day.

**Delaplaine Exhibit** - Joan Watkins reminded that each entry needs a sleeve. Challenge tree quilts will be included in the exhibit but other entries are also acceptable. There is no limit on entries but what is exhibited will depend upon space. The entry deadline is the date of the meeting, October 8. Entry submissions need to include a photo.

**Programs** – The speaker for the September meeting is Meg Cox. Also, a speaker is planned for December with a holiday theme – Jingle Bells.

**Future meeting information**

Sandy Dunning will be the host for future virtual meetings using her personal Zoom account. She suggested that Zoom has fixed its security issues, reconfiguring the system so that participants must be admitted to the meeting by the host. Sandy says that once everyone is admitted the meeting will be locked. Casual interlopers will not be able to get into a meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Speck, Secretary





## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello Fellow Quilting Enthusiasts!

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off their quilts or has let me know when you will have it ready. We are certainly moving closer to our goal ... thank you so much.

**October 1** is the COIPP deadline for dropping off your quilt. If you need a little extra time to finish your quilt, please contact Kay Rice @ [ricecrispy1@comcast.net](mailto:ricecrispy1@comcast.net). It would help me a deal, if you each would measure the quilts you are dropping off and attach the measurement to the quilt. My plan is to put the measurements on the back of the gift card so COIPP has a better idea of which child it is suited for.

Here is an encouraging snapshot as of 9/30 of our progress as we move closer to our goal of collecting 40 quilts.

**COIPP Quilt Goal:** 40 quilts

**Quilts collected or in progress as of September 30:** **37**

**Needed to reach our goal:** **3**

Please join us at our October 8 virtual guild meeting. We will have as our guest speaker, Shari Scher, Executive Director of Children of Incarcerated Parents in Partnership (COIPP). In addition, we will have a virtual showing of our COIPP quilts. Please send a photograph of your quilt donation(s), preferably including yourself in the picture. Many thanks to Sandy Dunning for preparing our slideshow.

Thank you for continuing to help us reach our goal.

Kay Rice and Marcia Walker, Co-Chairs of 2020 Community Service - COIPP

Shown below are Shari reading a children's book to kids and an outing with families enjoying a day of bowling.



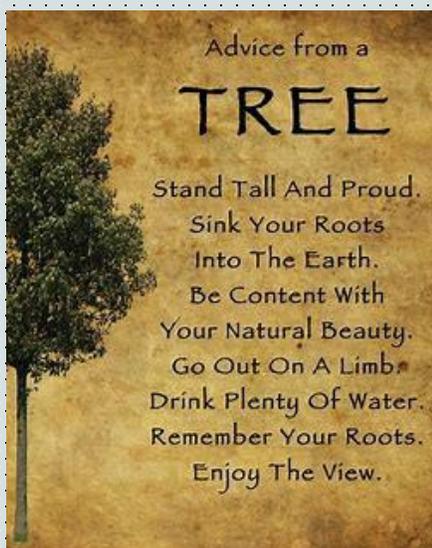


## 2020 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

### TREE(S)

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

ENTRIES MUST BE  
EMAILED TO  
SANDY  
DUNNING  
BEFORE THE  
OCTOBER 8 GUILD  
MEETING TO BE  
INCLUDED



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!!!**



## December 2020 Quilt Exhibit at The Delaplaine Arts Center

Our theme is based on this year's challenge--Trees. Quilts of any subject may be entered—they do not have to be trees!

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, Helen and Brenda on this committee!

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

Timeline:

Now: Enter your quilt! [https://prometings.formstack.com/forms/csqq\\_quilt\\_regisitation](https://prometings.formstack.com/forms/csqq_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.



**HOSPITALITY:** We had 25 members attending our September guild meeting (via Zoom). Nancy Speck won the door prize. It was eight fat quarters from Calypso fabric line donated by Web Fabrics.

Celeste Schley won the door prize. The prize was kindly supplied by our speaker, Meg Cox, and the International Quilt Museum. Here is what Celeste said:

*"I just want to tell you that the door prize arrived on Saturday. The gift paper is too pretty to use. The museum bag is large and I have just loaded it with parts of a project and I am sure I will enjoy reading the nice book about the museum."*

Congrats again, Celeste!

Barbara Scuderi, Chair



### From the Program Committee:

I heard from a couple who enjoyed the Meg Cox program. I was able to visit the International Quilt Museum a number of years ago and hope you have a chance.

October is challenge time. I hope you are further along than I am. I have all my supplies in a stack but didn't get it finished before surgery. A ruler I needed took 10 days to get to Frederick. I don't think I will be able meet the deadline.

The November speaker will be Karen Fickle from Rockville, MD. Her program will be "Beads, Buckles, and Buttons."

Diane Harris, from Bladen, NE, will be presenting our December program, "Jiggle Bells." Diane is known as the "Stash Bandit." If you are like me, I need help using my scraps.

Hope to see you in Zoom!!

Frances Shearer, Chair

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR ZOOM MEETING HOST...

9/23/20

Good Morning, Quilters,

What a perfectly glorious day we have today! I hope you have something planned today that you enjoy. I am hoping to sew a bit when I get home from Sykesville. Right now I am listening to my grandson's second grade teacher explain expository text. I'm guessing that their independent work will be related to this concept. Lucky me!!!

If you have not sent me a picture of your Community Quilt and/or Challenge Quilt, please do so whenever you get it finished. Depending on how many we have of each, it will take me awhile to put together the slide show.

The ones I have received so far are lovely!

You may send your photos to: [sdunning0117@gmail.com](mailto:sdunning0117@gmail.com).

Enjoy this beautiful day and happy sewing!

Sandy Dunning  
978-806-7894





## Follow These Links to More International Quilt Museum Treasures

Thank you, Clustered Spires Quilt Guild!

I want to share a couple of items and links after my talk about the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Here is a link to sign up for the Quilt of the Month newsletter: <https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/newsletter-subscription>

Here is a link to the archive of past Quilts of the Month: <https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/about/quilt-month>

In case you wanted to see all of the video about the Ken Burns exhibition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiMeCgaVF3o>

And here is an additional video in which Ken Burns talks about his quilts: It is only about 10 minutes long and takes you from the barn/office space where he keeps his quilts through the delivery of the quilts to the museum, and their process in designing and constructing the exhibition. So a super great way to see behind the scenes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdIRU5B3YsM>

Finally, last year the PBS show Craft in America did a full hour episode on quilts and filmed a good part of it at the IQM, so that is another cool way to go behind the scenes. The whole episode is brilliant, so I highly recommended this if you've not watched it. This is certainly more proof that IQM is the acknowledged leader when it comes to what matters in quilts. <https://www.pbssocal.org/programs/craft-in-america/quilts-episode-yhkwcj/>

The last thing I want to say is I hoped you enjoy getting to know about Quilt House, and I hope you'll feel at home there whether your visit is virtual or in-person!

If you have any follow-up questions, drop me a note at [meg@megcox.com](mailto:meg@megcox.com). And if you want to subscribe to my free monthly newsletter Quilt Journalist Tells All, you can do that on the home page of my website, [www.megcox.com](http://www.megcox.com), where you can read a recent issue.

Thanks,  
Meg Cox

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ten members renewed their membership. Thank you's go to: Gale Vernon, Linda McNey, Dot White, Julie Howell, Teresa Killar, Helen Wasserman, Olga Schrichte, Eleanor Weitzel, Kathleen Phillips and Nancy Woods.

Julie Howell's new email is [julieanna.howell@gmail.com](mailto:julieanna.howell@gmail.com).

Darlene Morris, Chair





BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Hello ladies, The block for this month is called Dayflower and begins on page 71. All pieces are 2-1/2" wide. The breakdown is:

- Color 1, cut 2 2-1/2 " and 2 6-1/2" pieces.
- Color 2 is 2 6-1/2" and 2 10-1/2 " pieces.
- Color 3 is 2 10-1/2" and 2 14-1/2" pieces.
- Color 4 is 2 14 1/2"pieces and 2 18-1/2" pieces.
- Cut 29 20-1/2" squares.

This is an easy block so have fun with it! If you need help, just email me. Two more to go and we are done.



Kathy Shankle, Chair

SUNSHINE NEWS

Dear Members,

Frances Shearer is recovering from her back surgery at Shady Grove Rehabilitation Center in Rockville, MD. Let's send her cards and 5-inch squares of floral fabric to brighten her days.

Her contact information is below:  
Shady Grove Rehabilitation Center  
9701 Medical Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Her email address is: [franceshearer1092@gmail.com](mailto:franceshearer1092@gmail.com).

Please note, no flowers are allowed. Also, right now even though two visitors are allowed at a time, Frances is allowing only her daughter to visit her due to Covid-19. The facility has been virus-free and she wants to help keep it that way.

If you know of anyone who could use a little sunshine, please let me know.

Thank you very kindly for being part of this creative, caring community.

Olga Schrichte, Chair



September's virtual guild meeting featured a presentation by Meg Cox of the Nebraska International Quilt Museum, recently renamed to "Quilt House" that was created by Ardis and Robert James.



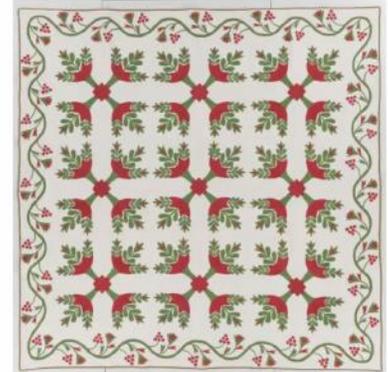
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Unknown maker 1876



Unknown maker (Marie Webster pattern)

Unknown maker



Unknown maker



Unknown maker



Maker unknown. Possibly UK. 1820-40



Michael James Aurora, 1978



The Reconciliation Quilt

\$264,000

Nancy Crow November Study #1, 1980



At left is a post civil war quilt that is the highest cost quilt that the museum has purchased. The museum owns over 7,500 quilts.

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Meg Cox's presentation (Continued)...

Timeline: Important Dates

Pauline Burbidge Spirals 1, 1985



- \* 1997: Robert & Ardis James donate 950 quilts. Study Center starts in the Home Ec department of UNL
- \* 2008: Opening of Robert A.M. Stern building, 2,300 quilts
- \* 2015: Expansion done: double the gallery & storage space
- \* 2019: Name change: International Quilt Museum

- IQM Re-opens August 4, 2020
- More than 7,500 quilts

The Button Quilt, Mary Elizabeth Shelby



"Modern Flower Garden, 1935. State and national history converge in 13,500 hexagons.



The quilt at left is made solely from hexagons. Above, the quilt is made entirely of buttons. Below left, this is "3 Sisters" made by Hiroko Nakayama of Japan.

Some quilts are donated by makers.

Shift 1 by Liz Axford



Ralli quilt from Pakistan



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Meg Cox's presentation (Continued)...

Geeta Khandelwal: quilter, collector, author

Quilt maker Premaben Maheshwari Dangera



Sacred Scraps: Bridal Palanquin Cover "Uncovered: the Ken Burns Collection," 2018

Sacred Scraps, 2017



From the Annette Gero collection



War and Pieced, 2018 Soldiers' Quilts

The quilt at bottom left was pieced from soldiers' uniforms.

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Velda Newmans quilt takes up a lot of space!





Meg Cox's presentation Continued)... Left and right, crazy quilts. See link below for more.



Amanda Hostetler, 1982

the Burdick Family quilt



Infinite Variety



Nine Patch, circa 1880-1900



Above left, the 2011 Infinite Exhibition of 651 quilts

NEW: guild portal on the website @InternationalQuiltMuseum.org/guilds





October Birthdays



- |               |                          |                  |
|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 3 Becky Lyon  | 9 Margaret (Peggy) Haser | 25 Linda Beavers |
| 4 Susan Gnatt | 15 Bernice Huff          | 30 Julie Howell  |

Show & Tell - Barbara Scuderi finished her Cheryl Lynch mini mosaic project from a workshop in November of 2019. Also, a flannel lap quilt for COIP. Right, Fran Scher made a modern lap quilt for COIP.



Below, Danita Frisby's three quilts: Left, a monkey print lap quilt for COIP. Middle, she says "It's called "Bee Sweet" and is English paper pieced and needle turn appliqué with embroidery. Machine quilted on home machine." And at right, her completed CSQG block of the month sampler quilt.

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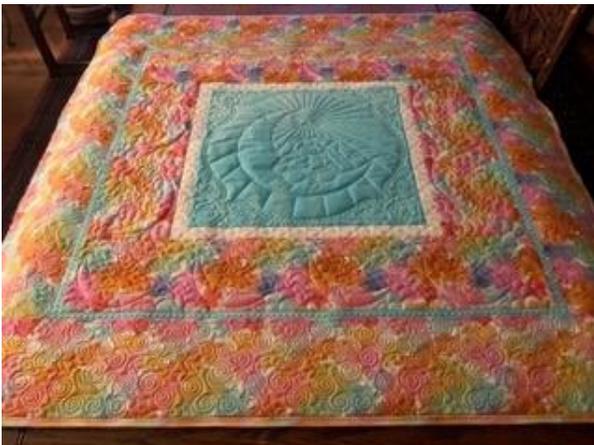
Show & Tell (Continued) - Below left and close up in the middle is a quilt made by Dot White with a winter themed print that was finished for her youngest daughter. At right, Janis Trepper models two COIP quilts she made.



Above are three shots of a quilt Olga Schrichte made for a friend in South Africa dealing with cancer. The top was inspired by the Oriental fabric, and a close up of the border with faux piping and backing. It's from the "Picture This" pattern from the Happy Hour book by Atkinson Designs. At

bottom and right backing photo, the quilting includes a teddy bear, and cows jumping over the moon in the middle border. The backing is Moda's "fireside" plush fabric. Made for a friend.

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# THE COMMON THREAD

Show & Tell (Continued) - Linda McNey has been productive during the quarantine using some of her fabric stash and finishing older projects. Below is a saddle bag made for a friend's husband's walker who's dealing with cancer. The red fabric is the lining. To the right, is a stack of placemats for gifts and her own use. She considers them her own "personal therapy." Middle left, are an iron caddy, pin cushion caddy (what a great idea), 2 tool caddies, 2 project bags and an arm rest for hand sewing. To its right is her completed Cheryl Lynch mini Mosaic from November's workshop at the guild. Bottom left, is a 9-patch quilt made from Moda's "Grunge" tone-on-tone fabric line for a friend's husband who is going through chemo. It's backed with flannel for warmth.

Bottom right, is a Mary Poppins Bag made by Nancy Pedersen.



One more Show & Tell on Page 17!





Show & Tell (Continued) - And our final quilt at right was made by Peggy Haser for the Children of Incarcerated Parents Community Service project. It's hand appliqued.



Submitted by Jacque Janss



## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	8	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Guild Challenge Awards and COIPP Community Service Presentation	
October	8-12	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop - <b>Cancelled COVID-19</b>	<a href="http://www.quiltersquest.org">www.quiltersquest.org</a>
November	12	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Karen Fricke "Beads, Buckles and Buttons"	<a href="http://www.karenfrickequilts.com">www.karenfrickequilts.com</a>
December	5-27	Delaplaine Center Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Quilt Exhibit	
December	10	CSQG Virtual Meeting - Diane Harris - "Jingle Bells" Trunk show	<a href="http://stashbandit.net">stashbandit.net</a>

**For more information, go to [www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/programs](http://www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/programs)**

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