



President's Notes



It's the holiday season! And, boy, do we need it - all the good cheer, peace on earth, and holly jol-lies we can manage to spread around! I'll start by wishing you all health, joy, and happy quilting now and for the coming year. Be sure to join us for our December virtual meeting with extra social time starting at 6:30. Here's hoping that we'll be able to actually meet again soon. Until then, we'll continue to meet virtually and experience wonderful programs presented by our dedicated Program Committee and to enjoy each other's beautiful work through virtual Show and Tell. Don't forget to check out our quilt show hanging at the Delaplaine or through their online listing.

Danita Frisby

December 2020 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, December 10, 2020

Meetings:
Second Thursday of the Month
(unless otherwise noted)
6:30 pm Guild Virtual Zoom Meeting

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NOTE: Articles for the newsletter are due on the 25th of each month. Send to Brenda Barnhardt at brenz2catz@gmail.com. Thank you.



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Clustered Spire Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020

The meeting began at 7:05pm. The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Sandy Dunning. Twenty-three members participated, with speaker Karen Fricke the only visitor.

We started with Karen Fricke’s presentation of her program entitled “Beads, Buckles and Buttons.” She provided a fun discussion of why and how to embellish a quilt using buttons, threads and various items. Her talk included demonstration of several techniques as well as display of some of her own spectacular quilts.

Business Meeting

The business meeting began at 8 pm.

Minutes of the October 8 meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer’s report

Income as of September 30, 2020	\$2,363.00
Expenses as of September 30, 2020	\$2,484.13
Net Income as of September 30, 2020	\$(121.13)
Checking account balance September 30, 2020	\$11,002.78

Committees

Programs – Diane Harris will present a holiday trunk show at the December meeting entitled “Jingle Bells.” Fran Scher will be taking over as Chair of the Program Committee from Frances Shearer who is, however, staying on the committee. More members are needed as there are currently only 5 on the committee. It was agreed that starting in December we will go back to a 6:30 start time for a socializing opportunity, possibly in smaller chat rooms. Since a member trunk show is a little harder in a virtual format, the January meeting will consist of member presentations of tips and comments with discussion. The 2021 programs are set and will be revealed at the January meeting. The committee is about to start on 2022.

Community Service – Kay Rice reported that Karen Smith and Marty Simmons are joining the committee and they have been brainstorming on-line. Ideas will be in the newsletter and the committee would like comments. The plan is to have a decision by January 22 in advance of the February newsletter.

Delaplaine Show – Danita reminded everyone that quilts need to have sleeves (4” for bigger quilts). Volunteers are needed to help hang the show on December 1 starting at 10 am. Quilts can be brought to the Delaplaine on the 1st or placed in a box on Danita’s porch during Thanksgiving week. Joan Watkins advised that all quilts that were submitted will be in the show. She also reminded members of the virtual Artists’ Talk at the Delaplaine on December 5 at 2 pm. Volunteers are needed.

President’s Report – A Chair is needed for the Banquet Committee for 2021. There will be a Board meeting set up on Zoom next Thursday, November 19 at 7pm. This meeting will focus on important budget matters, given the issues presented by the COVID-19 limitations on sales venues this year.

Sunshine – Olga Schricte advised of the need for support for Karen Smith upon the death of her mother.

Quilt Construction - Nancy Speck showed several log cabin blocks she has made for a quilt that she will donate to the guild for an Opportunity quilt.

There was Show and Tell. The door prize (a book called “Urbanologie” by Sew Kind of Wonderful) was won by Linda McNey.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 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, Linda Beavers, Sandy Dunning, Danita Frisby, Darlene Morris, Mary Pauley, Kay Rice, Fran Scher, Barbara Scuderi, Frances Shearer, Marty Simmons, Karen Smith, Nancy Speck, and Joan Watkins. Treasurer, Robin Rippeon, participated by phone.

Budget

There were a few general items beginning the budget discussion. It was noted that for the remainder of this and next year – at least until September - we would likely be virtual meetings and that would impact the finances for the remainder of 2020. As to next year, Nancy indicated that she is working on an Opportunity Quilt that will incur no quilt material costs, but will need quilting next year.

There was also discussion of the issues arising from the difficulty in recruiting Chairs for the Quilt Marketing and Fundraising Committees. We need to do these activities if we want to have programs. There was agreement that guild members need to be willing to support these endeavors in order to have programs. This is a serious concern.

Having virtual marketing or fundraising events was discussed, with the possibility of opening a PayPal account. Sandy Dunning and Fran Scher will look into PayPal as an option.

It was decided to proceed with doing a budget that would assume some income from donations and new members, and also taking into account the existing solid bank account. The budget will be revisited in March to evaluate the circumstances at the time (including COVID and the possibility of 2021 sales venue availability). The Program Committee will hold off on any contracts for 2022 until the financial status is reviewed at that time.

After a line-by-line review, a proposed budget was adopted for publication in the December newsletter and presentation to the guild at the January meeting. (See page 4 for the proposal.)

General

Pending presentation and adoption of the 2021 budget, President Danita Frisby will work to recruit chairs for Quilt Marketing and Fundraising and will do a general solicitation of donations from the membership.

There was a discussion about the security of our website, if we are going to undertake on-line sales/solicitations. Fran Scher suggested that additional security can be expensive; she will follow up with GoDaddy about this. The PayPal process has its own security system.

Program Chair Fran Scher reminded the group that we will be starting meetings at 6:30 beginning with the December meeting.

The Board supported a presentation by Kay Rice that Karen Smith is writing an article for Country Woman, a magazine that is looking to present articles about quilt guilds that do community service.

Marty Simmons suggested that there are all kinds of virtual opportunities, including other guild's programs and she would make a list to let us know what was available.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Speck, Secretary





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild		
Proposed Budget for 2021-2022		
	Proposed	Current Year
	12 month Budget	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2021 -	2/1/2020-
	1/31/2022	1/31/2021
Income		
Membership Dues-50 members @ \$30	1,500.00	1,500.00
2021 Opportunity Quilt Income	1,500.00	
2020 Opportunity Quilt Income		3,000.00
Merchandise Sales	500.00	
Fundraiser Income-Note Card Sales	50.00	200.00
Fundraiser Income-Monthly Drawing Basket Income	0.00	100.00
Fundraiser Income-Last Chance Stash Income	250.00	600.00
Donations Income	500.00	500.00
Workshop Fees Income	850.00	1,350.00
Total Income	5,150.00	7,250.00
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Workshop Teacher Fee	850.00	1,350.00
Workshop Room Rental	200.00	200.00
Workshop Fees/Supplies/Misc. Exp.	25.00	80.00
Speaker Fees	2,200.00	2,075.00
Speaker Mileage	389.00	630.00
Speaker/Workshop Lodging/Meals	410.00	750.00
Total Program Expenses	4,074.00	5,085.00
General Expenses		
2021 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit	600.00	
2020 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit		1,000.00
Membership	70.00	30.00
Square Reader Fees	0.00	25.00
Meeting Room Rental-55 members @ \$5 +\$125	400.00	400.00
Hospitality	100.00	100.00



Clustering Spires Quilt Guild		
Proposed Budget for 2021-2022		
Continued	Proposed	Current Year
	12 month Budget	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2021 -	2/1/2020-
	1/31/2022	1/31/2021
Sunshine	26.00	46.00
Refreshments	50.00	75.00
2021 Holiday Banquet	300.00	
2020 Holiday Banquet		300.00
Supplies / Printing / Postage	20.00	20.00
Insurance Policy	205.00	205.00
Publicity	100.00	100.00
WebSite Hosting-Paid up until Oct 2023 (was renewed Oct 2020 for 3 years)	0.00	144.00
Website Domain renews 10/10/21 for 2 years	62.00	
Website Email renewed 10/29/20 for 1 year	80.00	60.00
Guild Challenge-gift card prizes	175.00	150.00
Community Service	300.00	300.00
Total Expenses	6,562.00	8,040.00
Net Income (Loss)	(1,412.00)	(790.00)

From the Program Committee:



December Program--December 10, 2020 "Jingle Bells"

Diane Harris, of Bladen, Nebraska, will present a holiday-themed trunk show via Zoom. Diane has been quilting for over 30 years. She was an editor for Quiltmaker magazine where she wrote patterns, product reviews and how-to articles. Her quilt designs can still be seen regularly in the pages of Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting and Quick Quilts.



Starting in December, please join us early (at 6:30 pm) for social time via the same Zoom link as our monthly meeting.

We want to remind everyone that we'd love to see holiday-themed show and tell items... they do not have to be recently made and can be made by someone else. Also, if members are making holiday gifts and shipping them, please take a photo before you ship and share with us!

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Program Committee (Continued):

In lieu of a member trunk show in January, we are looking for about 10 volunteers to present a tip, trick, or tool to the group via Zoom at our meeting. Did you learn something from a workshop that you'd like to show us? Or perhaps you found a new quilting website that you'd like to tell us about. To participate, you will send a photo to Sandy Dunning for her to show on screen, or you can show us "live" from your device camera. Please email Fran at fran.scher@gmail.com if you would like to participate! Thanks in advance!

Fran Scher, Chair

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild donates quilts



46 quilts made by their membership to the Children of Incarcerated Parents in Partnership (COIPP). Shari Scher, left, the executive director of COIPP, received the delivery of the quilts from the CSQG Charitable Committee co-chairs Kay Rice, center, and Marcia Walker, right.

Courtesy photo

The Clustered Spires Quilt Guild (CSQG), which up until the pandemic met monthly at the Delaplaine Center in Frederick, held a virtual quilt guild meeting on Oct. 8 and officially presented

COMMUNITY SERVICE

First, we would like to welcome to our committee, Karen Smith and Marty Simmons. Karen and Marty welcome to our little corner of the guild!

If we said, "this has been a year to remember"... that would certainly be the understatement of all time. As we move forward with selecting a 2021 Community Service Partner, we are in an abundance of caution, opting for the COVID version of brainstorming which we have dubbed "E-Storming." With that in mind, see two documents on Page 7. Which means, we are still in the midst of selecting a 2021 Community Service Partner. Have an idea? Reach to a member of the Community Service Committee to let us know. Please review the documents and have your responses to Kay no later than January 15, 2021. The goal is to have a 2021 Community Partnership selected no later than January 22 so it can be included in the February newsletter.



Kay Rice and Marcia Walker
2020 Community Service Co-Chairs

The Community Services Committee: Brenda Barnhardt, Danita Frisby, Pat James, Kay Rice, Fran Scher, Barbara Scuderi, Marty Simmons, Karen Smith, Kathy Shankle, Marcia Walker



COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)



Clusters Spires Quilt Guild E-STORMING

2021 Community Service Partnership

In one way or another in 2020 we have bounced around 2021 partnerships ideas which form the list below. BIG however ... however, each of you are encouraged to make additional suggestion(s).

Whether your 2021 Community Partnership suggestion is new, or from the list below, each of you are invited to select an agency and prepare the background information to share with the committee. Ideally, we will have multiple members gathering background information for various, different agencies for us to consider.

Since we do not want to have multiple folks calling the same agency, please let Kay know by return email what new ideas you have or have selected from the list which you will provide the background information on.

Due Date: 2021 suggestions and background information is due to Kay no later than January 15

Whether your suggestion is "new" or listed please:

1. Make the initial contact with the agency to see if they are interested.
2. Prepare a short overview of the potential *Community Service Partner*, i.e. what type of service they provide, items needed, i.e. comfort quilt, etc. as well as, a target number of items needed.

2021 Community Services Potential Partners

1. [Picture your idea here!](#)
2. Community Living of Frederick
3. VA Hospital
4. Faith House
5. Hospice Camp Jaime
6. Student Homelessness Initiative Program (SHIP)
7. Hospice Kline House
8. Teen Drug Treatment Center (Unsure if there is one in Frederick County)

CSQG Community Service History:

- 2006 [Breast Cancer Awareness/Colonial Jewelers Raffle Quilt](#)
- 2008 [Breast Cancer Awareness/Colonial Jewelers Raffle Quilt](#); Heartly House and Hope Alive Tote Bags; FMH Neonatal Wall Quilts
- 2009 [Frederick Sheriff's Department Children in Crisis Quilts](#)
- 2009 – 2010 American Red Cross – Group Wall Quilt
- 2010 [Breast Cancer Awareness/Colonial Jewelers Raffle Quilt](#)
- 2011 [Breast Cancer Awareness/Colonial Jewelers Raffle Quilt](#); [Frederick Sheriff's Department Children in Crisis Quilts](#)
- 2012 [Frederick Sheriff's Department Children in Crisis Quilts](#)
- 2013 [Breast Cancer Awareness/Colonial Jewelers Raffle Quilt](#); Meals on Wheels Placemats; Animal Welfare League of Frederick County Cat Hammocks
- 2014 Department of Social Services Pillowcases
- 2015 [Frederick Memorial Hospital Receiving Blankets](#)
- 2016 SOAR (Supporting Older Adults through Resources) Quilt
- 2017 Department of Social Services & Legal Aid of Maryland Backpacks
- 2018 [Quilts of Valor Quilt](#); Ballenger Creek Center Seniors' Lap Quilts
- 2019 [Quilts of Valor Quilt](#); [James M. Stockman Cancer Center Lap Quilts](#)
- 2020 COIPP (Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership) Lap Quilts



Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

Our mission is to foster the growth of strong, resilient, hopeful children who are impacted by the incarceration of a loved one in the Frederick County region.

- P.O. Box 791, Frederick, MD. 21705-0791
- Phone: 240-578-5662

December 1, 2021

Dear Members of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP) as your group's community outreach project. Your gorgeous, hand designed quilts are stunning, and very much appreciated by the recipients of these works of art! As you are probably aware, our organization is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that works to help children who have an incarcerated loved one. Your donation helps us continue all of our present activities and allows us to grow to meet the ever changing needs of these children and their families, and is very much appreciated. Donations from organizations such as yours help make COIPP a unique and meaningful organization!

Normally, we sponsor weekend children's events, fairs at the jail for families, and parenting classes for male and female inmates. In these times of uncertainty and restrictions, we have evolved to meet the challenges of serving our families while being observant of social distancing and regulations. Families cannot visit their loved ones in jail at this time, so we have placed money on the telephone accounts so that they can talk with each other in addition to providing inmates with pre-stamped postcards to send to their children. We have continued with curbside sharing fairs, which include gift cards for families in dire need. Our founder, Shari Scher, has been reading wonderful stories to the children on-line. In conjunction with the Mental Health Association of Frederick, professionals have been offering helpful "de-stressing" tips for caregivers on-line. We are even doing respite meetings and workshops for caregivers via zoom. One of our partners, Curious Iguana Bookstore, has helped us compile sets of books to be mailed to our children. These themed packets provide a fun and exciting learning experience for our families (for instance, a packet of books about different places around the world, and a child friendly cookbook of recipes from those countries). We plan to continue in-person parenting classes when permitted, and resume workshops to assist caregivers. We continue to provide scholarships for those raising children who have an incarcerated parent. We could not do these projects and activities without you.

Many thanks. It does take a village, and we are proud that you are a part of ours.

Most Sincerely,

Shirley White

Shirley White

Corresponding Secretary

Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

For tax purposes, COIPP, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, confirms that no goods or services were received in exchange for your donation.

Thank you for your contribution!



Trees—our quilt exhibit at the Delaplaine

Opening day for the quilt exhibit is Saturday December 5. If you go to the Delaplaine you can view the quilts in person. Fortunately, the exhibit will also be shown online so you can visit and enjoy as many times as you'd like! Link for exhibits and recorded talks: <https://delaplaine.org/programs/virtual-delaplaine/>.

Danita Frisby, Brenda Barnhardt, Olga Schrichte and I will be presenting the Artist Talk at 2:00 on December 5. Webinar link for live presentation: <https://delaplaine.org/programs/programs-at-a-glance/>.

Joan Watkins, Chair



Hello, Quilters!

Wasn't Karen Fricke's lecture last month amazing? Her quilts are breathtaking! She was kind enough to send the handouts for Techniques and Sources to members via email November 14 and available on the CSQG website.

Fran Scher, Chair

SUNSHINE NEWS

Please send a little sunshine to Karen Smith. Sadly, her mother who lived in New Jersey, recently died of Covid-19. Please let Karen know that you're thinking about her at this difficult time by sending her a card and a 5-inch square of floral fabric. Karen's address is:

Karen Smith
206 Rod Circle
Middletown, MD 21769
Email: smitty2@ix.netcom.com



Thank you in advance for being part of our caring, creative community.

If you know of anyone else who needs our caring support during these difficult times, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you very kindly.

Olga Schrichte, Chair





BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Greetings Ladies! The final block in our Sundays Best Quilts series is called the Nantucket Sampler Block and ends the series on a simple note. EACH STRIP IS CUT 1 1/2 " Wide. For each colorway you need 1 - 2 1/2" center squares, 2 4 1/2", 2 6 1/2", and 2 8 1/2" pieces. From a contrast cut 2 2 1/2", 2 4 1/2", and 2 6 1/2" pieces. Follow the book instructions to complete your block. I hope you have enjoyed this series as much as I have.

Kathy Shankle, Chair



Hospitality Committee

We had 23 people attending our November meeting. Linda McVey won the door prize, a book called "Urbanologie" by Sew Kind of Wonderful.

Barbara Scuderi, Chair



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 12 Joan Cornell
- 15 Kathy Cramer
- 26 Celeste LaJoie
- 26 Madeline Wajda
- 26 Joan Watkins
- 27 Helen Wasserman
- 29 Barbara Yinger

KUDOS TO OLGA SCHRICHTE...

"I entered 2 quilts in the 2nd Virtual Quilt Show and was delighted when my quilt, "Linda's Flowers", won 1st Place in the Best Use of Appliqué in the Aspiring category and the Viewer's Choice award for Aspiring quilters. These are my first national awards. I'm over the moon!"

Thank you very kindly.

Olga Schrichte

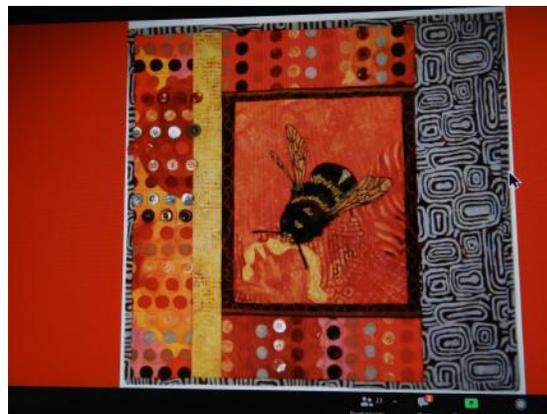
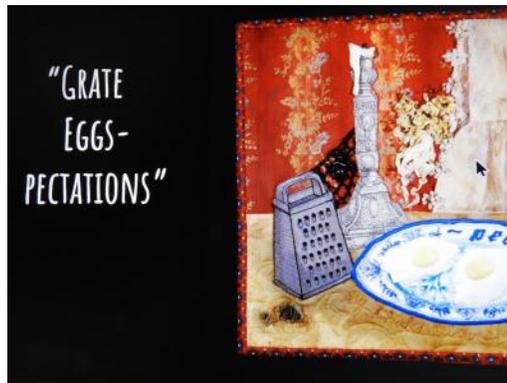


Linda's Flowers

Viewer's Choice - Aspiring & First Place in the Best Use of Applique - Aspiring Category.

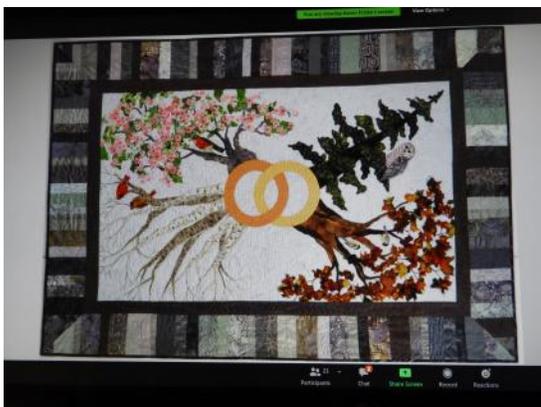


November meeting photos – Karen Fricke did a virtual lecture “Beads, Buckles & Buttons.” She showed us her buttons and beads collections. Some of the items she’s used in her work are: variegated threads, beads, buttons, zippers, crystals, tree limbs and branches, shells, bottle caps, silk ribbon, leather, decorate fiber, wood, lace and ultra suede. Here is a sampling from her slide show... “Grate Eggs-Pectations in the middle and “Following My...To My Imagination” on the right.



Above, Karen showed some of her bug series with a locust, and worker bee using buttons on the border. Below left, a Chuppah with 3- D flowers representing the four seasons. Middle, a Mezuzah decorative case to hold a Torah. Below right, a pomegranate

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November meeting photos (continued)... At left, a kaleidoscope of weevils (yes, they're real) with close up in middle. Right, beetles in a wood framework using two tree limbs 2 feet tall. Finally, a beading stitches for embellishment sampler. Check out Karen's website at



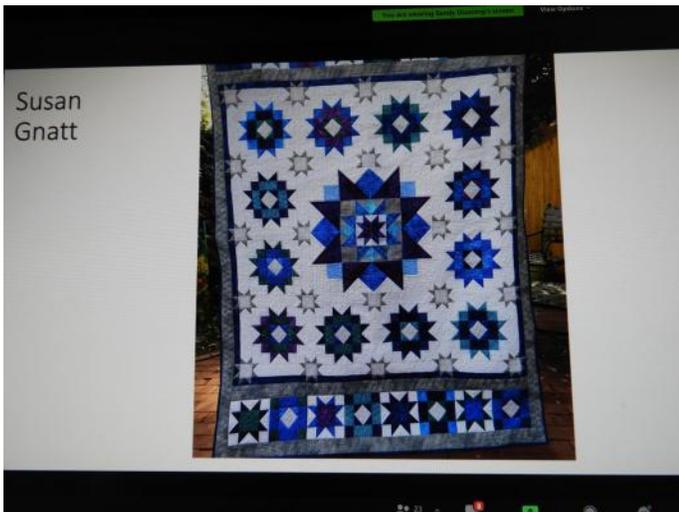
karenfrickequilts.com. She uses beading threads that don't fray.



SHOW & TELL:
Frances Shearer showed a completed quilt made from a donated hexi quilt top that her sister patched, trimmed, quilted and bound. It will be donated to a future Community Service project.

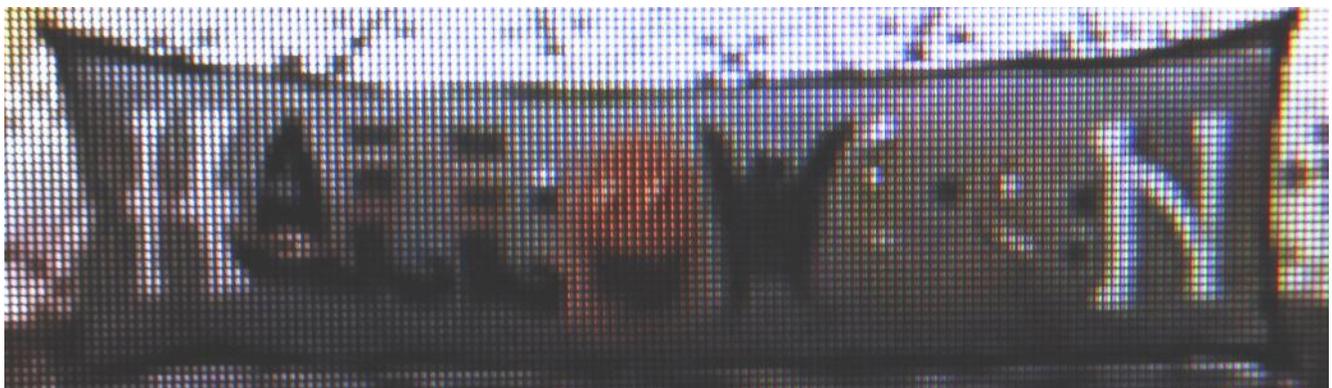
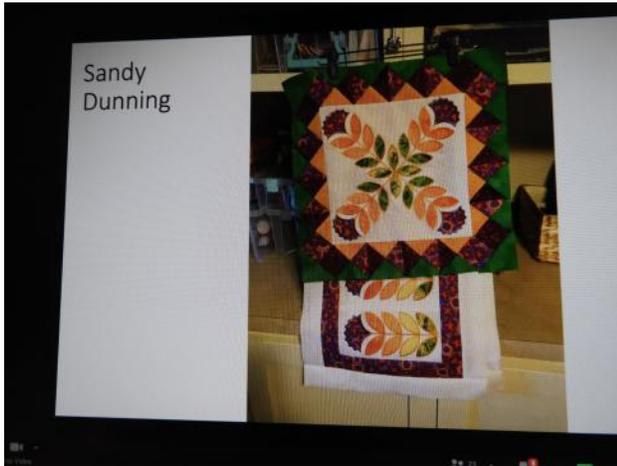


Below, Susan Gnatt finished a Missouri Star quilt kit - a 6 month block of the month project named "Star Sampler." Beside that, Sandy Dunning showed an October block of the month block with machine embroidery.





Show & Tell (Continued)... Below, Sandy's September block of the month in green, gold and purple. Beside it, Fran Scher showed a Christmas tree skirt that she got the pattern from Craftsy. Next row, Olga Schrichte showed "Linda's Flowers" featured on Page 10 and a micro stippled project she's working on in a virtual class. To its right, is a bed quilt Marie Cochran finished with her stash from a magazine pattern, and below that, a Halloween pillow she made.



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Robin Rippeon provided her Show & Tell via email. She explains “I completed my quilt called “Winter Wonderland” that I’ve been working on for a few years. The Redwork is done by hand and the piecing done by machine. The quilting was done by Winnie McCarraher.

I completed my “Spring Baltimore Album” Quilt that I took from Mimi Dietrich in a yearlong class at Patches in 2017. The quilting was done by Winnie McCarraher.

The Santa belly apron is a Christmas gift for a friend.”



The Common Thread is published monthly by the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild of Frederick, MD. Subscription to the newsletter is included in the annual membership fee. Articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 25th of each month by postal mail, e-mail or written message given at the quilt guild meeting. The newsletter is posted on the guild's website on the 1st of the month.

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