



# THE COMMON THREAD

*A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild*

## President's Notes

What happened to summer? I remember it used to be a relaxing time of year with lazy days and picnics. This year it has zoomed by with way too many activities!



September is a good time for new beginnings since traditionally school starts and new routines emerge. What do I need to begin? Let's see, I could begin working on some neglected projects. I could begin (again) cleaning up my sewing space—I think there was once a resolution to put everything away after a work session.... Oh, I really should begin the challenge!

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to our September 7 meeting and seeing you all there.

And then, there's a board meeting on September 14. All members are welcome. Committee chairs, please send a representative or email me a report if you can't make it.

Joan Watkins



September 2017 Newsletter

## A Look Ahead

### Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 7, 2017  
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

### Meetings:

First Thursday of the Month  
(unless otherwise noted )  
6:00—6:30 pm—Arrival; Learn One,  
Teach One; Social Time  
6:30 - 8:30 pm Guild meeting  
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center  
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Here's an excellent explanation of how to apply borders to a quilt. I think it's very helpful and worth reviewing.

Olga Schrichte



<https://frommycarolinahome.wordpress.com/2014/02/09/quilt-borders-tutorial-understanding-the-why/>



From the Program Committee: Mary Pauley, Sandy Dunning, Celeste Schley, Marty Simmons, Dot White, Grace Thorne, Barbara Scuderi and Francis Shearer.

We are very happy to welcome the newest member of our committee, Francis Shearer.

We received very positive feedback on our August program - The Inspirational Quilts of Gee's Bend. Thank you to all who participated. We hope you enjoyed it.

Almost Fall seems like a great time to think about making favorite sports team quilts for our favorite sports fans and students heading off to college, so we have invited Suzzie Schuyler to give a presentation and trunk show for our September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Suzzie is an award-winning quilter who published her first book - Team Spirit - in 2015. She has designed patterns to use sports (or any other) novelty prints to best suit and feature the focus fabrics. She is currently working on her second book.

Before Suzzie started writing and lecturing, she began "Sew Be It", a long arm quilting service. She will have copies of her book, specialty sports motif fabrics, and other items for sale during our meeting.

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Agenda:

- 6:00 p.m. - Social Time
- 6:30 p.m. - Business Meeting and Announcements
- 6:45 p.m. - Show and Tell
- 7:15 p.m. - Suzzie Schuyler - Presentation and Trunk Show

Note: We will be taking Suzzie out for dinner at 5:00 p.m. (restaurant TBD). If you would like to join in, please email Mary Pauley - [pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com](mailto:pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com).

We hope everyone can join us for a fun evening with Suzzie Schuyler. All your favorite activities will resume --- Show and Tell, Mini Monthly Swap Meet, Gift Certificate Raffle, Door Prize Drawing, etc., etc.

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ALSO - We plan to hang all the Circular Garden quilts from the Karen Kay Buckley workshop (April 2017). Whether yours is finished, semi-finished, or barely started... please bring your quilts to display with all the others. From what we remember --- the color combinations were beautiful, and it would be lovely to see them all displayed at once --- and perhaps send some photos to Karen.

Let's plan to display our finished improvisational quilt pieces created during the Gee's Bend Workshop for our January 2018 meeting! A bright spot to look forward to in the middle of winter.

A few members are considering resurrecting a monthly guild sit and sew group. As we all know it's so much more fun to sew together, than alone. We would limit the size to 12 people, and each would have to commit to hosting the group in their home once during the calendar year. If you would be interested in joining the group, please e-mail Mary Pauley - [pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com](mailto:pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com). Once we know who is interested, we can get consensus on the best day and time each month.

*MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Linda Smith's only phone number is her cell: 301-845-4542.*





### 2018 Opportunity Quilt Construction Update

*The Opportunity Quilt Committee is in full swing and items for our fundraising project have begun to arrive! A show-and-tell is planned for the September meeting, and we are hoping yours will be included. While sewing for holiday gifts, perhaps an extra could be made for our fund-raising efforts? Basket themes are listed below. The possibilities are endless and every item helps our guild's bottom line and increases our ability to schedule programs and teachers that you want to do/see. Many national teachers command fees that are well above our current means. Won't you consider helping us in our efforts to make this, our guild's major fundraiser, a huge success? We can't wait to see what you make!*

Here are the basket themes and coordinators:

- December Holidays - Sandy Dunning**
- Patriotic - Marty Simmons**
- Picnic/Wine - Claudia Helta and Sandy Dunning**
- Home, Garden and Pets - Brenda Barnhardt**
- Infants/Children - Grace Thorne**
- Fall - Gale Vernon**

You may bring items to any Guild meeting as you complete them and give to the basket coordinators. Please contact any of the coordinators for questions or further information.

Danita Frisby donated these two lovely quilt tops. Thank you, Danita! If anyone could help with the quilting, please let one of the committee members know.



### Refreshments volunteers for September:



Snacks – Lou Zollman and Charmaine Richman

Drinks – Nancy Speck and Joan Cornell

(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.

### Happy Birthday September Quilters!



- 1 Maridell Mason
- 23 Cynthia Gaughan



# Get Ready!!

To Show Off Your Favorite Dish  
Thursday January 4, 2018

Bring your favorite dish prepared in mini portions for tasting; include a notice detailing the ingredients.

Bring a few copies of the recipe (assuming it's not a secret!) that can be auctioned off.

Come prepared to buy tickets – 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, or 25 for \$20 (as many or as few as you want).

Plan to taste and then use your tickets to vote on what you like best – prizes in 4 categories - Appetizer, Salad, Entrée, and Dessert.

Also special Raffle prizes!



Above, Joan Cornell selling raffle tickets, and Joan Watkins showing kids how to make bookmarks the week-end of August 19th and 20th at Rose Hill Manor. We had a pretty good weekend at the World War II and antique car show with a final tally of \$198. That included sales of 105 tickets and a few donated items. Joan Cornell

A reminder of a need for ladies to take the opportunity quilt to other guilds. Contact Charmaine Richman at 301-524-8011.



For sale: 1978 Viking 6460 machine....zig zag broken affecting some decorative stitches and needs a regular tune-up, but great for parts or just plain straight stitching....have all manuals, cams, several feet, bobbins and case, newer foot pedal. Weighs a ton, original guarantee was 25 years and it is still going strong! Few paint nicks and blemishes, portable case also included. \$40

Grace Thorne 240-344-0740 gracemth@yahoo.com

### An invitation from Four County Quilters Guild

### Sign up for the Debbie Wick workshop!

Debbie will be teaching an applique class for a table size quilt on Wednesday, September 13th from 10 - 3:30. The class will be for her Pomegranate Holiday Pattern. This pattern uses needle turn applique, wool applique, yo yos and beading. Debbie will be teaching all of these techniques. See the attached picture. If you start in September, you can have this finished as a fabulous small quilt to adorn your Christmas table or to give as a gift. You can email Karen to sign up for the class. The class fee will be between \$25 - \$35 depending on how many sign up. Debbie is including a full-size pattern, so there is also a \$10 pattern fee.



Thank you,

Karen Carpenter  
Four County Quilt Guild, VP/Program Chair  
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240-224-4358



Reminder of Board of Directors' meeting September 14, 2017 at the Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett offices at 201 Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick, MD at 7pm.

### A QUILTER'S HARVEST QUILT SHOW

A Quilter's Harvest, the biennial quilt show of **Friendship Quilters of Linthicum and Eternal Quilters**, will be September 23-24, 2017. We will have Invitational Quilter and author Diane Califano as well as a featured quilter Claudia Hakala. You can also make an appointment to have a quilt appraised on Sunday for \$30.00. Make an appointment by calling Kimberly Breton Iaquinta at 443-458-2348. Of course we will have a queen size quilt for raffle, a peddlers table, raffle baskets, demo's, and more! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you need additional information. My phone number is 410-980-2269 or you may email me at [Lohns@verizon.net](mailto:Lohns@verizon.net).  
Lindale Middle School, 415 Andover Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090



#### Quilt Demos Schedule:

##### SATURDAY September 23

TIME	Demo	
11 AM	Norma Campbell	Sweet 16 - See this cute cupcake block!
12 PM	Maryann Brumbelow	Singular Sensations: An easy construction block from the book with surprising results!
1 PM	Doris Collier	Almost a Rail Fence
2 PM	Kathy Fowler	Fun with Wool
3 PM	Sharon Alexander	A Quilter's Basket with multiple uses

##### SUNDAY September 24

TIME	Demo	
11 AM	Lisa Chaney	Shimmering Leaves
12 PM	Maryann Brumbelow	Super quick quilts: one block that creates a beautiful quilt!
1 PM	Bridget Addison	Bille Lauder's More Quick Tricks; Off With Their Tails! Quickly make a tree block with this quick method.
2 PM	Allison Bachmann, Carol Fox, and Bonnie Ladd	Little Twisted Ruler
3 PM	Allison Bachmann	Faux Piping



### Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes August 3, 2017

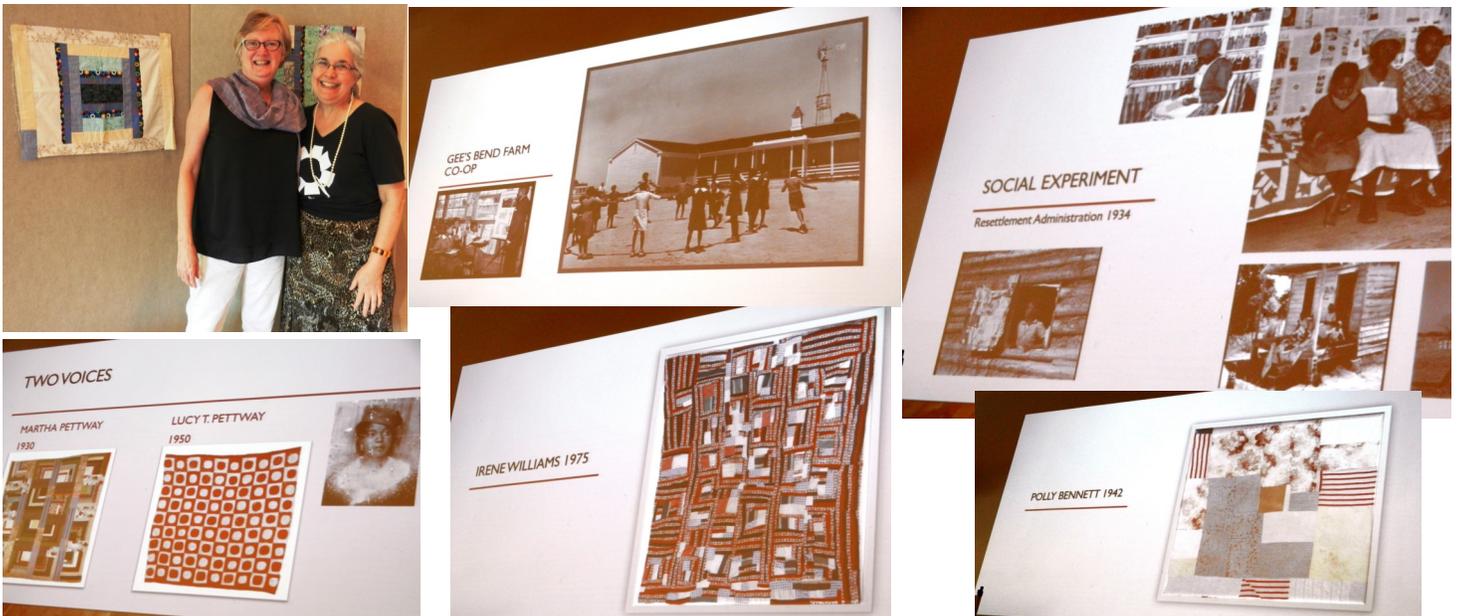
Because of the planned lecture and workshop, no business or reports were given at the meeting. Peggy Haser reported that attendance for the meeting was 31 members and our 2 guest speakers.

Elizabeth (“Liz”) Lay presented a lecture on “The Inspirational Quilts of Gee’s Bend” with a slide show and examples of their four main designs. Following that, Lauren Kingsland lead a workshop where members used shirt scraps they and Lauren brought to make small quilts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Barnhardt  
Newsletter Editor

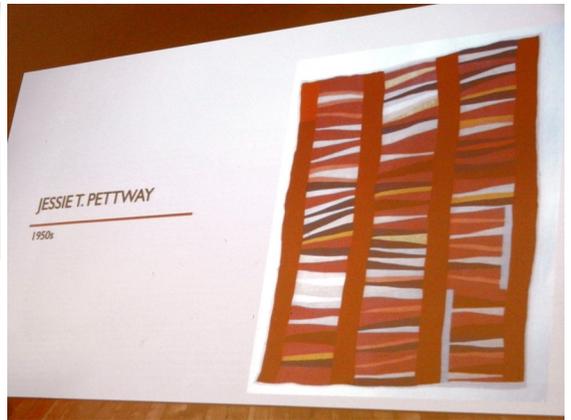
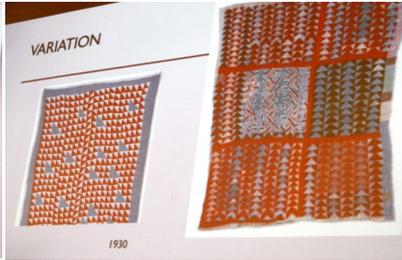
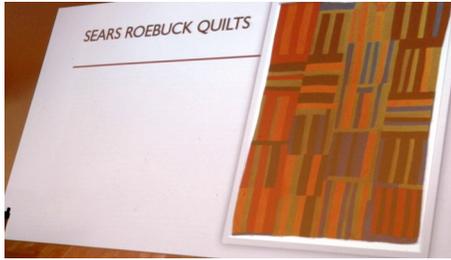


August meeting photos - Elizabeth Lay and Lauren Kingsland in front of some of their samples. The slide show was of Gee’s Bend in Alabama and the ladies who made it famous. Bottom, middle: Irene Williams’ 1975 quilt made with “Vote” ribbons.

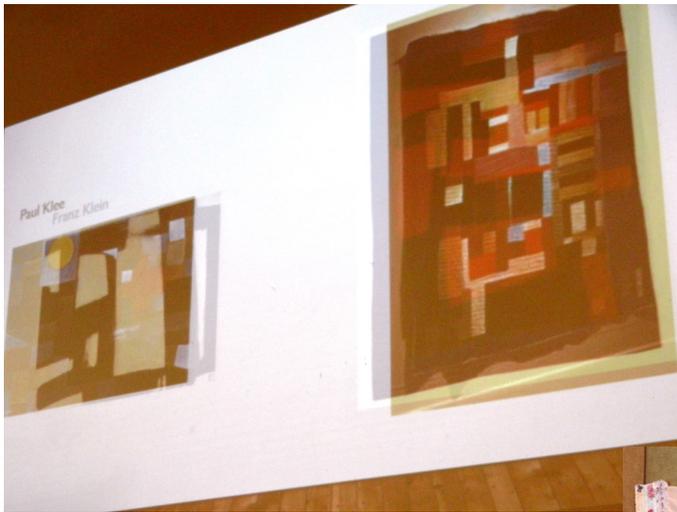
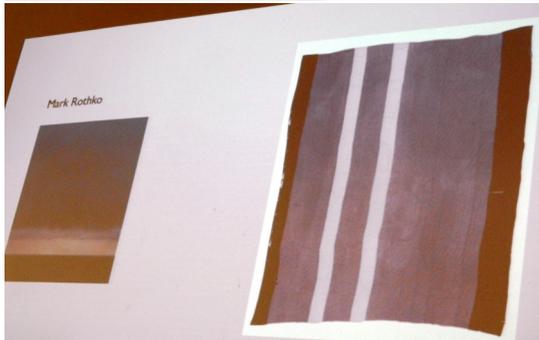
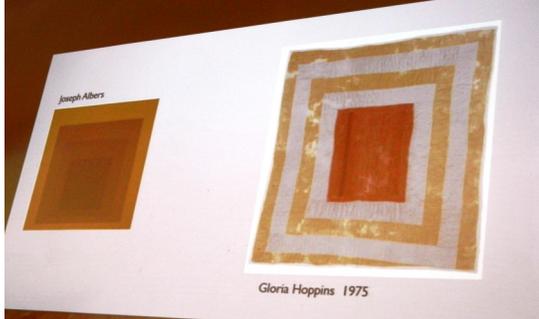
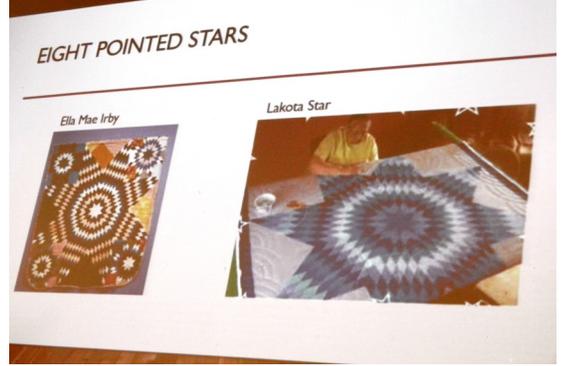




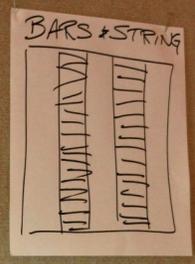
August meeting photos (Continued) – Below, a quilt made from corduroy scraps from Sears Roebuck’s catalog pillow cases. Middle, flying geese variations.



Right, the Lakota Indians adopted a star design. Below, modern artists from the period with similar designs: Joseph Albers, Mark Rothko and Paul Klee.



Bottom row, the four main designs the Gee’s Bend quilters employed: Housetop, Bars & String, Housetop #2 and Lazy Gal. Below is Lauren’s sample of the Housetop pattern.





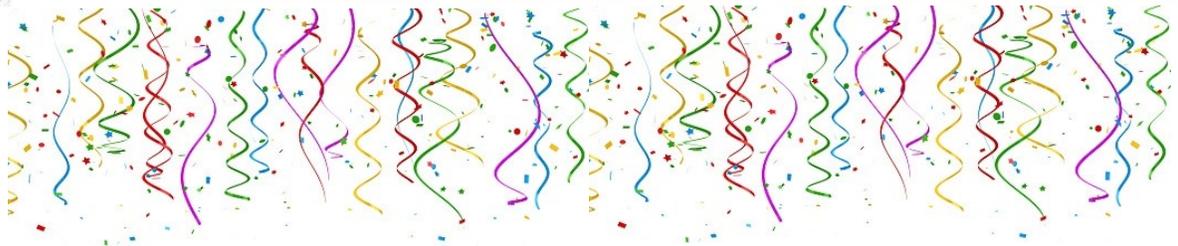
August meeting photos (Continued) – Another example of the Housetop design, Bars & Strings, and Lazy Gal.



Our ladies working on their quilts: Joan Watkins; Teresa Killar, Pat James and Claire Daly; Kathy Cramer and Mary Pauley; and Marty Simmons.



Samples of our project starts which we look forward to seeing completed at the January meeting's "Show & Tell."



## 2017 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

\*\*\*\* FINAL REMINDER \*\*\*\*

Part 1. Name Tag Challenge

Part 2. "I AM..."

\$75, \$50 & \$25 gift certificates awarded for "I AM..." winners to those judged by the membership at the **October** guild meeting. Rules on the guild's website and from Brenda Barnhardt at [brenz2catz@gmail.com](mailto:brenz2catz@gmail.com) or 301-662-2943.



### 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September	7	CSQG Meeting - Suzzie Schuler - Sew Bee It - Team Spirit Lecture and Trunk Show	
September	13-16	AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky	<a href="http://www.americanquilter.com">www.americanquilter.com</a>
September	14	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
September	14-17	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA	<a href="http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza">www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza</a>
September	15-23	Great Frederick Fair	<a href="http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com">www.thegreatfrederickfair.com</a>
September	23 & 24	Friendship & Eternal Quilts Guilds Show in Lithicum Heights	
October	5	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Quilts Awards & Community Service Presentation	
October	5-7	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, Fredericksburg, VA	<a href="http://sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg,VA.aspx">http://sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg,VA.aspx</a>
October	6 - 8	Everybody's Quilt Guild Show in Westminster	
November	2	CSQG Meeting - Karen Schulz - Modern Abstract Lecture and Trunk Show	
November	9	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
November	9-18	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop	<a href="http://www.quiltersquest.org">www.quiltersquest.org</a>
December	7	CSQG Holiday Banquet	
Ongoing	2nd Tuesday each Month:	4 County Quilters Guild - Mt. Airy, MD	<a href="http://www.fourcountyquilters.com">www.fourcountyquilters.com</a>
Ongoing	1st Wednesday each Month:	Valley Quilters, TLC - Jefferson, MD	

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