



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

The backpacks were wonderful! I'm sure the children will be happy someone cared enough to make special packs for them.

The challenge projects were wonderful too! The creativity and quality of our work is superb! I hope to see these quilts again at our exhibit in December, 2018.

Speaking of the quilt exhibit, I'm looking for a planning committee. The venue is the Delaplaine; the time is December, 2018; the Delaplaine does the publicity. We have time to plan a theme and put a great exhibit together. Last year we did it in just a couple months. This time we can be a little more relaxed. Please let me know if you're interested.

One item of business for the November meeting is voting on the proposed meeting date change. The Delaplaine has requested we change our meeting date to the second Thursday of the month in 2019.

November 9 is our board meeting where we will be working on the budget for next year. Committee chairs, please think about what you will need and get your numbers to Robin. Our fiscal year runs February 1 to January 31. We will vote on the budget at the annual meeting in January.

I'm looking forward to hearing our November speaker, Karen Schulz, and I hope to see you at the meeting!

Joan Watkins



November 2017 Newsletter

A Look Ahead

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 2, 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
40 South Carroll Street
Frederick, MD 21701

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
October Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2017

6:00 – 6:30

Social Hour

6:30 – 6:45

Prior to the Business Meeting, Danita Frisby, Vice President and Community Service Chair, made the presentation of 95 backpacks to representatives from DSS and Legal Aid of MD. Representing DSS was Kim Smith and representing Legal Aid of MD was Nina Shore. Both ladies expressed their surprise at the number of backpacks donated, as well as their appreciation for the project.

Business Meeting:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Joan Watkins, President. There were 41 members and 5 guests present.

Robin Rippeon gave the Treasurer's report as of 9/30/17:

Income	\$6,194.45
Expenses	\$6,543.95
Net Loss	-\$349.50
Bank balance at 9/30/17 is	\$6,425.37

- The minutes for the September meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

- Joan Watkins, President, asked the five guests to introduce themselves. Included in the guest list were two representatives from the Bethesda Quilt Guild who were present to display their Opportunity Quilt. Also included was Danita Frisby's mother, Ruth Hall.
- Joan reported that the Delaplaine has requested that we consider moving our monthly meeting, beginning in 2019, from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of each month. This change would allow the Delaplaine to free up another whole day for rental opportunities. Discussion ensued with most members voicing agreement with the request due to the Delaplaine's past and ongoing support of CSQG. Voting on the change request will occur at the November meeting.
- Joan next asked members to consider volunteering to take over the management of the Guild's Facebook page. Kathy Cramer volunteered to help out. Later in the meeting, new member Fran Scher also volunteered to help. Kathy Cramer, gratefully, accepted her offer to chair the Committee.
- Next, Joan announced that the website is still experiencing problems and is not yet up and running at 100%. She said that she would be sending the monthly newsletter through her personal email account until the website problems were resolved.
- Claire Daly, representing the Banquet Committee, gave an update on the December banquet. She reported that some members had requested to have Show and Tell during the December meeting. This request was made because many members give their December Show and Tell items as holiday presents and, thus, do not have the opportunity to share their items. Claire indicated that there would not be ample time to have the "Fun and Games" part of the party and "Show and Tell". After some discussion, Claire asked for a vote. It was unanimous to return to having the Show and Tell instead of the games. Next, Claire asked for ideas and/or places for the food donations typically brought to the holiday party. Several people made suggestions and Claire indicated she would consult with the committee and select a donation agency.
- Frances Shearer, Program Chair, reminded everyone that the November meeting will feature Karen Schultz, a local fabric arts artist.

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October Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- Marty Simmons, Program Committee member, reported that the PA shopping field trip was a success and that the participants enjoyed shopping at the various quilt shops that were visited. She also announced that the next shopping field trip will be October 19 to VA. She asked that anyone who was committing to go, sign up tonight.
- Linda Beavers, Refreshment Chair, announced that the sign-up sheet for 2018 was at the refreshment table. As of tonight, no one had signed up for snacks.

Drawing Winners:

- Prior to the break, both monthly drawings were held. Stella Penalver won the door prize drawing and Cindy Shugars won the gift card (Traditions of the White Swan) drawing.

Program:

During the break, members were given a button to use to cast their votes for their choice of first prize for the October Challenge Quilt. Due to a three way tie for second place, members voted a second time for the second place prize.

After the break and refreshments, Show and Tell was held. This was followed by a Show and Tell for members who had made a new ID tag. Then, all seven members who had made an item for the Quilt Challenge showed their entries and told the "story" behind their creation. The culminating event was the announcement of the three grand prize winners of the October 2017 Guild Quilt Challenge:

1. First Prize: Gale Vernon
2. Second Prize: Darlene Morris
3. Third Prize: Julie Howell

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Dunning, Substitute Secretary

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE



The fiber compositions of Karen Schulz have been described as sophisticated, elegant, and lively with a notable attention to detail and craftsmanship. Her work references a careful consideration of line, shape, color, and texture resulting in images which seem to issue an invitation to enter and linger. Schulz's work has been accepted into many national and international competitions, and has been exhibited widely in both solo and group exhibitions both in the United States and abroad. She has garnered many awards including Quilt National 2017, Juror's Choice, Quilt National 2015 Best in Show, Quilts=Arts=Quilts 2015 First Place, Creative Crafts Council 2014, First Place in Fiber.

Karen was born, raised and educated in Northeast US. She has resided in the DC area for the last 40 years. While she has used a sewing machine since the age of nine and created original, one of a kind quilts for the last 35 years, she came to artistic expression later in life and pursued her art seriously and full time for the last 10 years studying with many notable artists in the field.

Karen will begin her presentation at 6:30 pm, followed by business meeting and show and tell.

The committee hopes you will all be able to attend.



Refreshments volunteers for November:



Snacks - Danita Frisby & Mary Pauley
Drinks - Barbara Scuderi & Joan Watkins

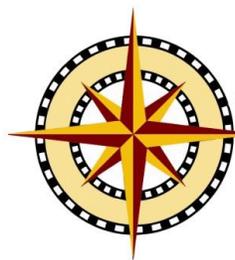
(For foods, please bring a list of ingredients for food allergies and other health issues.)



Happy Birthday November Quilters!

2 Gale Vernon
15 Christie Vu
19 Sylvia Cooper

If you signed up to bring snacks or beverages and can't come, please notify Linda Beavers at 301-831-9821.



Quilters' Quest Shop Hop Maryland/Northern Virginia

The dates for Quilters Quest 2017 [http://www.quiltersquestorg/2016- details.htm](http://www.quiltersquestorg/2016-details.htm) are fast approaching. This year's event should bring in more participants than we saw in 2016, cause you get a card giving you a 15% discount at all the quest venues for an entire year if you complete the quest. That's a bigger discount than they've ever done, plus you don't have to remember to bring along your special Quilters Quest tote to receive it when you shop.

We're selling tickets for our quilt at Capital Quilts in Rockville <https://www.capitalquilts.com/> during the event, and we need your help! Here are the shifts for which we need ticket sellers:

Friday, November 10, 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Thursday November 16, 9:30am -1:30pm
Thursday November 16, 1:30pm - 6:00pm
Friday, November 17, 1:30pm - 6:00pm

Remember; the Capital Quilts ticket selling location is inside the quilt shop (no bad weather worries), and we share the location with another quilt guild (meaning you always have someone to talk to and to watch your table when you take breaks). And if you need a ride to and from the shop, I'll be glad to help.

This is the last big chance for us to sell tickets this year. Please help your guild!

Send me a note or call me if you can take one of these shifts, or if you have any questions about any of this.

Thanks, Marty Simmons, cjililly@zero.net 301-845-7046



COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER



We're meeting on Sunday evening October 29 to finalize plans for our Cook-Off fundraiser. Ladies – hope you're busy finalizing your recipes for this fun event at our meeting on January 4. Details and signup sheets at the November meeting.

Nancy Speck

SUNSHINE NEWS

Grace Thorne is back home from a brief stay at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Last week, Grace experienced shortness of breath. She went to her cardiologist, who immediately sent her to the emergency room. They ran tests and Grace has some kind of blockage to her heart so she will be going to Johns Hopkins next week for treatment or surgery. Please keep Grace in your thoughts and prayers. Here's Grace's contact information:

Email: gracemth@yahoo.com

Mailing address: 1421 Taney Avenue Apt 526, Frederick, MD 21702

Please be sure to include a 5" square of floral fabric for Grace so she can create her own bouquet.

Olga Schrichte

Small Quilts, Basket Treasures

For the 2018 Raffle, CSQG members are making smaller baby and lap size quilts, wall hanging quilts, and other fabric items that will be used to fill themed gift baskets. The basket themes are **Patriotic** (Coordinator: Marty Simmons), **Fall Holidays** (Coordinator: Gale Vernon), **Holidays - Any Themed Holiday** (Please note change!) (Coordinator: Sandy Dunning), **Home, Garden and Pets** (Coordinator: Brenda Barnhardt), **Picnic/Wine** (Coordinator:

Claudia Helta), and **Infants and Children** (Coordinator Grace Thorne). Donations are starting to come in for the baskets (see Show & Tell photos). Please consider making an item or two to help fill our baskets. Proceeds will determine the quality of the programs we will be able to offer each year as part of our monthly Guild Meetings. For more information or to volunteer to make an item, please contact one of the basket coordinators. Bring your "donation" to our monthly Show and Tell!! Thanks to Jackie Bingham of Patches Quilting for her generous discount for fabric to be used in our raffle quilts. Please be sure to thank her and her staff when you stop by her shop!



Sandy Dunning



HOLIDAY BANQUET

Sign up for the dish that you would like to bring to the banquet and bring a holiday fat quarter for a quick pass around activity. This year's donation will be toys again for a program



called "Advocates for Homeless Families." So, three things to bring plus your "Show & Tell" projects.

Claire Daly

From: "D.B." <tronwife@yahoo.com>
Date: October 1, 2017 at 11:02:26 AM

Subject: Pax River Quilters Guild Philanthropy Project

Hello,



I am the Philanthropy Chair for the Pax River Quilters' Guild, located in St Mary's County, MD. I am also the lead for coordinating donations for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, also located in St Mary's County. Charlotte Hall is the only veterans' home in the state of Maryland. It was established in 1985 and has beds for 454 residents.

I am reaching out to all quilt guilds and quilt shops in the state of Maryland to hopefully coordinate a large donation of quilts to the residents at Charlotte Hall. Charlotte Hall welcomes quilts of all sizes, but has stated that they really appreciate twin size quilts as they can be used on the residents' beds to help add color and personality to their rooms. Patriotic themed red, white, and blue quilts are much appreciated, but they also welcome quilts of varying themes and colors. Also, approximately 10% of the residents at Charlotte Hall are women, so a small number of more feminine quilts are also a positive addition.

I know this is an extremely ambitious undertaking, which is why I'm reaching out across the state to partner with quilt shops and guilds. Because of the scale of this, I also know it will take time. My goal is to collect quilts through next October, and present them to Charlotte Hall in conjunction with Veterans' Day in November 2018. To help facilitate this project, I am willing to travel throughout the state next October to collect any donations that you may acquire. If there is a larger volume of quilts accumulating anywhere prior to my planned October collection time, I will collect them early to save space at your location.

To help aid in this project, and any future endeavors that others may have, I have also created a Facebook group for all Maryland Quilters. I hope that you will personally join and share with any fellow quilters you encounter. This can also be a great way to advertise events, shows, classes, trips, etc that your guild or shop may be sponsoring. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MDQuilters/>

Thank you for your time and consideration on this, if you have any questions about anything related to this project, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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From: Dotty Raleigh <dottyraleigh@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:31 PM
Subject: Project Linus

Hi there. I'm writing to introduce myself as the coordinator of the brand new (as in less than a week) Frederick County Project Linus Chapter. Are you familiar with Project Linus? It's a nation-wide non-profit organization that makes/collects/distributes blankets to agencies that serve children in crisis (pediatric ERs, police, social workers, hospice grieving groups, etc.). You can learn more about it on the main website. <http://www.projectlinus.org/>

The Carroll County MD chapter collects and distributes 600 blankets a month!

I'm in the very beginning stages of finding agencies, drop off sites, volunteers, and "blanketeers" (people to make blankets).

This is the website for our chapter. <http://projectlinusfrederick.weebly.com/>
Our facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProjectLinusFrederick/>

I'm wondering if your guild would have an interest in making quilts (even afghans or fleece blankets) to donate to our chapter and possibly even volunteering to help with some chapter positions. Perhaps you would share our information with your guild members?

Thanks for your consideration. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

Dotty Raleigh –
Chapter Coordinator of Project Linus, Frederick County



FOR SALE: 3 yards vintage fabric, apron style, 36" wide...washed and dried and ready to go...\$10....can bring to meeting.

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

FOR SALE: EZ3 Quilt Frame

- 3 Rail system
- No basting needed
- Tilt 4 different angles
- Folds up for space storage
- 3 possible size quilts up to queen 99"
- Leaders already on it
- \$250.00

Side clamps
\$20.00 or make an offer.

Gale Vernon
301 694 8003





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Committees

Updated October 26, 2017

Banquet—December

Claire Daly - Chair
Joan Cornell
Maridell Mason
Lou Zollman
Claudia Helta
Linda Beavers
Cara Wilfong

Community Service

Grace Thorne – Chair
Brenda Barnhardt
Pat James
Claire Daly
Barbara Scuderi

Block of the Month

Cindy Shugars - Chair
Kathy Shankle

Monthly Drawing Basket

Danita Frisby - Chair
Jacque Janss

Fundraising

Nancy Speck - Chair
Joan Cornell

Hospitality

Peggy Haser
Marie Cochran
Barbara Scuderi

Membership

Darlene Morris - Chair
Stella Penalver
Linda McNey

Newsletter

Brenda Barnhardt - Chair
Cindy Shugars
Linda McNey

Refreshments

Linda Beavers - Chair
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Cindy Shugars

Raffle Basket Construction

Sandy Dunning - Chair
Brenda Barnhardt
Gale Vernon
Stella Penalver
Marty Simmons
Grace Thorne
Nancy Pedersen

Quilt Marketing

Need chair

Cindy Shugars – Quilt Mother
Joan Cornell
Julie Howell
Marty Simmons

Programs

Frances Shearer - Chair
Mary Pauley
Julie Howell
Sandy Dunning
Marty Simmons
Dot White
Grace Thorne

Quilt Challenge

Brenda Barnhardt – Chair
Julie Howell
Olga Schrichte

Mini Swap Meet

Set up--
Put away--Nancy Pedersen

Website & Facebook

Sandy Dunning – Chair
Joan Watkins
Fran Scher





MEMBERSHIP

Photos of two of our newest members:

Left: Beth Johnson
Right: Fran Sher

Welcome!



October meeting photos - Danita Frisby with Kim Smith from Department of Social Services, and Nina Shore from Legal Aide of Maryland accepting our backpacks. Below right, Danita and Kim.



Below are some of the finished backpacks. Wonderful fabrics!



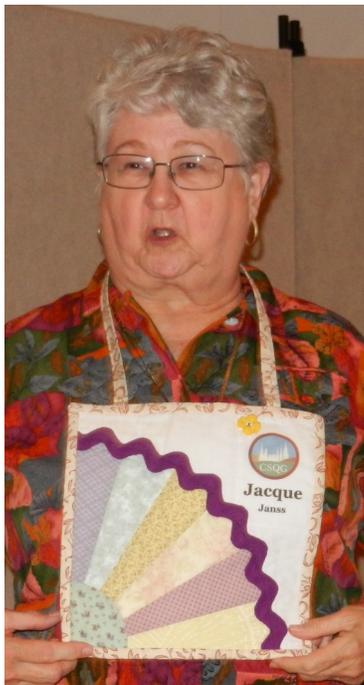


Guild challenge entries were from Sandy Dunning (tote bag), Dot White, Gale Vernon, Danita Frisby, Julie Howell and Darlene Morris. More photos on Page 11.





Guild challenge entry from Joan Watkins (tote bag) and the winners were...
1st: Gale Vernon, 2nd: Darlene Morris, 3rd: Julie Howell. Thanks to everyone who took part and congratulations to the winners. Everyone was really—the entries were wonderful!



...And for the ID tag challenge, we have some fun, colorful nametags to check out at future meetings: Jacque Janss, Dot White, Peggy Haser, Fran Scher and Linda McNey



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More ID tag challenge winners: Claudia Helta and Olga Schrichte decided she needed a fresh, new one. Three others went by so fast, we missed a picture: Teresa Killar, Frances Shearer and Junice Patton. Please see Brenda Barnhardt at the next meeting so she can get a picture for the newsletter.

(Now everyone needs to remember to bring their nametag to the meetings to help us remember your name.)



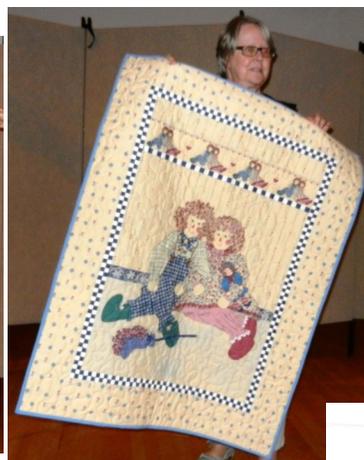
Show and Tell:

tactile Gees Bend lap for community service for assisted living facilities. Madeline Wajda made an Ohio star table runner. Danita Frisby sewed burping bibs for the 2018 raffle baskets. Kathy Cramer made a paper pieced star with 3/8" strips. Below, Sandy Dunning made a Halloween table runner for a class project with Suzzie Schuyler. Ruth Hall (Danita's mother) showed a table runner with orchids and Helen Wasserman took a Mandala class with RaNae Merrill at Padukah.





Show and Tell (Continued): Linda Beavers made a Square-in-Square tree for the raffle baskets. Julie Howell showed a tablecloth with poppy prints. Teresa Killar also made something for the raffle baskets—a baby blanket. Stella Penalver showed a small Autumnal table runner. Below that, Claudia Helta contributed a crab themed table mat for the Picnic/Wine raffle basket. Olga Schrichte made a tote bag featuring 3 Apollo astronauts for a friend. She also showed a photo of her clustered spires quilt professionally printed on gator board. Jacque Janss made tea towels for the Home/Garden/Pets raffle basket as did Sylvia Cooper who made a pot holder sleeve.



2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	www.quiltersquest.org
December	7	CSQG Holiday Banquet	
Ongoing	2nd Tuesday each Month: 4 County Quilters Guild - Mt. Airy, MD		www.fourcountyquilters.com

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