



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

Life presents us with many challenges. I certainly don't need to elaborate on that!

I'll write instead about good challenges—quilting challenges.

Sometimes we challenge ourselves in learning new techniques, making things fit, and putting colors together. Then there are the formal challenges.

Some fabric manufacturers and magazines present challenges. Hoffmann and Cherrywood come to mind. These take the challenge concept to a national or even international level. Works are submitted and selected for traveling exhibits. Having work accepted can be euphoric!

I like our small local challenges better, though. It's friendly competition at most, but essentially competition with oneself to make something different or better than before. I think most quilt guilds have challenges. Usually there are some rules involving size, fabrics, or themes. These encourage us to develop our talents, sometimes unknown talents, and stretch our creativity. I recently completed my challenge piece for Four County Quilters, and the one for Clustered Spires is still in the design/thinking stage of development. Round robins present the challenge of working with someone else's composition. I find that the most challenging.

The best thing about challenges is the reward of accomplishment!

I see our August meeting involves handwork. Now that's a challenge for me!

See you there,
Joan Watkins



August 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 2, 2018
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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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2018

The meeting began at 7:00 after the group had gathered to begin a sit and sew of various community service items.

Minutes

The minutes from June 7 were approved as published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2018

Joan provided the Treasurer's report:

Income \$3,452.93
Expenses (\$2,125.99)
Net Income \$1,326.94

Bank Balance as of 6/30/18 \$8,804.94

Committee Reports

Nancy Speck, for the Fundraising Committee, indicated that there is a t-shirt sign-up sheet on the back table. They are women's sizes and three colors. The cost of \$15 includes what we pay for the shirts as well a modest profit for the guild.

Nancy also indicated for the 2019 Quilt Construction Committee that she is still recruiting additional members and plans an organizational meeting in the next few weeks.

Frances Shearer advised that Round Robin bags are available to be picked up. They should be returned with the next phase completed in September. She has extra instructions if needed.

Jacque Janss for the Delaplaine Exhibit Committee said that pictures of items selected by the Delaplaine for publicity are on a display board. They were submitted by Joan Watkins, Danita Frisby and Olga Schricte. The title of the exhibit is "Quilting – Applique to Zentangle." She thanked Beth Johnson for doing photography for the project.

Sandy Dunning gave a report for the Marketing Committee. We are at the Walkersville Carnival now, with total profits so far of \$395. She said it seems like the baskets work because people like them and can't decide which so they end up buying more tickets. Sandy did a "special" for the 4th, offering a free raffle ticket for the pink quilt that was drawn at 7pm. The result was \$216 for that one night. She urged members to sign up for Capital Quilts and other venues.

Grace Thorne for the Community Service Committee thanked everyone for coming and indicated that there are still kits available if anyone wants to take them home to complete. Everything should be returned for the October meeting. Quilts of Valor representatives will be at that meeting. Grace also advised that the supply list is available for the August Hawaiian quilting workshop. She emphasized that lots of batting is needed – polyester only, no cotton.

Someone is needed for next month for refreshments. Please contact Linda Beavers.

Brenda Barnhardt advised of the availability of a treadle machine that is to be given away. Anyone interested should contact Brenda.

After door prizes and Show and Tell, sit and sew continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary

The **Quilt Exhibit Committee** has been working closely with a new Delaplaine Exhibition Manager, Ms. Sydney Dexter. She's accepted the pictures of Joan, Danita, and Olga's quilts, and we expect that she'll soon be using them to generate the publicity needed to inspire the crowds to stop by and see our work. She's requested that we provide three people to make a presentation and serve as the Delaplaine's featured artists for December. That's going to be a great opportunity for some of us to speak about the techniques used and meanings of the quilts, or maybe why quilting is a worthy hobby or profession, or why Clustered Spires Quilt Guild is the best guild in Maryland.....anything that conveys our passion and devotion to this art form and the people who practice it! Oh, and you may have noticed that the exhibition submission form has been updated on the website. We changed the "quilt drop off date" from Monday to Tuesday to avoid conflicting with a de-install date for an exhibition that will be ending in November. And don't forget, your form is due on October 26. If anyone has any questions about any of this, or questions about exhibition dates or requirements, please talk to one of the committee members: Beth, Jacque, Peggy, or Marty.



Marty Simmons



From the Program Committee:

A reminder to the Brown Bag Round Robin Challenge participants - the second phase is due in September.

Grace Thorne will be holding a Hawaiian Quilt workshop at the August meeting. Below is the supply list. I will bring the batting pieces she requested.

Frances Shearer, Chair

HAND APPLIQUE HAWAIIAN QUILT PATTERN, PAPER AND BATTING WILL BE PROVIDED

- paper and fabric scissors
- applique and quilting needles
- fine thread for applique to match your applique design fabric
- quilting thread (if hand quilting)
- basting thread
- 12" square of fabric for backing
- 12" square of fabric for applique background
- 12" square of applique design fabric
- 12-14" square of **high-loft** polyester batting
- beeswax, thimble, iron, lamp or any other notions that you normally use

NOTE; IF YOU ARE USING A BATIK FABRIC PLEASE WASH 3X FOR FLEXIBILITY....

Grace Thorne

Refreshments volunteers for August:



Snacks: Joan Cornell, Mary Pauley
Drinks: Sandy Dunning, Linda Beavers

(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.

I still need sign ups for snack and drinks for September through November. I'll be at the August meeting with the sign up sheets.

Linda Beavers, Chair



Happy Birthday August Quilters!

- 5 Cindy Shugars
- 14 Linda Smith
- 24 Kathy Phillips
- 25 Nancy Speck
- 27 Teresa Killar



MEMBERSHIP

We omitted Nancy Woods's email address: quiltrtwo@yahoo.com



OPPORTUNITY QUILTS AND BASKETS RAFFLE



We still need sign ups for upcoming venues to sell opportunity quilts and baskets raffle tickets:

[WW II Weekend](#) (Aug. 18 and 19)

[Heritage Days](#) (Sep. 29)

[Brunswick Railroad Days](#) (Oct. 6 and 7)

[Capital Quilts](#) (Oct. 19 - 28)

[Schifferstadt](#) (Oct. 20 and 21)

Go to the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild website to view the schedules and to sign up for a slot (or two), or contact Sandy Dunning at 978-806-7894 or sdunning0117@gmail.com.

CSQG T-SHIRTS!!!

T-Shirts with our guild logo are now available again. They are women's sizes in [light blue](#), [mint green](#) and [azalea pink](#) (a little darker than the light pink we got before). Sizes go from Small to XXXL. Price is \$15, which includes a slight profit for the guild. Members will be able to charge at the meeting. They can be ordered at the August and September meetings, or call or email Nancy Speck at 301-694-8121 or nspeck@comcast.net.



Announcements

Baltimore Applique Society will have an exhibit titled Bits of Baltimore (small applique quilts) during the month of August at the Walkersville Branch Library, 2 South Glade Road, Walkersville, MD 21793 - Phone 301-600-8200. Library hours are Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Fri - Sat: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Sundays. More than 30 hand appliqued quilts were made by current BAS members and are being displayed in Mid Atlantic region venues until they will be made available for an on-line auction in October 2018. Please visit the exhibit... and enjoy the new Walkersville Library too.

Ann Corbett, BAS member and former President, will be giving a lecture about the Baltimore Applique Society and their quilts on Friday, September 21st beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Walkersville Library.

Submitted by Mary Pauley



Find Bargains Here!



Name: Mary Beavan

Email: mkbeavan@yahoo.com

Message: I'm looking to sell my Bernini Artista 180 embroidery machine with a bunch of extras.

Everything is in great condition. Asking \$1000 for over \$4000 worth of merchandise. Email me at mkbeavan@yahoo.com.



July meeting photos - Claudia Helta and Pat James enjoying the Sit & Sew meeting. Jacque Janss taking the opportunity to sew on some binding. Olga Schrichte and Sandy Dunning are working on their projects.



Mary Pauley and Janis Trepper are finishing some items and Madeline Wajda is making some progress too.





July Show & Tell photos – Nancy Speck made a second half quilt using jelly rolls. Julie Howell's been busy with triangles facing east and west and reversed from Missouri Star. Colorful strips made up the backing.



Below, Julie made a colorful holiday trees wall quilt with bead embellishments. She also finished two quilt tops donated to the guild from a friend of Brenda Barnhardt. Susan



Eitner quilted them.

Below, Fran Scher showed her daughter's Turning Twenty quilt using 20 fat quarters that Fran quilted.

Barbara

Scuderi made two table runners from her scrap bag trying double binding for the first time.

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July Show & Tell photos (Continued)

Cindy Shugars made a table runner using strips and pattern from the Big Book of Table Toppers. Darlene Morris completed a quilt top from MAQ. Some were paper pieced, one with vinyl iron-on glitter stars and two appliqued blocks.

Credit to Linda McNey for assistance.



2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
August	2	CSQG Meeting - Grace Thorne - Hawaiian Quilting - Demo and Workshop	
September	6	CSQG Meeting - Gyleen Fitzgerald - "The Art of Color Blending" Lecture and Trunk Show	
September	12-15	AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, KY	www.americanquilter.com
September	13	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
September	13-16	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA	www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza
September	14-22	Great Frederick Fair	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
October	3-6	AQS Quilt Show @ Virginia Beach	www.quiltfest.com
October	4	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Projects Revealed & Community Service Projects Presentation	
October	19 - 28	Quilters Quest Shop Hop	www.quiltersquest.org
November	1	CSQG Meeting - Terry Kramzer - Art Quilter	
November	2	Terry Kramzer Workshop	Taney Apartments in Frederick
November	8	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting	
December	1-31	CSQG Quilt Show @ The Delaplaine Center	
December	6	CSQG Holiday Banquet	

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