



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

What a wonderful meeting we had in October! Our members are very generous with time and talent! Sgt. Parker was so inspiring and appreciated his Quilt of Valor. Jane Ketterman of the Ballenger Center was also very appreciative of the many gifts we made for the residents.



As November approaches with my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, I am reminded of so many reasons to be thankful. I have good health, I have been blessed more times than I can count while driving, I have wonderful family and friends. I also have the greatest hobby—quilting!

I am really excited that we will be able to share our quilting with the entire community during the month of December with our quilt exhibit. Make sure you send your entry forms to Beth. The form can be found in the member section of the website. Oh, I need to fill one out for my Halloween challenge! That's an easy one to forget. All those challenges were wonderful and deserve to be shared, not forgotten!

I'm also looking forward to our November meeting and workshop with Terry Kramzar. Sandy assures me that I will not have another UFO after the workshop. Finished is good!

What are you thankful for?

Joan Watkins



November 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 1, 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
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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2018

The meeting began at 6:30. We had 39 members present and 6 visitors: Kenyon R. Parker Sr., Norvis Long-Parker, Sarah Johnson, Helen Hoskelis, Jane Ketterman/Executive Director of Ballenger Creek Center, and Marianne Elliott/QOV.

The meeting began with the presentation of Community Service items prepared by the guild members. We welcomed visitors in connection with the awarding of a Quilt of Valor including the honoree, former Army Sgt. Kenyon R. Parker and his wife, Norvis Long-Parker; Marianne Elliot, Board member from Quilts of Valor; Quilts of Valor photographer Jeff Thorne; and Patti Redmond from the DAR. Ms. Elliott described the history of the Quilts of Valor program, begun in 2003 and awarding close to 200,000 quilts since. The organization's purpose is to thank veterans, honoring, welcoming home and comforting. Mr. Parker accepted the quilt created by the guild as it was draped over his shoulders. He described his experiences as a black soldier during World War II. The 93-year-old veteran began his service at age 18, and went around the world! He retired after 40 years of teaching in the Frederick County schools.

We then welcomed Jane Ketterman, Executive Director of Ballenger Creek Center, and presented her with many items crafted by guild members for residents at the residential health care facility. Items included table runners, wheel chair totes, rag dolls, and lap quilts. Ms. Ketterman indicated that the facility is part of Genesis Health Care, and serves many residents who do not have families. She thanked the guild for the items, indicating that there are enough for each resident to receive one. Brenda Barnhardt also explained that one of the quilts will be used for a drape for residents who pass away, and another to replace an old quilt print bedspread to lay on a deceased resident's bed as a memorial.

The guild expressed its appreciation to Grace Thorne for chairing the Community Service Committee and organizing the presentations. During the break guild members viewed the projects submitted by members as part of the 2018 Halloween Challenge, voting on favorites. After the break (at 7:25), President Joan Watkins began the business meeting, introducing additional visitors, Sarah Johnson and Helen Hoskelis.

Minutes

The minutes from September 6 were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2018

Robin Rippeon provided the Treasurer's report:

Income	\$5,666.98
Expenses	(\$3,198.31)
Net Income	\$2,468.67

Bank Balance as of 9/30/18: \$9,946.67

Committee Reports

- Sandy Dunning advised for Quilt Marketing that there are 3 more raffles sales venues for which volunteers are needed and this is the last meeting for sign-ups. They are:
Brunswick, Schifferstadt's Oktoberfest, and Quilt Quest at Capitol Quilts.
She especially needs someone for a few Capitol Quilts shifts that are not covered at all. Sandy also advised that Beth Johnson has agreed to store the marketing paraphernalia.
- Sandy Dunning also reported for the Program Committee that there are still 4 spots for the Terri Kramzar workshop on November 2.
- Claire Daly, Banquet Committee Chair, indicated that sign-ups for food at the December holiday banquet can be done at this meeting and in November. Categories are appetizer, salad, entrée (casserole, vegetable or other) and dessert. There will be a cocktail hour with wine and appetizers, with an opportunity to view our exhibit before dinner. The event is December 6 beginning at 6pm.
- Beth Johnson advised that there are currently 10-11 entries for the December exhibit at the Delaplaine. The application deadline is October 26. The application is online or can be acquired from Beth. Jacque Janss won a prize for submitting her entry prior to the meeting.
- Linda Beavers, Chair for Refreshments, indicated that refreshments are needed for the next meeting.

The Fat Quarter drawing was won by Joan Cornell and Mary Lou Weiss won the door prize. Winners of the 2018 Quilt Challenge were announced: Mary Pauley for her Wolf, Janice Trepper for her Witches, and Fran Scher for her Halloween Octagons. Winners received Downtown Frederick gift certificates of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. The meeting concluded with Show and Tell of the remaining challenge entries, and general Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary



From the Program Committee:

Many thanks to Grace and Brenda for all their work toward last month's meeting. It was a very enjoyable meeting and all members deserve recognition for donations to the nursing home. The challenge projects were great!!

November 1 will be here soon and I look forward to hearing Terry Kramzar at our monthly meeting. Her presentation for the evening is "Inspired by Adventure." The following day she will be teaching a workshop entitled "Quilting in Layers: An Art Technique Quilt." There are openings still available for this class - give Sandy a call and sign up!! See you in November!!



Frances Shearer

Terry Kramzar Workshop - 2 Openings Left

November 2, 2018

Sponsored by Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

A 6 hour workshop: **"Quilting in Layers: An Art Quilt Technique"** will be from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Frederick Church of Christ, 1305 N. Market St. Cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. There will also be a \$10 kit fee payable on the day of the workshop to Terry.

This workshop is a popular one each year at MAQ and is one in which most participants can complete the entire project during the workshop: so no more UFOs!

For more information, contact Sandy Dunning at 978-806-7894 (text or phone call) or sdunning0117@gmail.com.



You choose
your project!





Volunteer Opportunities

It's time to organize the 2019 Raffle Quilt Marketing Committee. It takes planning and organization to set up venues to sell tickets. If you are good at planning, please consider chairing or co-chairing this committee. We usually have members willing to help at events, once they are planned, so you don't have to do the entire job. The rewards: great programming, meeting people, hearing stories, getting our guild recognized in the community.

The Fundraising Committee has some members in need of leadership. If you are a person with ideas, this may be your job!

Welcoming members and visitors to our meetings is what the Hospitality Committee does best. Consider volunteering to do this once or twice a year. Better yet, find a partner and work together. Don't let the Hospitality Committee have all the fun!

Who doesn't like Refreshments? Linda Beavers has been organizing food and drink for our meetings all by herself. Wouldn't you like to help?

Interested in different opportunity? See the Committee List on the front page and find your spot. Contact the current chair or president Joan Watkins

The Museums by Candlelight event is on Saturday, December 8th. We have been asked to provide demonstrations at the Delaplaine from 12-5pm. If you have something you'd like to demonstrate please contact Beth Johnson. Beth Johnson at mikebeth16@gmail.com

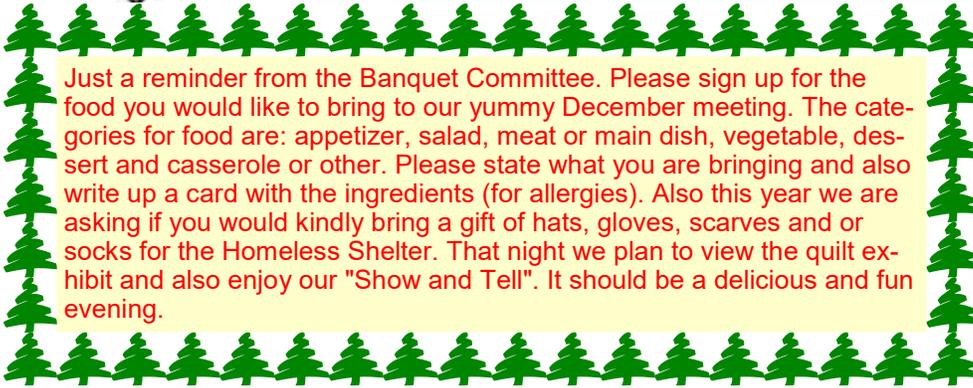


Thank you for all your entries for the Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine. We are excited to see all your beautiful items on display. The committee will be meeting after the November guild meeting and will contact everyone by e-mail regarding the selection

of their items for exhibit.

Selected items will need to be brought to the Delaplaine on Tuesday, November 27th. If you are unable to bring them at that time you will need to coordinate with a member of the Quilt Exhibit Committee. More information will be provided in the e-mails sent after our committee meeting.

Thank you again for your entries! We look forward to a successful exhibit.



Just a reminder from the Banquet Committee. Please sign up for the food you would like to bring to our yummy December meeting. The categories for food are: appetizer, salad, meat or main dish, vegetable, dessert and casserole or other. Please state what you are bringing and also write up a card with the ingredients (for allergies). Also this year we are asking if you would kindly bring a gift of hats, gloves, scarves and or socks for the Homeless Shelter. That night we plan to view the quilt exhibit and also enjoy our "Show and Tell". It should be a delicious and fun evening.



Refreshments volunteers for November:



Snacks: Kathy Shankle and Danita Frisby
Drinks: Cynthia Gaughan, 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.



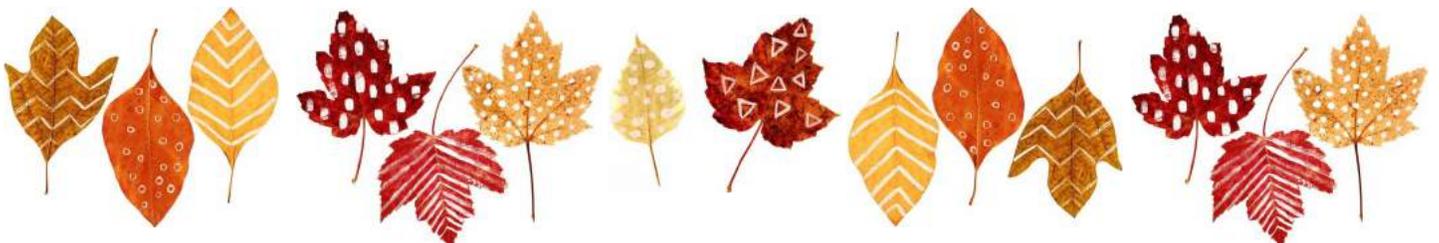
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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Oktoberfest at the Schifferstadt October 20 and 21. Packing up at the end of the sales season! Helping are Dot White and her husband Gerry, Barbara Scuderi, Sandy Dunning and hubby, Jim. Thanks to Beth Johnson for storing everything for the winter. A BIG THANKS EVERYONE WHO HELPED SELL TICKETS THIS YEAR!



One last venue: November 21 at the Baltimore Applique Society with Mary Pauley. Anyone else like to go?





Check out Page 30 of the October Frederick Magazine issue!

Style

Seasonal Fashions & Trends

Quilt by Association

Cooler temperatures mean that it's quilt weather—not only as an extra blanket on the bed or something to wrap around you while binge-watching Netflix, but by employing a needle and thread to create your own. With the *Old Farmer's Almanac* calling for a harsh winter, you'll no doubt be searching for something to do while being snowbound.

A good resource to get you started is the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild. The group of more than four dozen members meets the first Thursday of the month from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Delaplaine Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll St., to celebrate quilts, whether showing off a new creation or exchanging how-to tips.

Perhaps best known as coming from pioneer days when not even a scrap of fabric was wasted and the designs had names such as "Drunkard's Path" or "Robbing Peter to Pay Paul," quilts today can just as easily look like modern art. That's the beauty of quilting—there are no constraints. You can stick to a strict pattern, or let creativity be as expansive as all those bolts of fabric in a store. You may start out with one design in mind only to happily veer off in another direction. The bottom line is that no matter how a quilt turns out, it will keep you warm.

insider



FEATURED VENDOR: CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD, www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org
The group will have a month-long quilt display in December at the Delaplaine Arts Center.



As you know, I brought quilt blocks to the guild to donate from a friend of mine, Dorla Shaffer, that her Aunt made. It took several months for them all to be "adopted." Julie Howell took some and made at least three items which she entered in the Great Frederick Fair this year and won blue ribbons for. While standing with her family at the display basking with pride over her wins, Dorla happened by and overheard her, recognizing the blocks she'd donated. They had a wonderful introduction and below are their photos. Funny when serendipity happens!
Brenda Barnhardt



2019 Opportunity Quilt

Your 2019 Opportunity Quilt Construction team is happily beginning to sew and we're looking to recruit a quilter. We anticipate the queen size top being completed and ready for quilting by the end of January. If you are interested and available for a quilting project in February 2019, please contact Nancy (301-694-8121 or nspeck@comcast.net). Let us know if you can undertake the project pro bono or for a reasonable fee. (Note that payment for quilting is budgeted.) Thanks!! Nancy Speck

CSQG T-SHIRTS

THE T-SHIRT ORDER IS IN! EXPECT DELIVERY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!

Good afternoon. I stopped by your booth at Railroad Days in Brunswick in October. I'm looking for a few quilts to be made from my mother's clothes. The size quilt I'm looking for is just like a throw blanket, something that would be enough to cover up with on the couch or something like that. I'd like to get three made if I have enough clothes for it. Please let me know if there is anyone in your group that would be willing to do such a thing and what the approximate cost might be per quilt. Thank you so much.



Kimberlee Butler
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October's meeting could not have been as successful without your assistance and support. An evening like this is never the result of one person, so we all share in the satisfaction of a task well done. To see and hear Sgt. Parker was truly a thrill. Imagine living to the age of 93 and still have wonderful things happen in your life! I know you all share in the joy of seeing this awarded at our guild. And then the spectacular effort for Ballenger Creek Center. Though we all have busy lives and plenty of other things to do, coming together in such a magnanimous way was truly a heartfelt event. I'm looking forward to 2019 and more great things.

Grace Thorne



More meeting photos on Page 12

Sent: October 5, 2018

Subject: Sergeant Kenyon Robert Parker - Clustered Spires - Award of a Quilt of Valor

Grace:

It was a great honor to meet you last evening; hear some of the stories of the Patriots in your family and the rich history of service to this Nation. The Clustered Spires Quilt Guild has much to be proud of for the members' craftwork and the distinction of service to the community. Your collective efforts toward the recognition of Sergeant Parker's service in defense of the Nation is commendable.

Jeff Thorne

Quilts of Valor Foundation
Marketing and Public Relations Director



Photo courtesy of Jeff Thorne





Agenda item #2 at our October meeting was the presentation of our donations to the Ballenger Creek Center in Frederick. Jane Ketterman, Executive Director, came personally to accept the 86 items our members made including table/bed runners, lap quilts, wheelchair/walker tote bags, lapghan and even rag dolls! Ballenger Center currently has 74 long term residents who were given their choice of items where Brenda Barnhardt went to represent our guild. Jane, Grace Thorne (Community Service Chair) and Brenda were overwhelmed by the volume gifts. Below are photos of many of the items laid out at the guild meeting for the presentation. More photos on Page 10.





More items for the Ballenger Creek Center...



Brenda attended a reception at Ballenger Creek Center on October 17th to distribute our gifts to residents. Photos continue below...

COME JOIN US!

On October 17th at 3:00PM in the 400's Dining Room with



The Clustered Spires Quilt Guild, which will be Presenting Quilts to Our Residents

"Thank you Clustered Spires Quilt Guild for your Thoughtfulness and Kindness"

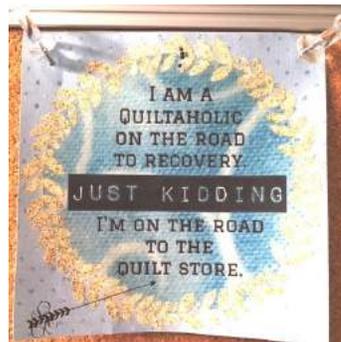




More items for the Ballenger Creek Center...



Brenda, Jane Ketterman and Chris Malcomb with some of the table/bed runners.



More photos on Page 12...



October meeting photos - Jacque Janss with Sgt. Kenyon R. Parker, Sr. and his wife, Novis Long-Parker at the pre-meeting dinner. Sandy Dunning playing the Good Witch. Grace Thorne introducing Marianne Elliott from QOV and reading the label to Sgt. Parker at the presentation.



Below, Mary Pauley accepts 1st prize for the Halloween Challenge. Mary's art quilt is named "Harry Von Wolf" who she thinks is a misunderstood puppy. He's adorned with feathers, beads and a Harlequin cape. This was Mary's first entry in a challenge and first win.



Left, Janis Trepper won second prize with a Cooper pattern of four witches with fuzzy brooms named "Best Wishes." This was Janis's first entry in a challenge as well. Right, Fran Scher won third prize when she made octagons from bat and spider web fabrics. She did paper piecing alternating the backing bat fabric with other prints, and embellished with beads named "Halloween Kaleidoscope."



More entries on Page 13.



Halloween Challenge photos (continued)... We had 16 challenge entries this year! Below are more photos. Everyone did a wonderful job.

Below, Nancy Speck displayed "The Witch Is In", Joan Watkins's "Ghost", and Frances Shearer made a jelly roll strip quilt.



Above right, Mary Pauley shows her second entry, "Scary Pumpkin."



Above, Grace Thorne shows a witch and pumpkin vest, Julie Howell made a 3 pumpkin patch, Stella Penalver showing Sandy Dunning's "Grizzly Pumpkins", and Olga Schricthe's sunflowers and pumpkins was shown in her absence.

Below, Danita Frisby shows "Quoth the Raven", Eleanor Weitzel's "Pumpkins", Beth Johnson's "Ghosts of Halloween Past", and Darlene Morris did embroidered spooky stuff.



Beth Johnson's "Ghosts of Halloween Past", and Darlene Morris did embroidered spooky stuff.

More on Page 14.





Halloween Challenge photos (continued)... Sandy Dunning made one named "Grandma Ruth", and Kathy Shankle had the best title: "And the Kitties Were Afraid."



Thanks to Julie Howell, Stella Penalver, Olga Schrichte and Brenda Barnhardt - Challenge Committee



Show and Tell came at the end of the evening with the following...



Above left, Julie Howell shows a Dresden Plate pillow she made from a leftover block donated by Dorla Shaffer (see story on Page 7) to give to her. Middle, Danita Frisby used antique buttons on an embroidered sampler. Nancy Woods has been busy with a curvy green print block quilt, a black and white table runner and Northwest Indian totem from a fused applique kit. The totem is a raven and salmon with eggs which honors father and mother.



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Show and Tell (Continued)... Sandy Dunning showed a machine embroidered tote bag using a hoop and an embroidered book for supplies. Junice Patton made a car themed quilt for another grandson that Frances Shearer quilted. Finally, Marie Cochran made a quilt from blocks won at the Chambersburg Quilt guild, and a crazy quilt with a Halloween theme.



** Thanks to Linda McNey **
** for Challenge and Show **
** & Tell notes. **

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	1	CSQG Meeting - Terry Kramzar - Art Quilter
November	2	Terry Kramzar Workshop Frederick Church of Christ
November	8	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm
December	1-31	CSQG Quilt Exhibit @ The Delaplaine Center
December	6	CSQG Holiday Banquet

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