



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes

"Try to remember the kind of September
When life was slow and oh so mellow"...

Wait a minute—does anyone remember a September like that? It's been my experience that September is unduly busy: harvest, fair time, back to school, return to regular life after those dreamy summer vacations. Well, anyway, try to remember to take time from your busy schedule to come to the September guild meeting. Try to remember to bring your summer coloring projects and show and tell to share. Try to remember to bring some cash because we have some beautiful fabrics and books donated to us for our Last Chance table. Try to remember that we need help with quilt raffle venues. Most of all try to remember all the fun we have and how pleasant it is to visit with fellow quilters. Maybe that will help make September a little more mellow!

Danita Frisby



September 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**

Thursday, September 12, 2019
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center

Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month
(unless otherwise noted)
6:00 - 6:30 pm - Arrival, Social Time
6:30 - 8:30 pm Guild meeting
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REMINDER: CSQG Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, September 4. All members are welcome. Program Chairs are expected to attend or send someone in your place. Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm.

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019

The meeting began at 6:30. There were 31 members present. There was 1 visitor, Janis Trepper, a former CSQG member who is in the area only part of the year.

Minutes

The minutes from July 11 were approved as published in the August newsletter.

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2019

Treasurer Robin Rippelon reported:

Income Year ending 7/31/19	\$3,496.65
Expenses Year ending 7/31/19	(\$3,676.08)
Net Loss Year ending 7/31/19	(\$ 179.20)
Bank Balance as of 7/31/19	\$9,396.46

General Business

- President Danita Frisby read a thank you note from the Davis's for our Quilt of Valor presented in June.
- We have a request from the Delaplaine that our quilt exhibit in 2020 have a focus on drug abuse prevention. This could possibly be a Community Service challenge.
- The Baltimore Applique Society is sponsoring a workshop with Madge Zeigler September 19 on collecting and preserving quilts. Participants can bring quilts for her to evaluate. Cost is \$10 for the kit and \$40 for the workshop.
- Danita indicated that Beth Johnson will continue to store the guild's quilt venue materials even though she will not be available for meetings on Thursday nights.
- Sandy Dunning reminded the group about the event at her church (All Saints Episcopal) at the beginning of December. The guild will participate to sell raffle tickets, and we would also like members to provide items for sale. Anyone who knows of other groups or individuals who would like to participate in the event should contact Sandy.
- A group from the guild is scheduled to go to the Baltimore Historical Society's Hometown Girl exhibit of works by Mimi Dietrich on October 16. We will carpool. Cost is \$14, \$12 for seniors and \$5 for Historical Society members.
- There are still a few anniversary bags with the crayons available if members want to do the crayon challenge.
- We were happy to welcome Nancy Pederson back to the meeting after her springtime illness. She thanked everyone for their cards, fabric blocks and support.

Committee Reports

- Danita announced for the Quilt Marketing Committee that volunteers are still needed for Middletown and Brunswick events in August and October. Members are also needed to take the quilt to other guilds. Barbara Scuderi has tickets for members to take and sell.
- Frances Shearer reported for the Program Committee that Polly Mello will present a trunk show (called "Things That Go Bump in the Night") at the September meeting. Summer coloring projects and cancer center lap quilts should also be brought to that meeting. The lap quilts need not include a special label. They will be folded and tied with a ribbon and a gift card. The October meeting will be the competition of the challenge quilts and presentation of the lap quilts to the cancer center.

The evening's activity focused on creation of penny rugs. Kits and instructions were provided. Joan Watkins won the door prize and Sylvia Cooper won the fat quarter basket. Danita presented outgoing President Joan Watkins with jewel tone blocks made by members to honor her 4-year tenure as President of the guild. There was also Show and Tell. Those present continued to work on the evening's project until close at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





From the Program Committee:

Polly Mello will be our September speaker. Her trunk show "Things That Go Bump in the Night" should provide us with entertainment for the evening and still allow us to sleep well with no nightmares!!



Remember to bring your finished "Summer Coloring Fun" project. You just might win the viewer's choice award! Everyone who brings their project gets a participation gift! (See Page 6 for details.)

A sign up sheet will be available for our November workshop. It will be a mosaic tile project—no machine is required. I need to check the fee for the class (not currently home-on a quilting cruise) but will have it at the September meeting.

See you in September!!!

Frances Shearer, Chairman



Refreshments volunteers for September:

Snacks: Cynthia Gaughan, Marie Cochran

Drinks: Nancy Speck, Darlene Morris

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

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

9/23 Karen Smith

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

The Baltimore Applique Society is sponsoring a workshop with Madge Ziegler on Thursday, September 19 at Spring Water Designs Quilt Shop. Spaces are still available, and we are waiving our usual \$5 extra fee for non-members.

This class is designed to give you an overview of quilt collecting, with emphasis on the dating, care and restoration of your quilts, tops and blocks. You may bring quilts, tops, blocks or pieces of fabric for discussion and analysis. Or come and learn from Madge's collection of "stuff." Condition is not important. We will discuss quilting old tops and blocks, dating, storage, cleaning, hanging, display and repairs. Learn about your own pieces and everything else that turns up on this fun and informative day. The morning will be spent analyzing what everyone has brought. The afternoon activities include restoration, repair and conservation techniques which will be practiced using a \$10 kit (includes a piece of quilt to work on, needle, thread, tulle, handout and other goodies). Please be aware the monetary value of your items will not be addressed in this class.

Visit the BAS website for an application form and supply list:
<https://baltimoreapplique.com/docs/BASWorkshopRegistration--MadgeZiegler.pdf>

Thank you,
 Ann Corbett, Program Chair Baltimore Applique Society
ann.corbett@gmail.com





Ladies,

George and I want to thank you for honoring him with a Valor Quilt for his service during the Viet Nam war. The quilt is beautiful - I can only guess the hours of your time. It hangs over the back of his chair where it surely will keep him warm!

Nancy Davis



Quilters' Quest Raffle Sales

Clustered Spires plans to be at Capitol Quilts again this year during Quilters' Quest Shop Hop. It is earlier this year – in October rather than November. It is a ten-day event, running from Friday October 11 to Sunday the 20th. This is a big time commitment, but we like to do the whole event as it has been quite profitable in the past. Times are 11 to 4 on Sundays and 9:30 to 6 the other days. To limit the total number of people needed I'd like to do one shift on each Sunday and two shifts – 9:30 to 1:30 and 1:30 to 5:30 - the other days. This is a fun and painless chance to sell raffle tickets. It is indoors. I will set up and take down, so the quilt will be in place the whole time. The money and tickets go into Alison's office overnight. So you just need to come for your shift, shop a little, get to know quilters from other area guilds who are there, and meet other quilters from all over the area. Please give me a call (301-694-8121) or e-mail nspeck@comcast.net, or check your calendar and plan to sign up at the September meeting. I especially need volunteers for Monday the 14th, Wednesday and Thursday the 16-17, as these are days I will not be available to fill in. Thanks for your help!!

Nancy Speck





MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No activity for July (I was absent in July). Two renewals for August. If you have not yet paid your renewal dues, please do so.

Total paid membership for 2019 - 55.

Darlene Morris, Chairman



***** TIME IS RUNNING OUT *****

2019 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

U.S. STATE & FLAG

This year's challenge is based on your choice of a U.S. state. You can represent the state where you were born, reside in now, wish to visit, have traveled to, got married in, vacation in, etc. Also, you must use all of the colors in that state's flag (for example, Maryland's flag is gold, red, black and white).



"Rules of the Game"

1. Your entry must represent a state in an obvious manner. Famous buildings, landmarks, tourist spots, maps, people, something associated with that state (hard shell crabs for Maryland for example), etc. If you add other states, you do not have to use their state flags' colors – only the primary state you feature's flag colors.
2. It has to be predominantly 3 layers (top, batting, and backing) with some cotton fabric and some quilting.
3. There are no size, fabric/media, or shape limitations, nor what kind of item it must be. Quilts, table runners, placemats, tote bags, purses, vests/jackets, door or wall quilts, etc.
4. You must pin a small, printed copy of the state's flag to your entry for the judging (similar to one below).

First (valued at \$75), second (\$50) and third (\$25) prizes will be awarded at the **October** meeting with the members voting. Have fun!!!

More examples:

Pennsylvania



Florida



Washington



West Virginia





Summer Coloring Fun



The Program Committee introduced the summer project for members at the May meeting. The instructions:

- Crayons — must use the three crayons as a design element in your project. The three colors in your packet must be used in your project choice. You can use them to color your fabric, you can melt them and use as paint, but you cannot just attach them to your project.
- Foundation — must be fabric based, hat, shirt, table runner, wall quilt, potholder, mug rug, etc. Item must be finished.
- Size — must be 6" x 6" or larger.
- Viewer's Choice Award, a participation prize.
- You must bring the crayons (in a plastic bag) with your completed project to the **September** meeting. If you melt them, save a chip of each.

More information can be found at:

[Https://www.mesew.com/crayon_art.html](https://www.mesew.com/crayon_art.html)

[Https://shop.mybluprint.com/quilting/article/how-to-color-fabric-with/crayons/](https://shop.mybluprint.com/quilting/article/how-to-color-fabric-with/crayons/)

Just type in "Coloring on fabric using crayons" and you will get a number of resources even YouTube videos.

Frances Shearer, Chairman

LAST CHANCE STASH

We have received a generous donation of very nice quilt fabrics, rotary cutters, rulers, cutting mats, notions, and several great quilt books from a local quilter who has given up quilting. Our plan is to bring a manageable selection of items every month for the next several months for sale at the Last Chance Stash table.

Please plan to bring a little cash to every guild meeting – so hopefully, we will all enjoy finding some wonderful bargains.

We have also received approximately 500 quilting magazines – which we will not be bringing to the meetings, but if you would like to look through them, or know of places (nursing homes, schools, churches, sr. centers, collage artists, etc.) where we might be able to donate them, please contact Danita Frisby.

Mary Pauley, Chairman





From: Sydney Dexter <sdexter@delaplaine.org>
Subject: How's this for starters?

I'm forwarding information about an opportunity for any regional knitters that you may know. This project has a great message behind it, so I'm happy to share to those I think might be interested. Ann is still seeking a few individuals to volunteer their contributions to the tapestry— feel free to reach out to her directly if you would like to participate or make a suggestion.

She also needs some guidance on how to prepare the final configuration for install, which is the initial reason I wanted to connect her with the quilt guild, as making sleeves and other creative mechanisms for hanging has become commonplace during your members show.

If anyone is available to offer their guidance/assistance for install preparation, they again can contact her directly.

Thanks for all that you do!

Sydney Dexter, Exhibitions Manager
The Delaplaine Arts Center

From: Ann Payne <paynestake@gmail.com>
Subject: How's this for starters?

Thanks for your help just now, Sydney. I feel like you've helped move this project forward quite a bit! I think the email I am forwarding to you, below, explains the project as clearly as any.

The forwarded message does not mention that the piece debuts at Hood College for "Floods, Droughts, and Justice: a Multi-faith Discussion on Climate", a conference, on October 20, 2019. The conference is sponsored by MACS, the Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick County; IPL, Interfaith Power and Light, MD/VA/DC Chapter of a national interfaith clean energy nonprofit; and IPC, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, a faith-based advocacy for regional clean water initiatives. Participating knitters may be independent but many volunteered from FredCo congregations: Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic, Quaker, Jewish, Muslim, ERUCC, Buddhist. The broad participation signals that many share a concern for their fellow beings and for the earth.

I'm so grateful for your help! Thank you.

Ann Payne
304-692-3180 (c), Paynestake@gmail.com

Our piece is a knitted temperature chart representing historical average annual temperatures in our area from 1900 to the present. Beyond 2020, the piece splits into two predicted scenarios, one representing annual average temperatures if we choose to continue 'business as usual' and the other showing possible outcomes if we attempt to mitigate rising carbon in the atmosphere.

Our knitted 'tempestry' will resemble Radtke's graph, only ours is based on local data and will be made of 100% Peruvian colored wool knitted with #7 needles. It will hang horizontally stretching 7' long x 2.5' deep. The piece is being knitted progressively, with the work passed from hand to hand/group to group for completion of a section of years/decades, before being passed on to others. The work must be completed by an October 1 deadline for display at Hood college on October 20. Beyond that date, it is expected to travel around the state and perhaps elsewhere.

Each tempestry year is comprised of four rows, a decade is 40 rows. The temperature of each year is indicated by the color indicated on the Tempestry charts. Each knitter must check his/her year to cast on the correct color for each year. The yarns will accompany the work from knitter to knitter on a #7 needle. Knitters are asked to check their gauge prior to beginning on the piece, to be sure their stitches will fit the existing work. Some knitters may need to adjust their gauge or change needle size to assure a compatible fit.

Knitters are asked to commit to a period of time in which they are able complete a section (decade or decades) of the piece. The piece will need to move efficiently from person/group to person/group in order to meet our deadline!



Hello Quilters,

I am sending the information I referred to at our last meeting about the vendor opportunities at my church the first weekend in December. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may also be interested.

Thanks, also, to Frances for our August Program. I am almost finished with my penny rug. A lot of work went into the preparation of the materials - thanks, Frances!

Sandy Dunning

All Saints Episcopal Church 14th Annual Gifts and Greens Sales
Request for Crafters/Vendors

Each Christmas season the Annual Holiday Gifts and Greens Sale, sponsored by St. Mary's Chapter of All Saints' Episcopal Church, is a popular and long awaited holiday event. This year the event will be on December 5, 6, 7 coinciding with Frederick Downtown's December First Saturday.

This year, as part of our commitment to our community, we are opening our Parish Hall for local crafters and vendors. We are seeking a wide variety of quality, family friendly crafters and vendors. We are especially interested in Christmas and other holiday themed items. Other arts and crafts that are desirable are handmade jewelry, painting, photography, ceramics, woodworking, textiles, candles, and stained glass.

Here is some information you may find helpful:

The vendor location will be in the Parish Hall which is on the second floor of the church. It is easily accessible by elevator or stairs. There will be multiple access points to the event.

One table, at least 6 feet long, will be provided to all vendors. Two or three chairs will also be provided.

On site volunteers will be available for help with set up and take down, as well as throughout the event.

The vendor location will be in a centralized location in the church Parish Hall.

There is reliable internet access in the Parish Hall. Restrooms are available throughout the building.

Signage will be visible to direct all customers to the vendor area.

Delicious sandwiches, soup, desserts, and baked goods will be available in the Great Hall (next to the vendor area) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

As in the past, this event will be heavily advertised in the press. Vendors will be listed in most of our advertisements.

Music will be featured in the Great Hall during the food event.

If you are interested in being a vendor for the Gifts and Greens Sale, please complete the application and submit (see Page 9) as soon as possible. Criteria for selection of vendors will be based upon themed related items, and then on a first come, first served basis.

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All Saints Episcopal Church 14th Annual Gifts and Greens Sales Vendor Application

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND SUBMIT TO

All Saints Episcopal Church, 106 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Or by email to one of the contacts below:

Dan Lajewski: 301-667-0536; danoflyfish@comcast.net

Sandy Dunning: 978-806-7894; sdunning0117@gmail.com

Artist

Name: _____

Art Form: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Business/Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Electrical Needed: Yes No

Please include at least 2 photos or a web site or link to your work.

Guidelines for Vendors

Set Up and Take Down: Will be coordinated upon application approval.

Registration Fee: \$10 per day *Do not submit registration fee until notified of acceptance.*
Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Chapter Treasury.

Display Spaces: All display spaces will be set up with one table and 1 – 3 chairs. There will be space behind the tables.

Items: All items MUST be handmade. NO FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Parking: After set up all vehicles must park in one of the available parking garages. We suggest the Patrick Street Garage.

Sales Tax: Vendors are responsible for collecting and remitting applicable Maryland sales tax.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the enclosed Guidelines for Participating Vendors for the 2019 ASEC Gifts and Greens Sale and agree to all terms and conditions. I hereby waive and release any and all rights to claims for damages which I may have against the organizers and all others connected with this event for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the event.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

You will be notified by email or telephone upon acceptance of your application.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ribbons and tags for donation quilts will be available at the September meeting. Presentation is at the October meeting so time to finish up to be ready. Our goal is about 50 quilts, which is all they can store. If we have more, then I'll be storing them until they take more. Hoping all committee members can be present in October.

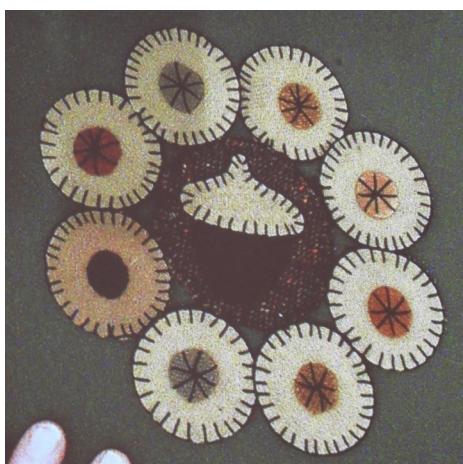
Grace Thorne, Chairman



August meeting photos - The Program Committee, lead by Frances Shearer, presented a guild project for the night's activity - to make a small penny table rug from felted wool. Frances gave instructions on tonight's acorn pattern and showed other examples.



Below left, was tonight's project.
Claire Daly and Joan Watkins show
their progress.



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August meeting photos (Continued)... Penny rugs became popular in the 1830's, also called button or coin quilts. They often had burlap backings and people used old clothing, uniforms and hats rather than wool. Some hid money in them, hence the term penny quilts because coins were sewn under the circle shapes/borders for weight and good luck. The rugs were usually made from wool felt or felt wool - not the same. Wool felt is not woven, its wool fibers are shrunken with hot water and pressed into sheets. Felt or felted wool is woven wool thread fabric that has been shrunken with hot water and dryers - Shetland and llama are thought to make the best, as is cashmere.



Above, Nancy Woods and Barbara Yinger having fun, Linda McNey shows off her acorn center as do Cheryl Kershner and Janice Tripper.

Instructions if you missed the meeting but got a kit: To sew the shapes and edges, a button hole or blanket stitch is used – the difference in how far apart and long the stitches are. Buttonhole is also sewn with the needle coming through from underneath the fabric and blanket stitch is typically sewn top to underneath. Some think it depends on whether the stitch slants to the left or right.

Penny shapes can be round, tongue shaped, or things like animals, birds, etc. When you stack shapes (like a penny shape on a tongue for a border), start sewing with the top layer first.

In modern times, some use whip stitches or running stitches instead of blanket or button stitches.

You can use cotton fabric for the backing and Go Cutters for shapes to save time and effort. You typically use black DMC perle thread with a crewel needle. Otherwise, use two threads from embroidery thread. If the finished project doesn't lay flat, steam and press it flat.



Left, Sylvia Cooper, Danita Frisby and Jacque Janss; Middle, Dot White, Helen Wasserman and Peggy Haser; and Right, Darlene Morris enjoying the "work" session. More ----->



August meeting photos (Continued)... Below, Nancy Pedersen, Olga Schrichte, Marty Simmons and Fran Scher enjoying some social time while working on their rugs. Right, Mary Pauley, Barbara Scuderi and Sandy Dunning proudly show their progress.



Middle, Linda Beavers and Kathy Shankle "git 'er dun." Finally, on right, Claudia Helta and Joan Cornell are on the same page.



Looking forward to seeing completed penny rugs at Show & Tell soon. Fun times!



Next order of business was for incoming President, Danita Frisby, to present signature blocks to outgoing President, Joan Watkins, made in jewel colors by guild members. Anyone who missed the meeting can bring them next month or send them with a friend.

Show & Tell: Fran Scher's MAQ whole circle quilt was from Sherrie Cifaldi's workshop on curved pieces – still in progress. Olga quilted a square-within

-square quilt for Nancy Pedersen and made a personalized tote with zipper and binding around the top.
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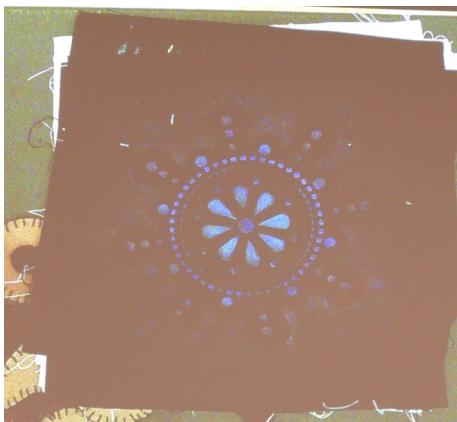
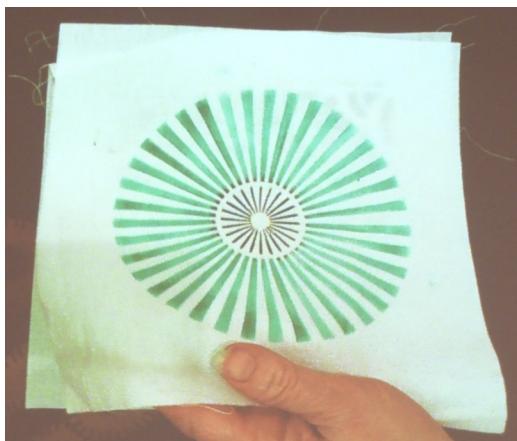




Show & Tell (Continued)... Barbara Scuderi made zipper bags for the raffle quilt venues' sales table. Middle, Barbara Yinger showed her disappearing four patch completed lap quilt for the cancer center. Next, Danita Frisby showed her chicken quilt made from panels her mother gave her, combined with other chickens.



Above, right, Darlene Morris croaked - er cracked - herself up with a cute frog wall hanging. Below are examples from an MAQ workshop Darlene attended exploring stenciling with Paintstiks. She also took a painted and stitched landscape class with punch needle embellishment on a tree and acrylic paint for the flowers.





Show & Tell (Continued)... Nancy Pedersen has been using her downtime making numerous, interesting projects. First is a red and cream table runner. On the evening subject of felt table rugs, she showed two camping themed, round table rugs.

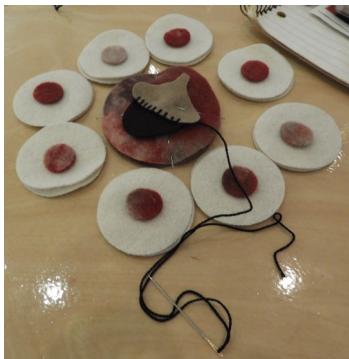


Right, Nancy made a flag wall quilt for her husband's office. Below, Janice Trepper, who is our snowbird, showed a green, pineapple block quilt. Far right, Kathy Shankle closed the Show & Tell parade with a fun watermelon with crow August wall hanging.





Final photos – why? Because there's more space... Brenda Barnhardt's table penny rug prototype (to be ready for Show & Tell next month). Also a few more of Darlene Morris's stencil Paintstik rubbings (there were lots!)



September	4	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm
September	11-14	AQS Fall Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky www.americanquilter.com
September	12	CSQG Meeting - Polly Mello Lecture "Things That Go Bump in the Night"
September	12-15	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA www.quiltfest.com
September	13-21	Great Frederick Fair www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
October	10	CSQG Meeting - Challenge Project and Donation of Lap Quilts to the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute
October	11-20	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop www.quiltersquest.org
November	1-3	Everybody's Quilt Guild Fall Harvest of Quilts Show, Westminster, MD http://eqg.wildapricot.org/page-1829416
November	7	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm
November	14	CSQG Meeting - Cheryl Lynch - Lecture "Love Your Curves"
November	15	Workshop: Cheryl Lynch Workshop: Mini Mosaic (requires no machine)
December	12	Guild Holiday Party

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