



THE COMMON THREAD

A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

President's Notes



T'was the night before guild meeting when all
 through the town
 The quilters were trying to get all projects bound.
 The quilts were all draped everywhere by the ton
 In hopes a few stitches would soon get them done.
 The meeting was near, but all would be well
 If one quilt could be ready for guild show and tell.
 When what to our wondering eyes should appear
 But a party invite and a call for good cheer.
 Put down your needle, relax, take a break,
 Come have fun at the party, drink wine and eat cake!
 Don't worry your head 'cause everyone knows
 There's always next year for those UFO's.
 Come hear us exclaim in joy and delight,
 "Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night!"

Danita Frisby



December 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month
Thursday, December 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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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019

The meeting began at 6:30. There were 29 members present, and three visitors – Sharon Keller (who became a member), and two representatives from Friendship Star Quilt Guild with their opportunity quilt – Anne Flaggs and Soma Glassman.

We started with a presentation by Cheryl Lynch, a quilt teacher and author, who showed many beautiful quilts reflecting memories of her travels and her quilt journey.

The business meeting began at 8:15 pm.

Minutes

The minutes from October 10 were approved as published in the November newsletter.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Robin Rippeon reported:

Income Year ending 10/31/19	\$ 5,674.85
Expenses Year ending 10/31/19	(\$ 4,914.05)
Net Income Year ending 10/31/19	\$ 760.79
Bank Balance as of 10/31/19	\$10,336.48

General Matters

- The budget proposed by the Board will be in the December newsletter. It includes expenses and income for an opportunity quilt. This is an important consideration as dues needed to replace income from a quilt would be increased to \$91 annually. A committee is in place to make a quilt, and it is important that someone (or a team of people) come forward to take on the organization of the marketing the quilt.
- As the end of the year approaches, members may consider making a donation to the guild. We are a 501(c)(3) organization and a donation is tax deductible for those who itemize.
- Summer meetings tend to be small. The July meeting in particular occurs around July 4 and is at the same time as MAQ, which many members attend. There was discussion about whether to drop this meeting. It was moved (by Nancy Speck) and seconded (by Jacque Janss) that the July 2020 meeting be canceled. The motion passed.
- Brenda Barnhardt, who was absent, asked for a show of hands about whether members would participate at a quilt retreat at a location closer than our current venue in West Virginia. About 6 or so people indicated that they would.

Committee Reports

- Banquet – Chair Claire Daly reminded the group that the holiday banquet is next month. She had 5 comments: 1) Sign-up is on the back table. Please indicate the category of food item you will bring even if you haven't decided on the specific thing. Remember to identify the ingredients in your dish for those with dietary requirements. 2) We will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves and hats to take to the homeless shelter. 3) Please complete the 6" flannel square block. All the blocks will be displayed and the winner will get them all. 4) Wear plaid flannel. 5) Bring show and tell. There will be no last chance stash.
- Block of the Month will start in January, and will be based on the book "Sunday's Best Quilts." Blocks will be 18 1/2". More information and pictures are available on blogs by Corey Yoder and Sherry McClellan.
- Barbara Scuderi for the Hospitality Committee asked for volunteers to help greet at the meetings. She is still collecting raffle tickets. The door prize was won by Mary Pauley.
- Darlene Morris reported that we have 56 members, with Sharon Keller joining at this meeting. Dues collection will begin in January, still at \$30.
- Frances Shearer reminded us on behalf of the Program Committee of Cheryl Lynch's workshop tomorrow.
- There are refreshment sign-ups for the first few months of 2020, but Chair Linda Beavers indicated that she still needs refreshment volunteers for several months.
- Olga Schrichte reported on Nancy Pederson's status. She is home and healing. A thank you card was received from Brenda Barnhardt for responses to her Mother's death, and Madeline Wajda expressed her thanks for support in response to her husband's death.
- The guild's Facebook page has been updated with pictures.
- Quilt marketing was advanced by Sandy Dunning and Olga Schrichte taking the quilt to Four County Quilt Guild. Sandy reported that she has a full volunteer slate for the December bazaar, but would still welcome sales items.

There was Show and Tell and the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2019

Board Members Present - Brenda Barnhardt, Linda Beavers, Claire Daly, Danita Frisby, Darlene Morris, Kay Rice, Robin Rippeon, Frances Shearer, Karen Smith, Nancy Speck, Joan Watkins.

Minutes – The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter.

Old Business

The contract with the Delaplaine for the December 2020 exhibit has been signed. They have moved away from the community issue theme to an art quilt theme. Brenda Barnhardt indicated that the Challenge Committee is working on possible challenge themes that would work for this event.

Quilt construction and marketing continues to be an issue. Danita suggested that since no one has come forward, the guild might consider not doing an opportunity quilt next year, and raising dues as an income alternative. She will bring the question up at the next meeting. The sense is that it is not worth doing a quilt if it cannot be marketed.

Budget

The budget for 2020 was reviewed item by item, including income and expenses. The resulting proposal (which includes an opportunity quilt) is published in the December newsletter and will be considered at the January meeting.

Committee Reports

Program – Frances Shearer indicated that the July meeting scheduled for the second Thursday conflicts with MAQ, a quilt education event that many members attend. There was discussion about whether to cancel this meeting. The question will be put to the membership of whether to cancel or schedule an informal sit and sew event instead of a regular meeting.

Retreat – Brenda Barnhardt suggested possibly considering a retreat at a more local venue, maybe in the fall. There are several possible locations. We will get a sense from the membership whether there is enough interest to pursue this.

Community Service – We received a Thank You from Jodi Gerber for the quilts donated to the Stockman Cancer Institute. If any additional quilts are received at the next meeting they should be given to Olga Schrichte. The committee is considering several possible ideas for 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Speck, Secretary

2020 Board Meetings
March 5
June 4
September 3
November - tbd

HOLIDAY BANQUET



A few reminders:

- Come clad in plaid!
- Bring your dish and for those who also signed up for wine - the wine.
(Please list ingredients for food items.)
- Don't forget a donation for the Linton Homeless Shelter - gloves, scarves, hats, and/or socks.
- Your new creative 6 1/2" plaid square.
- And finally, your Show and Tell items.

That's a lot to remember but looking forward to seeing you all for a yummy and enjoyable evening!

Claire Daly, Chairman

**Clustered Spires Quilt Guild****Proposed Budget for 2020-2021**

	Proposed	Actual	Current Year
	12 month Budget	Year-To-Date	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2020 -	2/1/2019-	2/1/2019-
	1/31/2021	11/3/2019	1/31/2020
<i>Income</i>			
Membership Dues-50 members @ \$30	1,500.00	1,620.00	1,500.00
2020 Opportunity Quilt Income	3,000.00		
2019 Opportunity Quilt Income		2,518.00	3,000.00
Merchandise Sales		25.00	
Fundraiser Income-Pin Sales		5.00	
Fundraiser Income-Note Card Sales	200.00	131.80	300.00
Fundraiser Income-Monthly Drawing Basket Income	100.00	82.00	
Fundraiser Income-Last Chance Stash Income	600.00	642.05	500.00
Meeting Fundraisers-Other			
Donations Income	500.00		
Workshop Fees Income	1,350.00	651.00	950.00
<i>Total Income</i>	7,250.00	5,674.85	6,250.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
<i>Program Expenses</i>			
Workshop Teacher Fee	1,350.00	350.00	950.00
Workshop Room Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00
Workshop Fees/Supplies/Misc. Exp.	80.00	231.00	80.00

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	12 month Budget	Year-To-Date	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2020 -	2/1/2019-	2/1/2019-
	1/31/2021	11/3/2019	1/31/2020
Program Expenses (Continued)			
Speaker Fees	2,075.00	1,225.00	1,650.00
Speaker Mileage	630.00	287.68	436.00
Speaker/Workshop Lodging/Meals	750.00	105.12	425.00
Misc. Program Expenses	0.00	141.79	600.00
Total Program Expenses	5,085.00	2,540.59	4,341.00
General Expenses			
2021 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit			
2020 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit	1,000.00		300.00
2019 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit		821.40	975.00
Misc. Fundraising Costs-Note Cards		40.45	220.00
Membership	30.00		10.00
Square Reader Fees	25.00		70.00
Meeting Room Rental-55 members @ \$5 +\$125	400.00	400.00	400.00
Hospitality	100.00	11.34	100.00
Sunshine	46.00	34.31	46.00
Monthly Drawing Basket			
Refreshments	75.00	55.99	105.00



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

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	12 month	Year-To-Date	12 Month
	Budget	2/1/2019-	Budget
	2/1/2020 -	2/1/2019-	2/1/2019-
	1/31/2021	11/3/2019	1/31/2020
General Expenses (Continued)			
May Guild Birthday		294.75	
2019 Holiday Banquet			300.00
2020 Holiday Banquet	300.00		
Supplies / Printing / Postage	20.00		25.00
Insurance Policy	205.00	280.00	280.00
Publicity	100.00		
WebSite Hosting-Paid up until Oct 2020 (was re-n ewed for 3 years)	144.00		
Website Domain renews 10/10/19 for 2 years		62.32	30.00
Website Email renews 10/29/19 for 1 year	60.00	59.88	60.00
Guild Challenge-gift card prizes	150.00	150.00	175.00
Donation Expense		50.00	
Community Service	300.00	172.91	300.00
Total Expenses	8,040.00	4,973.94	7,737.00
Net Income (Loss)	(790.00)	700.91	(1,487.00)





REFRESHMENTS

With the holiday banquet, no refreshments sign ups this month. Be sure to choose a date next year you'd like to bring something. See Linda Beavers at the meeting or call at 301-831-9821.



- 10 Junice Patton
- 12 Joan Cornell
- 15 Kathy Cramer
- 26 Madeline Wajda
- 26 Joan Watkins
- 27 Helen Wasserman
- 29 Barbara Yinger



Reminder: we will not have Last Chance Stash in December, but will resume in January.

Mary Pauley, Chairman



I extend a belated thank you to everyone who gave me the lovely signature squares. I have been enjoying reading and re-reading the messages you wrote as I assembled the squares and now am quilting them. I hope to have the quilt finished to bring for show and tell in December. This will be a treasure to remind me of the four years spent as president of this wonderful quilt guild. You are the best!

Thank you,
Joan Watkins

P.S. If you didn't sign a square, there's still room -- I'll bring a pen.

NOTICE FROM FRANCES SHEARER

Sue Dieringer-Boyer had a necklace on that several in the Cheryl Lynch workshop were interested as to where she had purchased it or the pattern. She sent me the information so it could be posted in the newsletter. I think my mother made them forty years ago - crochet with beads added. I still have several.





MARYLAND QUILTERS CHALLENGE 2020 “VISION”

We are celebrating the year 2020 with a 20-20 theme of “Vision” which can relate to dream, prophecy, foresight, intuition, perception, optics or optical illusions as well as eyesight.

RULES

- This challenge is open to all Maryland resident quilters only.
- Make a 20” x 20” quilt that depicts “Vision” to you.
- Quilt may be pieced, appliqued or art form
- Must be quilted through 3 layers
- The quilt must be done by one person
- Edges must be finished by any method you like
- Quilt must have a label including the title of your quilt, your name and city of residence.
- Write a description of your piece that illustrates how your quilt relates to Vision. This will be displayed alongside your quilt.
- Quilts will be judged but no individual critiques given
- Judging will be based on technique, workmanship, creativity, overall esthetic to color and design, and its relatability to “Vision”
- A maximum of 2 entries per person allowed
- Quilts that do not conform to rules may be disqualified from entry

We do our best to protect your quilt and the school has wonderful security. If you desire insurance, please use your homeowner’s policy. Entry implies consent to photography for publicity purposes.

Complete the entry registration form and email along with photo of quilt with title/name of quilt, your name, address, and phone to Wendy Allen at marylandquilterschallenge@gmail.com

You will receive an acknowledgment of your registration.

Registration and photo deadline February 15, 2020

Quilts can be turned in at the Southern Comforters Quilt Guild meetings on the following dates Jan, 22, Feb 12 or Feb 26 from 7:00 – 8:30pm at Christian Community Presbyterian Church 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715

EXHIBIT AND VOTING Exhibit will be displayed, judged and voted by viewers at the Southern Comforters Quilt Show March 21 -22, 2020 at Bowie High School ANNEX, 3021 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715

AWARDS Quilts will be judged by a guest judge and viewers at the Southern Comforters Quilt Show will vote for their favorite. First prize \$20, Second prize \$10, Third prize \$5, Viewers’ Choice \$10. Other prizes from sponsors will be announced.

Website: www.southerncomforters.org

Curator: Wendy Allen marylandquilterschallenge@gmail.com

Submitted by Joan Watkins



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At left, is our newest member who joined at the November meeting, Sharon Keller. More information coming in the future.

Contact for Lynne MacCracken’s information last month:
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Frederick, MD 21702
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SUNSHINE NEWS

Some of you may have noticed that you've not seen Gale Vernon in a while. It's because she's been experiencing back problems. Gale had surgery to hopefully correct them. She is home again recuperating.



Please keep Gale in your thoughts and prayers and then cheer her up by sending her a card with a 5-inch square of floral fabric. Here's her mailing address:

Gale Vernon
2458 Five Shillings Road
Frederick, MD 21701
Her email address is galehof@yahoo.com

Thank you very kindly for being a part of our creative, caring community. If you know of anyone else who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Olga Schrichte, Chairman

This month's reporting is by Linda McNey with photos provided by Linda, Danita Frisby, Stella Penalver (including Cheryl Lynch's workshop), Barbara Scuderi and Karen Smith. Thank you!!!

November meeting photos and narrative...

Sandy Dunning introduced our quest speaker, Cheryl Lynch, as the only science graduate of MIT she has had the pleasure to present. Cheryl's first quilt was an applique quilt she used to teach classes. Seventeen years passed between her first and second quilts and she now designs quilts and patterns, does workshops, publishes a monthly newsletter, and written several books since she started teaching applique and landscape quilts.



Cheryl lost her main support last December, but is moving forward with her teaching, designing and travel.

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November meeting photos (Continued)...

The quilts Cheryl creates result from being inspired by her travels, her freedom to do what she likes or is moved by. Inspiration can be anything – organic, inorganic, dots, or squiggles – transported from an ideal to raw edge applique using mainly raw silk and a variety of threads.

Much of Cheryl's inspiration is found in what catches her eye during her travels – like a railing on a mountain trail, a brick way, a bright orange floral, pavers in St. Augustine, and filigree metal railing in Barcelona.



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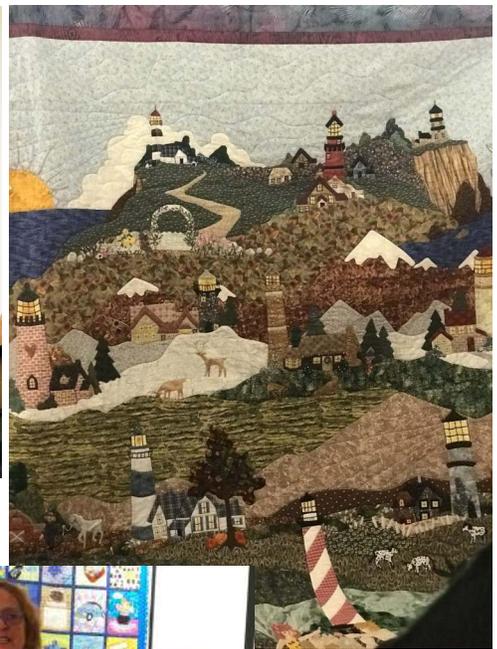


November meeting photos (Continued)...

To remember her travels, Cheryl makes fiber books. She did a book of Key West sights, and her memories from a trip to Israel. Inspiration from the tile work in the Middle East she became interested in mosaics and she began learning about them there and in Mexico. From the tiles she brought home from her travels she started designing quilts which lead to the mini-mosaics patterns and the workshops and a book on tiles.



Some of the quilts Cheryl shared featured a bicycle against a brick wall in Paris; Frieda's bright, bold flowers; a peacock in a garden surrounded by flowers; a brightly colored wall hanging using her Curvalicious ruler; and from Cristo Gates display in New York, cards which she framed.



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November meeting photos (Continued)...

Cheryl hung her challenge block a week quilt as backdrop to her presentation (see Page 9). The small blocks featured were from other quilt projects - her inspirations, her travel memories and her special memories of people and places.

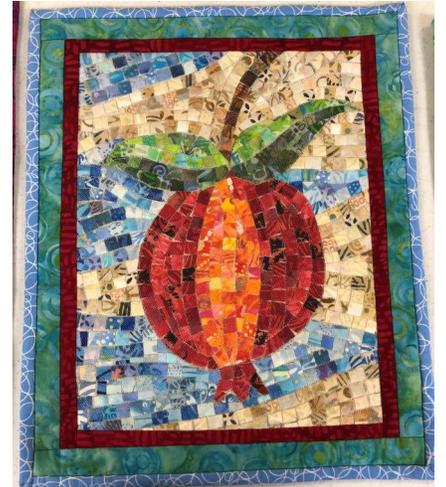
Author's note: If you are not inspired and motivated by Cheryl, whose "can do" spirit is infectious, then well just then.



Page 13, photos from Cheryl Lynch's workshop the next day.



Photos from Cheryl Lynch's mosaic workshop... Frances Shearer introduces Cheryl Lunch. Some of the samples of mosaic small quilts for inspiration over and above some shown at the meeting.



Above, Sharon Keller and Sandy Dunning do fine work with little fabric squares. Below, Sandy and Kathy Cramer making progress with Barbara Scuderi getting input from Cheryl. Continued on Page 14





Photos from Cheryl Lynch's mosaic workshop (Continued)...

Right, Helen Wasserman, Barbara and Marty Simmons busy mosaic-ing. Below, Linda McNey and Karen Smith making progress, as well as Dot White and Marcia Walker on the right.



Left, Cheryl looks pleased with Barbara and Marty's work. Lower right, Frances and Becky Lyon also enjoyed the workshop. Bottom photos, Cheryl showed samples of her potential future workshops.



And finally, Show & Tell... Darlene Morris showed a full size color blocked quilt, tree wall quilt, and then a Christmas wreath project.

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Show & Tell (Continued) ... Claudia Helta made a rug from left over jelly roll strips and her stash. She suggested cutting strips for the rug larger than 2-2/12" and let the machine free flow while stitching. Next, not shown, Danita Frisby showed Christmas tree mug rugs and a "welcome" snowman for her niece. She also showed quilt-as-you-go table runners for the bazaar. She made a cute small house box, but said the pattern directions were so bad she had to work them out.



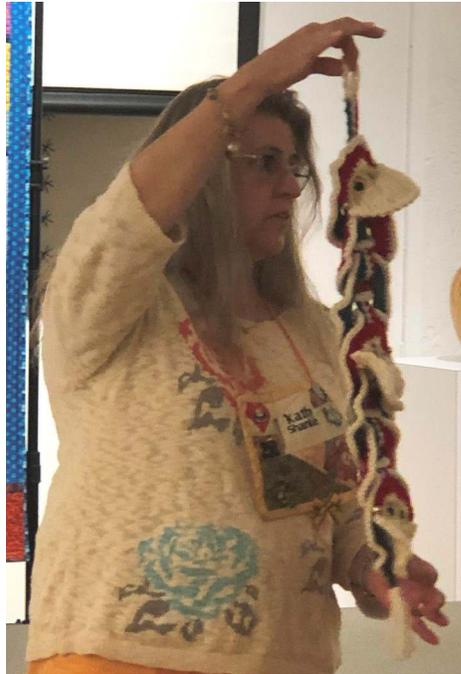
Sandy Dunning showed her fall stack and whack wall quilt. She also made a fringed tree skirt displaying machine embroidery.

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Show & Tell (Continued) ... Kathy Shankle showed her December dachshund and should have the finished quilt to show soon. Kathy did also make a crochet door décor for the bazaar. Claire Daly showed her colorful Cancer Center quilt – a sunrise over water.



Nancy Speck had two Kaffe Fassett strip sets that she used to make a blue strip quilt for a present. She also showed her purple and Christmas pot holders made for her handyman's wife.

Jacque Janss made a wool felt turkey for the craft bazaar.

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Show & Tell (Continued) ... Jacque finished her penny rug and showed her fall felt wreath with button-hole stitches.

And bringing up the rear, Helen Wasserman remembering special friends made a coffee ketch wall quilt from a 10 year old pattern bought at Paducah.



An exciting Calendar of Events will be revealed for 2020 soon.

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