



President's Notes



It was delightful to see many of you on our Zoom guild meeting. July is our vacation month although I'm sure for most of us it will be a "stay-cation." That means more time to quilt! Maybe we can all make little wall hangings: "I'd Rather Be...." I'll post mine in next month's newsletter.

I'm working on setting up a Zoom for our August meeting. Don't forget to work on your quilt challenge trees. We will still be hanging a quilt show at the Delaplaine in December and would like to include all of the challenge quilts. Joan Watkins has volunteered to co-ordinate the show and work with Sydney Dexter of the Delaplaine to organize the event.

Stay well. Happy quilting.

Danita Frisby

July 2020 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month
Thursday, August 13, 2020
Via Zoom - 6:30pm

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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PROGRAMS: Our August meeting will be a Zoom meeting with Clara Daniels.

Clara's topic will be "A Passion for Precuts." She will give a brief history of precuts, how the use of precuts has evolved, and her use of precuts.

Frances Shearer, Chair





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020

The meeting began at 7:10. The meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Karen Smith.

The first and primary issue considered was the status of future meetings given continuing limitations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is unlikely that in-person meetings will be possible. There is no July meeting scheduled. President Danita Frisby will try to set up another Zoom meeting in August. The September meeting and speaker were previously cancelled in order to give the speaker plenty of notice. Frances Shearer, Program Chair, advised that Clara Daniels, the original speaker for June, has advised that she is now doing Zoom meetings. The possibility that she would be available for such a meeting in September will be considered.



Presentation of Community Service quilts to COIPP is scheduled for October. As this date is also uncertain, Marcia Walker will check with them about how the quilts can be presented, and follow up in the July newsletter.

Sandy Dunning advised that the committee at her church (All Saints Episcopal) that is planning their December bazaar will meet next week. She thinks maybe it will be cancelled, but will let the guild know next week after a definite decision is made. Members should continue to make sale items and just hang onto them.

Quilts of Valor blocks have been being made and Barbara Scuderi has collected them to send to the organization. The blocks are not due to the organization until December. Members who have blocks can hold onto them or send individually directly to the national organization in Texas. (There is no Maryland coordinator at this time.) Mailing information is on the QOV website, and Barbara will include it in the next newsletter.

The Delaplaine has indicated that the December quilt exhibit is still on. Photos of the quilts to be included are needed so they can be put online. The timing is not clear. Danita indicated that a chair is needed for this committee so these factors can be worked out. The possibility was suggested of coordinating the exhibit with the guild's tree challenge, including entries in the exhibit and opening it up to a "viewer's choice" type competition or holding them for a guild competition at a later date.

Guild member Olga Schrichte presented an informative program (via Powerpoint) for making a reversible, adjustable mask. Dorothy Herrington won the door prize (a puzzle), and there was show and tell.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2020

Board Members Present – Note: Due to limitations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a virtual meeting. The following Board members attended via Google Meet, either on the site, by phone or otherwise: Brenda Barnhardt, Danita Frisby, Robin Rippeon, Fran Scher, Barbara Scuderi, Frances Shearer, Nancy Speck, and Joan Watkins.

The focus of the meeting was how to approach future meetings and activities in view of limitations presented by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The general consensus was not to have in-person meetings for the foreseeable near future. Government restrictions still limit gatherings to 10, and the Delaplaine is open on a limited basis. There is no outside speaker until September. It was agreed to cancel the September speaker, Barbara Cline, and to proceed thereafter on a month-to-month basis, being careful, however, to give speakers plenty of notice. The June meeting next week will be on Zoom, with no meeting for July. We will see how things are going in August.

The October meeting plans were also discussed. There will be follow up with Children of Incarcerated Parents, the group that is to receive children's quilts from the guild, to see if they would still be needed and consider how to present them if there is no October guild meeting. There was also discussion of the challenge project given uncertainties about meetings on into the fall. There was suggestion of abandoning the project entirely or continuing to encourage members to do a challenge even if they could not be presented competitively for a meeting.

This led to consideration of the relationship of the challenge to the December quilt exhibit at the Delaplaine. We have been encouraged by the Delaplaine to have a theme for the show, which would have been the challenge subject. There was agreement that we should plan to continue with the exhibit, as we are committed to the Delaplaine. There was general discussion, including consideration of doing the challenge as part of the show and expanding the competitive aspect to a "viewer's choice" involving attendees. Beyond remaining committed to the exhibit, no decisions were made as to the challenge generally or how it might fit within the exhibit.

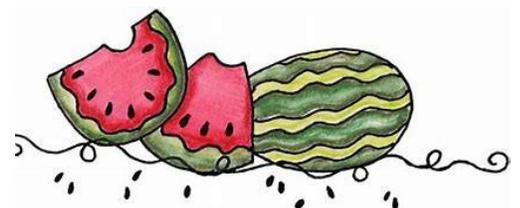
Danita noted that a Chair is still needed for the exhibit, as well as for the Banquet Committee for the December meeting. It was suggested that a potluck dinner meeting would be possible for December, considering that the meeting situation could still be uncertain.

Apparently the usual bill for our use of the Delaplaine was not received prior to the general shut-down. Robin suggested that we go ahead and pay it now to maintain our relationship with the Delaplaine.

Nancy asked about the procedure for submission of Quilts of Valor blocks which were to be brought to the June meeting for Barbara to send to the organization for the guild. There was a consensus that members should just send them individually to the organization.

There was some discussion of marketing a quilt given that Nancy Speck may possibly be making one. Many, if not all venues, have been cancelled. Possibly the All Saints bazaar might be a go in December and if a quilt is made, it could be marketed then or next year. No decision could be made with everything so uncertain.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Speck, Secretary





Quilts of Valor 2020 Block Drive -

Thanks for all those who made blocks. We collected 70 blocks. Since we don't know when we are meeting next, I decided to go ahead and mail the blocks we have. If you have any blocks remaining you can mail them to:

Block Drive Coordinator, Suzanne DiCarlo
111 Minwood Street
Mineola, Texas, 75773-1122

Please notify me if you send blocks yourself so I have can get a final count.

Thanks,
Barbara Scuderi bscuderi52@gmail.com

Hospitality-

The door prize for June was Dottie Herrington.
She won a Quilt Folk Puzzle.

Barbara Scuderi, Chair



December Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine

The Delaplaine is now open for exhibits and we are scheduled for December.



We are getting a late start—the digital photos were due June 8. I'm working on that.

Our theme will be "Trees" to go along with our challenge theme. Some quilts can "branch out" from the tree theme.

Challenge quilts were originally to be presented at the October meeting. That deadline works well for having the quilts finished so we can photograph in advance of hanging them. The Delaplaine is presenting all exhibits digitally online as well as in the galleries. They will need extra time to prepare this.

It would be helpful if you would let me know what you are planning to exhibit. I could use a few more people on the committee too!

Joan Watkins
joanspatches@gmail.com



FUNDRAISING

Sandy Dunning reports that the annual All Saints Episcopal Church Gifts and Greens Sales event has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus quarantine. She suggests you keep making items to sell and hang onto them for next year's.

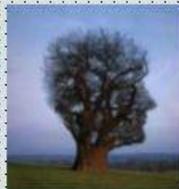
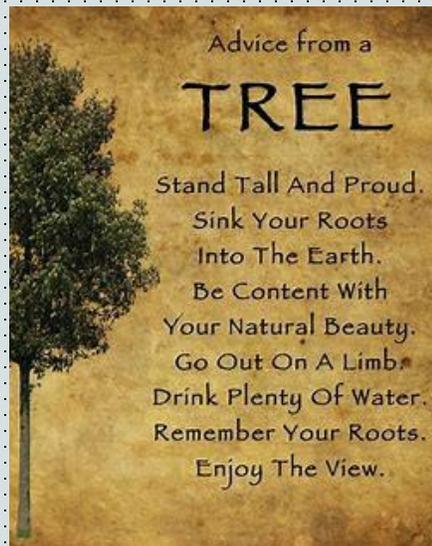


2020 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

TREE(S)

2020's challenge theme is TREE(S) – one or more. Where would we be without trees?

The challenge is still on. Entries will be featured at the Delaplaine in December and voted on by viewer's choice.



Requirements are below. Please follow these rules to be eligible to win a prize.

Rules of the Challenge

1. Your entry must represent a **tree** in any way.
2. It has to be predominantly **3 layers** (top, batting, and backing) with **some quilting**.
3. There is a size requirement – it **MUST BE 24" WIDE** and **ANY LENGTH UP TO 36"**.
So it can be square or rectangular, portrait or landscape orientation – just **24 inches wide**.

That's it! We're planning on featuring the entries at the CSQG quilt show at the Delaplaine in December so all sizes need to be of a consistent width.

Prizes: First place (valued at \$75), second (\$50) and third (\$25) **will be awarded based on the Delaplaine gallery visitors' Viewer's Choice voting. Prizes to be awarded at the December meeting. Have fun!!!**



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service project is still on! I have been in contact with the COIPP folks and they will be delighted to get our quilts in October. They will work with us to get them delivered. We all hope we will be meeting in person then but of course nothing is sure at the moment. None-the-less, if you are presently working on one or was wondering if you should start, the answer is YES! Please help this great organization out as they are looking forward to getting this wonderful gift from our guild. Happy quilting in this time of pandemic! Aren't we all glad we have this wonderful hobby to keep us busy and help make others happy too!



Please feel free to send me pictures of your COIPP quilts. I would love to see them.

Marcia Walker Mwalkersh@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP

We still have members who have not renewed their dues for this year. If you're not sure, you can email me at vmorris24@outlook.com to find out. Please send check to Darlene Morris, my address is in the directory. We still have bills and programs to pay for this year. Thanks to Kathy Shankle and Peggy Haser for renewing their membership.

Darlene Morris, Chair

NEWS FROM JINNY BEYER'S STUDIO

"In this time of change for all of us, I would like you to know that I have decided to close my 'brick and mortar' retail shop." [Jinny turns 80 next year and her husband passed away recently too.] "Only our physical store in Great Falls, VA will close. **Our internet business will continue.** You will still be able to order my fabrics, products, kits and patterns online. Our weekly website specials and monthly newsletter will continue." Jinny Beyer

Read more at: <https://jinnybeyer.com/changes-ahead-for-jinny-beyer-studio/>



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Subject: Traditions Fabric Sale

Hi Quilting Friends,

We hope this finds everyone healthy and well. Gardens have been planted and hopefully lots of quilting has been done! Now is the time to restock your stash.

We have approximately 1000 bolts of fabric left. On July 2nd (Thurs), 3rd (Fri) and 4th (Sat) we have reserved the Wilson Ruritan located at 16204 National Pike, right up the road from Traditions to hold a fabric sale. All yardage will be \$4.50 per yard. There will be a minimum of 1 yard cuts and all sales will be CASH only and all sales are final. Hours for the sale are 10am until 3pm on Thursday and Friday. Saturday will be 10am until 2pm. If anyone is interested in purchasing the remaining fabric please be at the Ruritan on Saturday at 2pm, so an offer can be discussed.

We will make sure that we are in compliance with all of the Covid-19 rules and regulations. Please make sure to wear your masks.

If you have any fabric scraps please bring them along and we will coordinate with Sharon for her to pick up. The small scraps are used to make weighted blankets for children with Autism.

If you have done some cleaning out during the quarantine, Wendy's parents are still working hard on utility quilts for charity and would gladly accept any donations you may have. Just think you can reward yourself for cleaning out old fabric with getting some new!!

**Lloyd (Jenny's husband) is planning on being there all 3 days with hot dogs, drinks and chips for sale also, so be sure to stash a few extra bucks so you don't spend it on fabric!! You must keep up your strength while shopping!!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us at whiteswan@myactv.net or wstraditions518@gmail.com.

We have missed seeing and talking to everyone and look forward to seeing you.

Happy Quilting!
Dick and Wendy Shank

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This month's block is the Gladdening Block. Some notes for this block are: Step 2 requires 4HSTs and for steps 3-5 make 2 each of the units. This is block 7 of the series. Enjoy!

Kathy Shankle, Chair



Kathy and Danita Frisby's blocks, and Danita's completed quilt top of BOM blocks. Continued...



BLOCK OF THE MONTH (Continued)

Finally, Joan Watkins's completed quilt top with blocks of the month shown at right.



From Becky Lyon:

I came across a wonderful article in the New York Times about an amazing *African American quilter, Rosie Lee Thompkins* who has a retrospective of her arresting work at the Berkeley Art Museum. I am still reading the article, but the photos of her quilts are just fantastic. I really wish I could hop a plane to visit my daughter and son-in-law in Santa Monica and get up to Berkeley to see the exhibition. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen any time soon. Here's the url:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/26/arts/design/rosie-lee-tompkins-quilts.html>





Thanks go to Olga Schrichte for her excellent presentation on making an adjustable face mask, via Zoom, as well as to Karen Smith for setting up the June guild meeting.

Olga's presentation and the mask pattern are now on our website: www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org in the Members section.

It was so nice to see the smiling faces of those who attended, and to see what you are working on.

Take care and stay safe,
Fran Scher



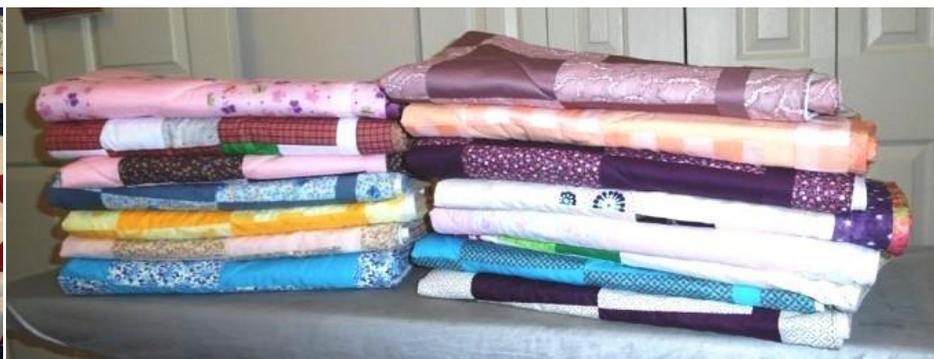
How to Make a Reversible Adjustable Mask



By Olga Schrichte

SHOW & TELL

Barbara Scuderi made a patriotic red, white and blue quilt. At right, Barbara Yinger shows the latest 15 small quilts completed for the CareWear Foundation. "I do the sandwiching and quilting and then they are ready for hospitals, nursing homes, nurseries." She also reminds people that the Frederick Hospital needs gowns in addition to face masks.



Below are photos of the three baby quilts Becky Lyons made. All of the babies were boys (where are the girls lately?), one born in May and twins born June 23. I did the same pattern and borders for the June twins, but changed the fabric in the blocks. I'm just getting ready to send them off.

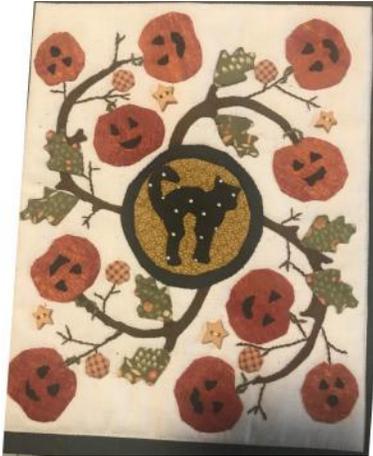
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THE COMMON THREAD

SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Danita Frisby has been making the best of her home-time with the following: (1) "Finished this 40x14 inch embroidery while waiting on white hand quilting thread I ordered the first of May. Still have not received the thread but finally went out to a store and bought some. After battling a whole family of bunnies trying to eat up my garden this spring, I kind of regret the theme of this piece." (2 - 5) "These are from the book 'Gathering the Passing Season' by Kathy Schmitz. The patterns can be made raw edge but I did needle turn. Each mini-quilt has Velcro buttons on back and can be changed out in the frame each...



month." Below right, India Hitchcock says "I finished my first quilt! I had a fat quarter bundle that I bought because it caught my eye - but the colors also reminded me of my aunt. She's been going through a tough time recently (haven't we all!) but she's also a recent widow and as a small business owner, she's been under a lot of stress trying to figure out how to avoid laying anyone off. Anyway, it seemed like the perfect project to let her know I was thinking about her. Look-

ing forward to my next project!"

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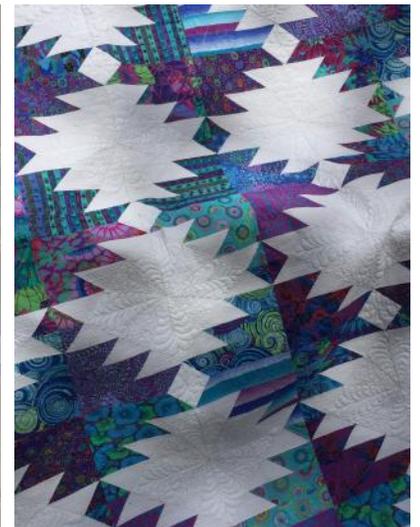
SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Joan Watkins created a portrait of her mother named "In the Pink." Next, Kathy Shankle did two appliqued objects, The first, about which she says "This embroidered pillow was made using cotton and wool and was in the Spring 2020 edition of Primitive Quilts magazine. I am lucky I could find enough wool scraps around the house to finish it!" At right, "This sweet little lamb pillow was made using the book, The Best of Buttermilk Basin, by That Patchwork Place. It has 3 different rugs for the lamb to wear."



Above left is a COIPP Community Service lap quilt Nancy Speck finished. The middle and right two are flannel receiving blankets Nancy made for the Christmas Bazaar fundraiser. Below, Sharon Price is cranking out face masks from Olga Schrichte's pattern in beautiful fabrics. To its right with closeup, is a quilt made by Sharon Gnatt that she describes, "Here are a couple of pictures I posted on Instagram of my 'Grand Adventures' quilt from a pattern by the Missouri Star Quilt company. Fabric is by Kaffe Fassett and quilting was done on my long arm."



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SHOW & TELL (Continued)

Left, Olga Schrichte made a rainbow quilt for the front door using fabric from her stash. Middle, Fran Scher says "Improv wall hanging made during a virtual 'Quilt Freedom Workshop' with Joe Cunningham." Right, her black half-square triangle scrap quilt.



NOTICE: I received an extra spool of 70 yards of 1/4" white elastic that I'd happily donate to anyone who needs it for face masks. Contact Brenda Barnhardt at brenz2catz@gmail.com or 301-662-2943.



For those of you who enjoyed Cheryl Lynch's trunk show last year, here's some exciting news. Her "Mosaic" line of fabrics (by Hoffman) will be in quilt shops sometime in October. Both Charlotte's Cottage and WebFabrics (it's still in business, but online only) will be carrying the line. If you're on Facebook, check out Cheryl's excitement as she unboxes her fabrics for the first time. I think there are at least 10 gorgeous colors. I, for one, can't wait to buy some!

Submitted by Olga Schrichte

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21 - Sept. 8	Row by Row Experience Quilters Trek	www.rowbyrowexperience.com
July 9	CSQG Meeting - Sit & Sew - Cancelled COVID-19	
July 10-12	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar - Cancelled COVID-19	www.magonline.org
August 5-7	AQS Lancaster Quilt Show at The Nook - Cancelled COVID-19	www.quiltweek.com
August 13	CSQG Meeting - Community Service Sit & Sew	
September 5-Feb	AQS Spring Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky - Cancelled COVID-19	www.americanquilter.com
September 3	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett Offices @ 7pm	
September 10	CSQG Meeting - Barbara Cline: "Where, When, Why, and How of Quilting" - Cancelled COVID-19	www.delightfulpiecing.com
September 11	Workshop with Barbara Cline: "Star Tricks" - Cancelled COVID-19	www.delightfulpiecing.com
September 17-20	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA - Cancelled COVID-19	http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/
September 18-26	Great Frederick Fair	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
October 8	CSQG Meeting - Guild Challenge Awards and Community Service Presentation	
October 8-12	Quilters' Quest Shop Hop - Cancelled COVID-19	www.quiltersquest.org
November 12	CSQG Meeting - Karen Fricke "Beads, Buckles and Buttons"	www.karenfrickequilts.com
December 5-27	Delaplaine Center Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Quilt Exhibit	
December 10	Guild Holiday Banquet	

For more information, go to www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/programs

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