



President's Notes



Last newsletter I said I would post an "I'd Rather Be..." project in honor of our July vacation month. Here it is – an appliquéd tea towel, "I'd Rather Be Camping" (see below right). Well, I got my wish! My family went to far Western Maryland and spent an extended weekend in the great outdoors safely away from everyone. It was a relief to get out of the house and just sit and contemplate the beauty of nature.

I'm back home and have just now read a chilling article that includes a tool to calculate the risk of someone in a group having Covid 19 specific to the county where the group is. Unfortunately in Frederick County in a group of 50, the likelihood that at least someone has the virus is 24%. That brings me to the results of the survey I asked for about attending future physical guild meetings. I got 3 positive responses – 3 people said they would attend, and 2 maybes. Although I know we would all love the chance to socialize in person, it is clear that we generally do not feel safe to do so. I talked to Marilyn at the Delaplaine and explained that it was not likely that we would physically meet at least until the first of the year. She was very understanding and said there would be no problem in holding our time and space for next year. In the meantime, we have a Zoom meeting scheduled for our regular time, August 13, hosted by Karen Smith. An email blast will be posted closer to the time with information on how to sign in. Frances Shearer on the Program Committee has arranged a speaker. I hope to see you all then. Stay safe and well.

Danita Frisby



August 2020 Newsletter

**Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month
Thursday, August 13, 2020 via Zoom
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
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
40 South Carroll Street
Frederick, MD 21701

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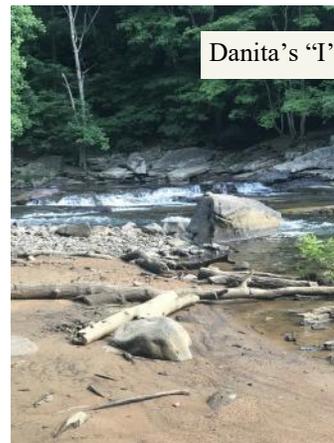
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Danita's "I'd Rather Be..."





PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Clara Daniels of Falling Waters, WV is our August Zoom speaker. Her topic will be "A Passion for Pre-Cuts."

Clara grew up in Kentucky - quilts everywhere. She always loved the colors and patterns she saw in quilts. After sewing garments in high school and college, she left sewing behind for a career in accounting and finance. A new house started Clara on the road to sewing again, first curtains then an interest in quilting. Her first quilting class was in 2002. Clara has been taking classes, collecting fabric, and designing patterns ever since.

Clara's current passion is pre-cuts: jelly rolls, layer cakes, charm squares, etc. Clara enjoys trying to make the best use of these colorful collections.

Adapted from an article for MAQ.



Friendship Chain: A Jelly Roll Quilt



Tulip Crowns: A Layer Cake Quilt

Coming in September - Meg Cox, a nationally known thought leader on quilting and family traditions. Her Zoom presentation will be about the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska.

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Frances Shearer, Chair



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This month we will be doing Block #8. It is called Delight and is an easy block. You will find it on pages 56 - 61 in the Sundays B Quilts book. You could go scrappy or plan your fabrics. Either way it will look beautiful.

Enjoy,
Kathy Shankle, Chair



2020 COMMUNITY SERVICE

Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (<https://www.coipp.org/>)

Feeling stuck at home? Why not start your Community Services quilt(s) for Children of Incarcerated Parents?

Quilt Size: Baby, small child, or lap size quilt suitable for adult or teenager

Quilters Choice: color, design, fabric: cotton or flannel

Quilt Goal: 40 quilts

Kay Rice (Chair) and Marcia Walker



HOSPITALITY

I took a trip to Web Fabrics on June 27th for their giveaway to quilt guilds. I got there early, so I was 6th in line. We had to wait an hour before we got to go into the store. It was sad to see it nearly empty. I was able to get lots of goodies (patterns and fabric) to use as future door prizes.

A special thanks to Jacque Janss for letting me know about the event and Robin Rippeon for providing the nonprofit forms needed. So nice of Carly of Web Fabrics to be so generous! Don't forget you can still shop online.

Barbara Scuderi, Chair



Just in case you need to replenish your stash....

Batiks Etcetera & Sew What Fabrics Fat Quarter Frenzy! July 27 - August 2

I've bought fat quarter bundles during their Frenzies before. The fabric is always good, and if they aren't too busy, the store workers will try and respond to special requests. <https://batiks.com/home>

Submitted by Marty Simmons



CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD QUILT SHOW

December 2020 Quilt Exhibit at The Delaplaine Arts Center
Theme: Trees

Our theme is based on this year's challenge. Sydney, gallery manager at the Delaplaine, has approved the theme and accepted a few member's photos for publicity.

All the Delaplaine exhibits this year are being offered virtually as well as in the gallery. This means we must submit really good photos beforehand!

The artist talk on December 5 may be in the gallery in person or it may be virtual with members sharing from their homes. The decision will be made in early November. If you are interested in being on the panel in either format please let me know. ***I'd love to have a few more members join me on this committee!***

Joan Watkins

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Timeline:	Mid-August:	Entry form and instructions will be available
	October 8:	Entry deadline
	November 8:	Entry photos and information will be sent to the Delaplaine
	December 1:	Quilts, etc., ready to hang, will be delivered and hung at the Delaplaine
	December 5-27:	Exhibit will be open to the public in the East Gallery and online There may/may not be an opening reception There will be an artist talk by a few members. This will be live or virtual. TBD.
	December 28:	Quilts will be taken down and can be picked up

TREES

Recent works of Clustered Spires Quilt Guild members.

Trees. Where would we be without them?

Trees take in carbon dioxide and give off life-sustaining oxygen and improve our air quality. They provide cooling shade in the summer, help to reduce stress and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees provide food, wood, paper, mulch and medications. They block unsightly views and absorb noise. Planting trees expresses hope in the future.

The visual structure of trees and their branches lend understanding to concepts such as family trees, syntax trees, vascular trees and skill trees. Physical objects like coat, shoe and hat trees mimic tree forms. At holiday times giving trees appear to help us branch out to help others. The quilts in our exhibit celebrate trees in many forms - literal and figurative. Our quilts are *rooted* in the past - our foundation lies upon generations of quilters and their works. Our works have *branched* out in many directions - traditional, modern, art, multi-media. Some of our quilts contain *knots* - expressing personal emotions and societal challenges.

Quilts. Where would we be without them?

Artist bio: Clustered Spires Quilt Guild gathers new and experienced quilters monthly at the Delaplaine to share their work, learn new techniques, make Community Service projects and hear quilt experts from around the country.

Joan Watkins, Chair



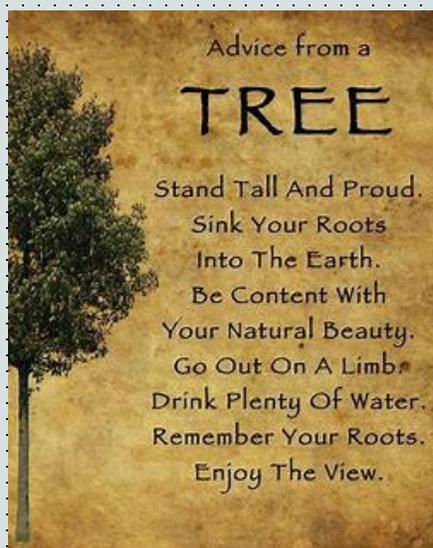


2020 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

TREE(S)

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

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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). **Voting will be via October's guild Zoom meeting. Your photos for the Delaplaine virtual show will be used for a slide show for members to vote on in Zoom or email (details TBD). Have fun!!!**



MEMBERSHIP

Two members renewed their memberships in July - Cindy Shugars and Stella Penalver. Thank you ladies. I will be emailing those who have not renewed to confirm their membership status for 2020.

Darlene Morris, Chair



- 5 Cindy Shugars
- 17 Sharon Price
- 24 Kathy Phillips
- 25 Dorothy Herrington
- 25 Nancy Speck
- 27 Teresa Killar



SUNSHINE NEWS

Brenda Barnhardt was kind enough to let me know that Nancy Woods could use our prayers and healing thoughts as her husband is dealing with health issues. Please reach out to Nancy to let her know you're thinking about her and her husband. Nancy's mailing address is:

Nancy Woods
3200 Baker Circle, Apt. I-108
Adamstown, MD 21710
Email: quilttwo@yahoo.com

If you send Nancy a card, please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric. Thank you so kindly for continuing to be part of our caring community. If you know of someone else who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know. Thank you very kindly.

Olga Schrichte, Chair

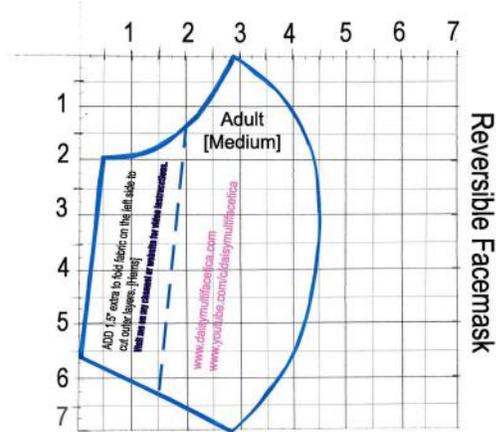
FREE COMMUNITY SERVICE FABRIC

If you need fabric for Quilts of Valor blocks or COIPP quilts, I have several boxes of fabric donated by the family of Charlotte Hackett that I've been storing for a guild meeting for the Fabric Stash table. The fabrics are varied and I've sorted them and dropped about half of what was donated to Goodwill. They're older prints and solids. Her family wanted them to be enjoyed by fellow quilters. Charlotte passed away in the past year in her nineties. Contact Brenda Barnhardt if interested at 301-662-2943 or brenz2catz@gmail.com.

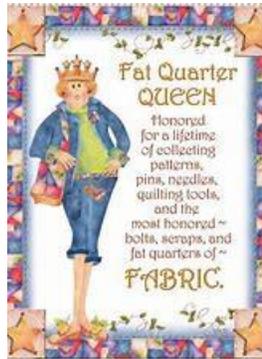


I've tried several different **face mask** designs and everyone has their favorites. I liked this one by Daisy Multifacetica that I found online because it's easy, and it's smaller than some others but still does the job. Mostly, there's more of a dip under the eyes which helps some of my friends who got irritation from other styles being too close to their bottom eye lids. See Daisy's instructions in her YouTube video at www.youtube.com/c/daisymultifacetica if you're interested. The X-large pattern is VERY big. I had to put tucks in the sides to make it conform to the contour of my face. I preferred the medium one but I still altered the pattern to reduce the sides to 2-1/4" wide.

Submitted by Brenda Barnhardt



Cute and very true sentiments...



Show & Tell - Dot White begins with "Made this quilt for my husband. Started it about a year ago, finished the top, then couldn't find my quilting foot till middle of July. Now I am on a roll, got a lot of tops laying around." And right of that, she finished two t-shirt quilts.



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Show & Tell (Continued)... At left, a sampler by Danita Frisby that's a block of the month by the El Dorado guild in Arkansas. In the middle and right, Nancy Speck has two quilt tops in progress and says, "They're for COIPP. The stair step one is from a book I think - a pretty easy and basic rail fence block. The other one also basic that I just made up."



Below, Sandy Dunning shows two wedge tree skirts. "Both for charity donations. One for Clusters Spires and one for my friend in MA for her annual fundraiser in memory of her son." Middle right, Sandy completed a mini mosaic that she started last year at Cheryl Lynch's workshop.



Below, Brenda Barnhardt's still getting requests for face masks and trying different styles. Left are from YouTube Crafty Daily made from circles. In the middle, is one of several she made of the Valami types that Olga Schrichte provided for the May newsletter.

Far right is a tote bag Brenda made for a friend taken from a design by Edyta Sitar in the February 2010 American Patchwork & Quilting magazine that was originally hand appliqued but Brenda chose a beautiful oriental print to feature instead. She's making a second one for a future guild fundraiser.



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Show & Tell (Continued)... Finally, Kathy Cramer completed a quilt she began at the first Paw Paw, WV Double O retreat in 2012. It's the Snake River Log Cabin pattern by Judy Martin. It's 52 inches square and has 1,411 patches. "I'm calling it Amazing Grace as it's for my Aunt Grace, my mom's youngest sister. It was quilted by Kim Komet."



2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	5-7	AQS Lancaster Quilt Show at The Nook - Cancelled COVID-19	www.quiltweek.com
August	13	CSQG Meeting - Clara Daniels Zoom Meeting: "A Passion for Pre-cuts"	
September	5-Feb	AQS Spring Quilt Show @ Paducah, Ky - Cancelled COVID-19	www.americanquilter.com
September	3	CSQG Board of Directors Meeting @ 7pm	
September	10	CSQG Meeting - Meg Cox - International Quilt Museum Presentation	www.megcox.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 - Cancelled COVID-19	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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