



President's Notes



New is the year, new is our resolution, new are our spirits, new is our list of must-do projects! Who knew we would spend much of the past year just making it from day to day? Our paths aren't completely clear yet, but we have learned to deal and there is new hope.

I'm so proud of how we met the challenges of 2020 and more than just survived. Through the dedication of our committees and our computer geniuses we were able to enjoy great programs, provide community service, present a quilt show, and stay in touch with each other. I don't know when we will feel safe enough to meet in person again but this past year has shown that we can celebrate our quilting lives no matter the challenges. I look forward to more wonderful programs as we expand our horizons through the magic of Zoom until we can meet face to face once again.

Please keep in mind that this time has been hard on our fundraising efforts. Because we wish to continue celebrating quilting together, please consider donating financially to the guild. We are counting on having more opportunities for fundraising in the future but the guild is always glad to accept your support.

Happy New Year and see you soon.

Danita Frisby

January 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, January 14, 2021

Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month
6:30pm Social Zoom Meeting
7 pm Zoom Virtual Guild Meeting

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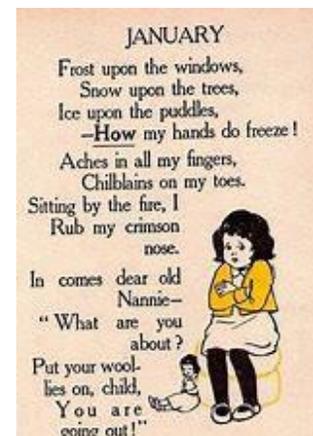
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NOTE: Articles for the newsletter are due on the 25th of each month. Send to Brenda Barnhardt at brenz2catz@gmail.com. Thank you.



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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020

We gathered (26 members) for a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Sandy Dunning, beginning with small group sessions between 6:30 and 7pm.

We then enjoyed a wonderful holiday-themed program presented by Diane Harris, entitled “Jingle Bells” and focused on holiday quilts. She showed what she described as super simple quilts featuring half-square triangle blocks, small quilts, and quilts based on her own and others’ designs. Her work created the holiday theme primarily by use of holiday colors. She encouraged approaching a design looking at the overall effect, considering value, contrast and color rather than the fabrics’ print.

After the program there were several announcements:

- Fran Scher advised for the Program Committee that the January meeting will be a presentation by several members of personal tips and tricks, along with the Committee’s announcement of the 2021 programs. February will have a valentine theme.
- Kay Rice reported that the Community Service Committee has identified two projects being considered for 2021. The first is doing “fidget” quilts for residents in Homewood’s dementia unit. Another is providing quilts for Faith House – possibly small baby quilts (for car seats or strollers) or quilts for younger children of program residents. The committee will have an e-meeting in January to further consider options, and would appreciate member feedback.
- President Danita Frisby noted that the proposed 2021 budget is published in this newsletter (see Page 6 and 7). Members are asked to review and be prepared to discuss and vote on the budget at the January meeting.

There were several door prizes and gifts:

Three Christmas fat quarters – Kathy Cramer
Christmas ball kit – Madeline Wajda
Several kits with Christmas themes – Fran Scher
A trivet, sewing kit and bag – Kathy Shankle
Charlotte’s Cottage \$40 gift certificate – Karen Smith

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck



Hospitality Committee Report

We had 26 members attend our December meeting. Kathy Cramer won the door prize (3 Christmas fat quarters).

Thanks,
Barbara Scuderi, Chair





From The President:

The January meeting will be our annual business meeting. One order of business will be a review of committee membership and chairpersons. Please be thinking about the committees you are on and if you are considering changes. There are some committees that need a chairperson: Holiday Banquet, Fundraising, and Opportunity Quilt Marketing.



Holiday Banquet - We've kept a substantial budget for the holiday banquet as we felt that after this past year we deserve to have a blast at our next banquet.

Quilt Marketing - Nancy Speck is graciously making and donating an opportunity quilt for 2021. Marketing the quilt this year will be a challenge. We need someone who wants to think outside the box and come up with new marketing strategies. It is uncertain how many, if any, of our usual venues will be available. Also we are finding that fewer people are willing or able to man those types of venues where a tent needs to be set up and to which hours of time need to be dedicated.

We need a Marketing chair willing to explore new possibilities. If we've learned anything positive during the past year it's that our horizons can be vastly expanded through virtual platforms. We may be able to use technology to market the quilt effectively and/or the chair could explore other possibilities. The guild has set up a PayPal account which will make collecting ticket payments easier.

This is a very important role for the guild as the opportunity quilt has always been our major fundraiser. And remember, you won't be alone as this is also a call for volunteers for the committee. Step up and be a part of our brave new world! Use your creative spirits to benefit the guild.

Fundraising - This chair is extremely important to the future of the guild especially following a year when our fundraising efforts were curtailed so sharply. I would like to encourage this chair not only to consider fundraising strategies for the coming year but explore possible long-term strategies. For example, is making and marketing an opportunity quilt each year the best strategy or would guild members prefer some other means to support the guild.

One reason our guild runs so smoothly and is able to provide wonderful programs and services is the dedication and talent of our committee chairs and members. The cooperative spirit we share is part of the fun of membership in Clusters of Spires Quilt Guild. Please keep this in mind and consider serving as a chairperson or member in one or more of the committees.

Danita Frisby

Membership Report

We received one more renewal for December. Check has been sent to Robin for deposit. In January we hope to have PayPal set up on our web-site so members can pay via our web-site or you can continue to send your checks to me. 2021 membership will begin in February. Hope everyone had a blessed Holiday and Happier New Year.

Darlene Morris, Chair





From the Program Committee

A big "Thank you" goes out to Diane Harris for her wonderful "Jingle Bells" holiday trunk show at our December meeting.

Our lineup for the January 14, 2021 meeting includes the "reveal" of our 2021 programs! The Programs Committee hopes you will be excited to see the range of speakers and workshops that we have planned. We will also have a sharing of tips, tricks, and tools from our own guild members. Did you make or receive a quilt for a holiday gift? Why not share it at our show-and-tell? Send a photo to Sandy Dunning. Oh, and remember to sign into Zoom early for social time at 6:30!

Fran Scher, Chair

2021 Calendar

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A Note From Karen Smith

Thank you to all the guild members who reached out to me when my mom passed away.

Thanks!
Karen Smith

2021 COMMUNITY SERVICE

It is a new year and the Community Service Committee is moving into 2021 by selecting not one, but two Community Service partners for 2021! The committee is excited to announce that we will be partnering with *Home-wood's Alzheimer and Dementia Units* to provide "fidget quilts." And, with *Faith House* to provide various size quilts for the children. A huge thank you to Pat James and Karen Smith for reaching out to these two new partner organizations.



Look for the exciting details of how you can help support these two Community Service partnerships in the February newsletter.

Kay Rice and Marcia Walker
2021 Community Service Co-Chairs

The Community Services Committee: Brenda Barnhardt, Danita Frisby, Pat James, Kay Rice, Fran Scher, Barbara Scuderi, Marty Simmons, Karen Smith, Kathy Shankle, Marcia Walker



From the Quilt Exhibit Committee

Our quilt exhibit was a huge success thanks to the members who shared their art! Delaplaine staff told us the traffic was great for the show—quite a few people came to the Delaplaine specifically to see the quilts! They also received a lot of good comments about the online exhibit and the webinar (which will continue to be available on the Delaplaine website). They will soon be looking at the calendar to schedule our next exhibit.



Thank you to all the members who shared quilts—we could not have done it without you! We had 37 wonderful entries from Sandy Dunning, Danita Frisby, Julie Howell, Darlene Morris, Fran Scher, Olga Schrichte, Kathy Shankle, Karen Smith, Nancy Speck, Marcia Walker, Joan Watkins, Dot White, Barbara Yinger, Brenda Barnhardt and Helen Wasserman.

Thank you to the committee who helped to plan, install and deinstall. We are a great team working together: Danita, Brenda, Helen and Joan.

I also want to acknowledge Marty Simmons. For the 2018 exhibit, Marty developed a spreadsheet application to design the layout. I was able to use that to arrange the quilts for this year. It sure made the hanging process go quickly! Thank you, Marty.

It is very satisfying to know that despite the challenges of the pandemic we could plan and display a quilt exhibit that many people could enjoy both in person and virtually!

Joan Watkins, Chair

(See show photos starting on Page 18.)



- 7 India Hitchcock
- 10 Marcia Walker
- 14 Frances Shearer
- 15 Eleanor Weitzel
- 17 Sandy Dunning
- 26 Fran Scher



FREE TO A GOOD HOME: If anyone could use t-shirt strips for mask-making I would be happy to share. Let me know and I'll send them to you. They make great ties and ear loops.

Thank you!

Joan Watkins Joanspatches@gmail.com





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild		
Proposed Budget for 2021-2022		
	Proposed	Current Year
	12 month Budget	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2021 -	2/1/2020-
	1/31/2022	1/31/2021
Income		
Membership Dues-50 members @ \$30	1,500.00	1,500.00
2021 Opportunity Quilt Income	1,500.00	
2020 Opportunity Quilt Income		3,000.00
Merchandise Sales	500.00	
Fundraiser Income-Note Card Sales	50.00	200.00
Fundraiser Income-Monthly Drawing Basket Income	0.00	100.00
Fundraiser Income-Last Chance Stash Income	250.00	600.00
Donations Income	500.00	500.00
Workshop Fees Income	850.00	1,350.00
Total Income	5,150.00	7,250.00
Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Workshop Teacher Fee	850.00	1,350.00
Workshop Room Rental	200.00	200.00
Workshop Fees/Supplies/Misc. Exp.	25.00	80.00
Speaker Fees	2,200.00	2,075.00
Speaker Mileage	389.00	630.00
Speaker/Workshop Lodging/Meals	410.00	750.00
Total Program Expenses	4,074.00	5,085.00
General Expenses		
2021 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit	600.00	
2020 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit		1,000.00
Membership	70.00	30.00
Square Reader Fees	0.00	25.00
Meeting Room Rental-55 members @ \$5 +\$125	400.00	400.00
Hospitality	100.00	100.00



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild		
Proposed Budget for 2021-2022		
	Proposed	Current Year
	12 month Budget	12 Month Budget
	2/1/2021 -	2/1/2020-
	1/31/2022	1/31/2021
Sunshine	26.00	46.00
Refreshments	50.00	75.00
2021 Holiday Banquet	300.00	
2020 Holiday Banquet		300.00
Supplies / Printing / Postage	20.00	20.00
Insurance Policy	205.00	205.00
Publicity	100.00	100.00
WebSite Hosting-Paid up until Oct 2023 (was renewed Oct 2020 for 3 years)	0.00	144.00
Website Domain renews 10/10/21 for 2 years	62.00	
Website Email renewed 10/29/20 for 1 year	80.00	60.00
Guild Challenge-gift card prizes	175.00	150.00
Community Service	300.00	300.00
Total Expenses	6,562.00	8,040.00
Net Income (Loss)	(1,412.00)	(790.00)

Workshops and Other Educational Opportunities - From Your Program Committee

Are you looking for something interesting to do? Would you like to expand your quilting skills? There are a lot of guilds and shops and educational organizations that are trying to accommodate our new stay-at-home lifestyles by offering virtual and online workshops and classes. Your Clustered Spires Quilt Guild would like to help by providing you information about some of those educational opportunities. All you have to do is to look at the file sent by email, and send me (Marty) notes about cool opportunities that you think are missing from the file. To reduce email traffic, please just send those notes to me cause I'll be updating the file and we'll be posting it on our members only website. My plan currently is to update that file weekly, until we're back to in-person training. Now, we don't want to put absolutely everything on the web in this file, cause I believe our Webmaster would have a problem with us taking all of her space, but if there's a really choice class out there that you think your guild friends would enjoy, by all means, send the info to me. Oh and if you see a workshop you like on the list, go ahead and sign up! The really good workshops fill up quickly.

Marty Simmons (cgililly@netzero.net)



Hexie Ornament Instructions... At our December meeting, I showed two pages of instructions to make hexie ornaments for my Show & Tell. I had some requests to provide a copy since the images on Zoom weren't clear enough. Here you go. Brenda Barnhardt



The card stock pentagons used for English paper piecing this cute 3-D basket stay in permanently to help the basket retain its shape. Designer Madge Ziegler suggests you hang this ornament on your tree or fill it with tiny candies for a dinner favor.

ENGLISH BASKET *ornament*



Ornament by Madge Ziegler.

PROJECT RATING: EASY

Size: approximately 1¼" tall, excluding handle

Materials (for 1 ornament):

- 3-4 index cards for paper-piecing templates
- 1 (2¼" x 20") strip each of 2 different Christmas prints, one for basket and one for lining
- 5 (7"-long) pieces ⅛"-wide wired metallic ribbon for handle (If you plan to hang the basket, you can use regular ribbon.)
- Template plastic
- Sewing thread to match fabrics
- Spray temporary fabric adhesive
- Optional: seed beads to decorate top edge of basket

Cutting

Make template from pentagon pattern on page 72. To make a larger basket, enlarge pentagon pattern.

From index cards, cut:

- 12 pentagon pieces.

Assembly

1. Refer to *Sew Easy: English Paper Piecing* on page 72 to make basket.
2. Whipstitch around top edge of basket through 2 layers of fabric,



ENGLISH BASKET

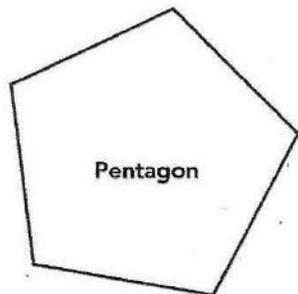
ornament

catching end of 1 ribbon at top point of each pentagon. If desired, add beads to top edge of basket as you whipstitch around top edge.

3. Tie or twist ribbon ends together to form handle. If desired, add an additional bow at top of handle.

Sew Smart™

If you are using wire or wired ribbon, twist each piece 4 times around a fine dowel, skewer, or knitting needle to curl ribbon ends before joining them together. —Madge ✕



To order a kit for this project, see Fons & Porter Quilt Supply on page 122.



English Paper Piecing

1. Fold 1 fabric strip in thirds. Lightly spray 2 paper templates with temporary adhesive and place atop folded fabric, leaving at least 1/2" between paper pieces to allow for seam allowances. Cut around paper pieces, adding 1/4" seam allowance as you cut (*Photo A*). You will have 6 matching pentagons. Repeat for second fabric.

2. Lightly spray wrong side of fabric pieces with temporary adhesive. Center 1 card stock pentagon atop each fabric piece (*Photo B*).

Sew Smart™

Placing fabric pieces inside a cardboard box when spraying keeps the adhesive from accumulating on work surfaces. —Madge

3. Lightly spray card stock pentagons with temporary adhesive. Turn seam allowance over card stock around each piece (*Photo C*).

4. Pair contrasting prepared pieces with paper sides facing. You will have 6 sets of paired pieces.

5. Hiding knots between pieces, whipstitch five paired pentagons to sides of basket bottom pair (*Photo D*). You will be sewing through 4 fabric edges.

6. Join adjacent sides of pentagons to form basket (*Photo E*). To pull the side edges together for stitching, you will need to slightly bend, not crease, each piece.



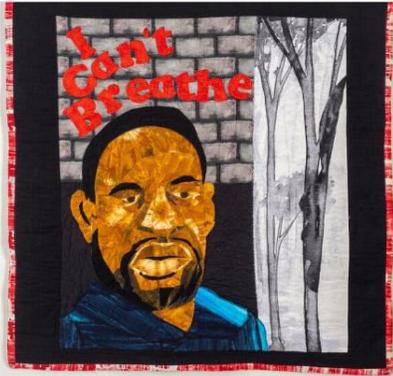


Gone but Never Forgotten in a Quilt

Members of the national Women of Color Quilters Network draw on personal experiences of injustice, turning their needlework into symbols of liberation, resistance and empowerment.



Sharon Kerry-Harlan, "Bloody Sunday, 2020." The quilter from Wauwatosa, Wis., addresses voting rights with a haunting field of abstract faces bordered by American flags. Sharon Kerry-Harlan



Peggie Hartwell, "Ode to George Floyd." Peggie Hartwell



Ed Johnson titled, "I Have Dreamed" depicts his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech. Johnson, a pastor and civil rights leader, was shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968. Johnson's quilt is a tribute to his dream of a better future for all.

Go to <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/16/arts/design/quilt-art-women-injustice.html?referringSource=articleShare> for the full article. Submitted by Becky Lyon

SUNSHINE NEWS

I just spoke with Frances Shearer a little bit ago. She is scheduled to go home after being treated for a blood clot in her leg that traveled to her heart and then broke up and settled in between her lungs. She's been receiving medicine to dissolve the clot but that could take several months. Let's keep Frances in our thoughts and prayers and hope that the clot dissolves quickly so she can get on with her life. Her mailing address is:

3807 Kendall Drive
Frederick, MD 21704-7884
Her email address is: francessearer1092@gmail.com



Sandy Dunning was kind enough to let me know that Gale Vernon had a complete shoulder replacement surgery on December 15th. She is recovering at home but most likely it will take about 12 weeks before she is able to use that shoulder. Gale let Sandy know that she is doing better every day, which is great news for such surgery. Here's Gale's contact information:

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

Nancy Pedersen could use our thoughts and prayers. Her dad died of Covid-19 on Sunday under unfortunate circumstances. He had been released from the emergency room of a hospital even though he suffered from COPD, was oxygen-dependent, had mesothelioma, and was unable to care for himself. He collapsed at home and never recovered. As you can imagine, Nancy is having a hard time dealing with how he died. Nancy's contact information is:

2637 Bear Den Road
Frederick MD 21701
Nancy's email address is: nancy.pedersen49@gmail.com

Please let our friends know you're thinking about them and include a 5-inch square of floral fabric with your cards.

Thank you again for being part of our caring, creative community.

Olga Schrichte, Chair



'Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stockings weren't hung, the pantry was bare.
The poor weary Quilter, was tearing her hair.
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.
Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.
She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!
~Author Unknown



Submitted by Jacque Janss

The following are 2 handouts from Diane Harris's "Jingle Bells" virtual trunk show. Photos of a selection follow...

Jingle Bells Trunk Show Pattern List

1. Holly's HST quilt: start with 7" squares, make HSTs.
2. Simple Scrappy Chevrons, my design. Start with 5" squares, make HSTs and build as you go.
3. Panic Quilt: 5-1/2" squares, 2-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles, 2-1/2" x 7-1/2" rectangles
4. Brick Block: For a 12" block, cut patches 2" x 3-1/2". Pattern upcoming.
5. Nested Nicks: From *Quiltmaker's Small Quilts & Gifts*, my design.
6. Christmas Baby Windmills, free tutorial on my website: <https://stashbandit.net/baby-windmills-basic-tutorial/>
7. Dresden Delight: *Quiltmaker*, Nov/Dec '12. Pattern upcoming.
8. Wonky Little Baskets: from *Cuddle Me Quick*, free instructions here: <https://seehowwesew.wordpress.com/2012/10/16/two-for-one-basketblocks-easy-easy-a-book-giveaway/>
9. Old world Santa and reindeer, old and unknown.
10. Gingerbread men and peppermints, old and unknown.
11. Patchwork Forest or #holidaypatchworkforest, pattern for sale by Amy Smart, diaryofaquilter.com. Pattern is \$3: <https://diaryofaquiltershop.com/collections/all-products/products/holidaypatchwork-forest-pattern-pdf>
12. *Quilty Fun* sampler, my Christmas version; book by Lori Holt of Bee in My Bonnet
13. Stag Party: cover of *Quilt Mania* issue #2 by Rana Heredia
14. Clambake, pattern by Thimble Blossoms.
15. Fractured by Kathy Doughty, in her book *Making Quilts*.
16. Figgy Pudding, free pattern from Basic Grey: http://www.unitednotions.com/fp_figgy-pudding.pdf

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Jingle Bells Trunk Show Pattern List (Continued)

17. Checkmate by Vanessa Goertzen, Lella Boutique.
18. My Christmas Album by Tina Curran, pattern here:
<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/store/my-christmas-album-digital-quiltpattern>
19. Felicity, pattern from Kate Spain here:
<https://kdspain.com/patterns/felicity-pdf-pattern>
20. *Christmas Figs* sampler, Fig Tree Quilts book *Christmas Figs*.
21. Tiny Baubles, my design, published in *Quiltmaker* Nov/Dec '13, still available here:
<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/store/tiny-baublesdigital-pattern>
22. Hot Mess Christmas: my design, houses from an exchange, selvage tree tutorial free here:
<https://stashbandit.net/how-to-make-christmas-treequilt-blocks-with-selvage-lights/>
23. Very Merry, my design, *McCall's Quick Quilts* Oct/Nov '17, get it here:
<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/store/very-merry-pattern-download>
24. Home for Christmas (Twinkling Bright tree quilt), my design, *McCall's Quick Quilts*, Nov/Dec '18:
<https://www.quiltingcompany.com/store/patterns/twinkling-bright-quilt-pattern-download>
25. Frosted Forest, my design, published in *Quiltmaker* Nov/Dec '08
26. Merry Joy & Cheer. My design, improvisational sampler, no pattern, but I have a new class on making an improv patchwork sampler.
27. Prancer's Peppermints, my design, published in *Quilty* Nov/Dec '18.
28. Oh, Christmas Wreath, my design, *Quilty* Nov/Dec '18.
29. Anita's Arrowhead (mine's a dog), great block, free here:
https://www.quiltingcompany.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/QM_Anita_s-Arrowhead.pdf
30. Chubby Christmas, my design, no pattern yet.
31. Trick or Treat (Christmas candy), To You, With Love and Welcome (pineapple) are complimentary here:
<https://stashbandit.net/freepatterns/>

Stash Bandit is Diane Harris, 771 Road V, Bladen NE 68928, 402 756 1541

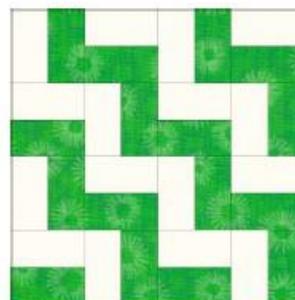


Cutting for a 12" finished block

From background fabric
16 rectangles 2" x 3-1/2"

From a contrasting fabric
16 rectangles 2" x 3-1/2"

The Brick Block



Brick block directions continue on Page 13



The Brick Block Instructions (Continued)

Sewing

Sew a background rectangle to a contrasting rectangle to make a unit as shown. Repeat to join all of the patches into units. You'll have 16 units.

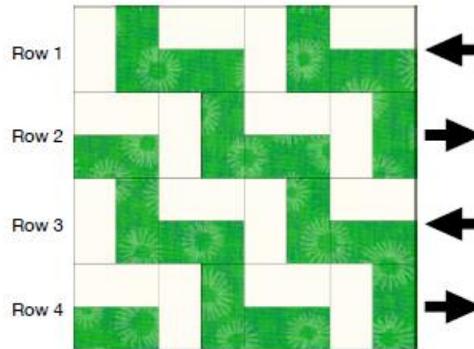


Unit, make 16

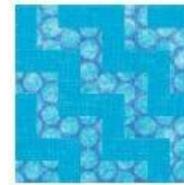
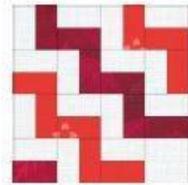
Arrange the units as shown in the block. Sew the units together in horizontal rows, paying careful attention to their orientation. Press the seam allowances in rows 1 and 3 to the left as shown by the black arrows. Press the seam allowances in rows 2 and 4 to the right.

Sew the rows together to complete the block. It should be 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" including seam allowances.

Color and layout ideas on the next page!



Brick Block



This is what happens if you don't have adequate contrast. 😞

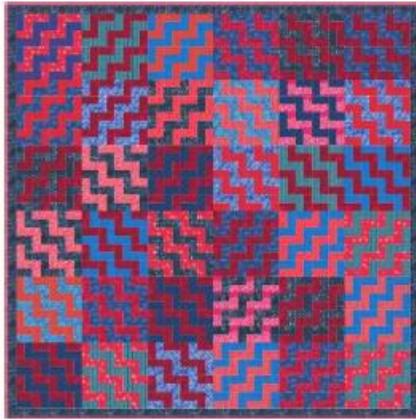
Brick patches must be twice as long as wide. Cut sizes could include:

- 1.5 x 2.5 2.5 x 4.5 3.5 x 6.5
- 2 x 3.5 3 x 5.5





The Brick Block Instructions (Continued)



Baby Quilt: Cut patches 2" x 3-1/2", make 9 blocks. Cut 2-1/2" wide borders for a 40" x 40" finished quilt.

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December meeting photos - Diane Harris's trunk show sampling...



The Holly Quilt

Double



The Panic Quilt

5.5" squares
2.5" x 5.5" rectangles
2.5" x 7.5" rectangles

Throw



Nested Nicks

Small Wall



Wonky Little Christmas Baskets

Small Wall



Patchwork Forest

Design by Amy Smart

Throw



Quilty Fun



By Lori Holt



My Christmas Album

By Tina Curran

Wall



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December meeting photos (Continued) – Diane Harris emphasized that the designs and fabrics used for holiday quilts don't necessarily have to be traditional – but rather the fabric colors alone can represent a holiday theme.



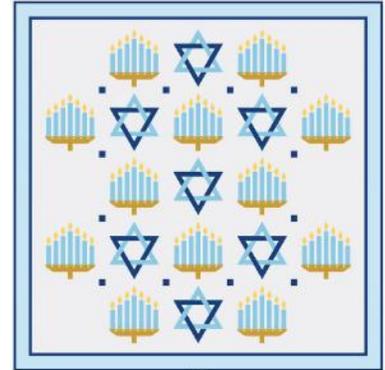
Hot Mess Christmas

Wall



Frosted Forest

Queen



Welcome Yule Glow

Complimentary

Throw



To You, With Love



Small Wall



Show & Tell... Mary Pauley showed her tree skirt made by Sandy Dunning. Cindy Shugars made an Annie doll and showed a bag with zippered pouch for gifts.

Mary Pauley



Cindy Shugars



Olga Schrichte

At right, Olga Schrichte made a baby quilt with minky back shown at left.



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Show & Tell (Continued)... Olga also showed a quilt made from a panel, and a raw edge appliqued door quilt. In the middle is a reversible quilt with red and green borders with its back shown at right.



Olga Schrichte



Olga Schrichte



Olga Schrichte



Next, Darlene Morris made an embroidered snowman wall quilt; and a red, white and green table runner; and finally, paper pieced trees.

Darlene Morris



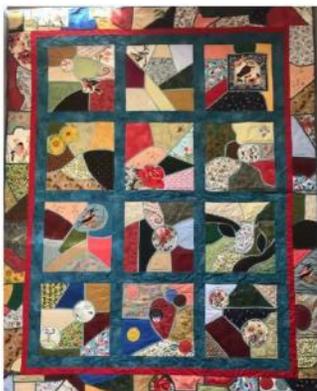
Third row, Julie Howell, who was not present, submitted a blue table quilt of snails' trails and a door quilt with moon and trees on white hills. To its right, Kay rice showed a few sentimental decorations made by her sister.



Julie Howell



Kay Rice



Danita Frisby

It has some embroidery and was machine quilted. Fran Scher's mother made a paper pieced small tree quilt at right.

Fran Scher





Show & Tell (Continued)... Nancy Speck displayed a small wall quilt made from a block made for the guild's round robin in the past, and beside it is the first quilt she made from basic block design classes at Patches making a block a month from a book by Alex Anderson. In the middle is a hexi ornament pattern Brenda Barnhardt made for gifts in the past with complete instructions on Pages 8 & 9. At right, is a quilt by Nancy Woods who was not in attendance to explain.

Nancy Speck



Nancy Woods



Nancy Woods



Sandy Dunning



Sandy Dunning

Above, two more quilts by Nancy Woods – one with nutcrackers and the other with a southwestern theme. Beside that and at left, Sandy Dunning showed some items made by her mother in law: a small wall quilt and table runner, and crocheted snowflake tree ornaments.





Our 2020 Delaplaine Clustered Spires Quilt Guild show quilts... Top row: Sandy Dunning (Beach Memories), Danita Frisby (Bottle Tree, Along the Canal, Chicks in the Garden, Second Line and Woodland Medley).



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Delaplaine Clustered Spires Quilt Guild show (Continued)... Julie Howell (Big Sky Country, Nothing Like a Tree, Grandma's Cutting Garden, and The Good Shepherd). Center, Darlene Morris (Tea Tree, and Frosty's Tree Farm). Bottom row, Fran Scher (My Maryland, All Three Sides, and Rebirth). Continued on Page 20.



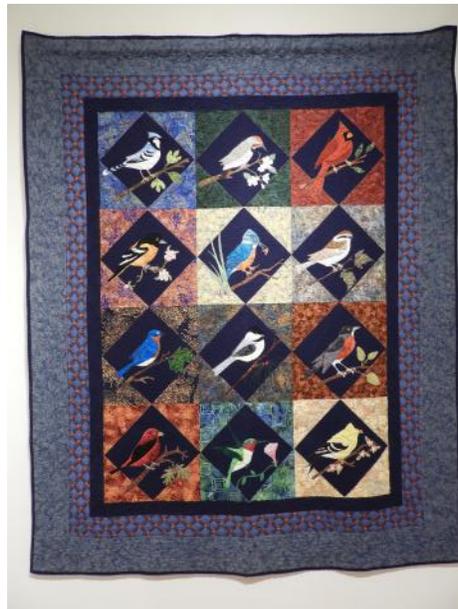
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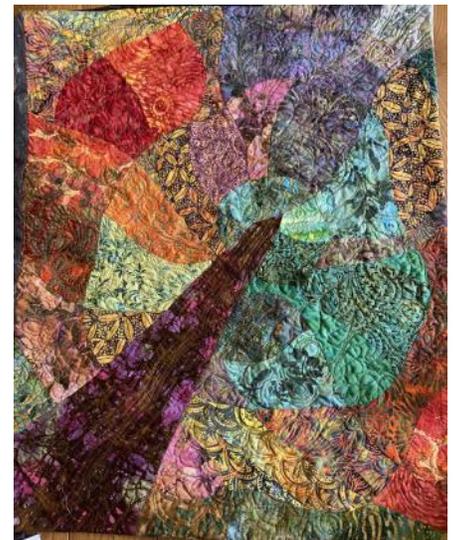
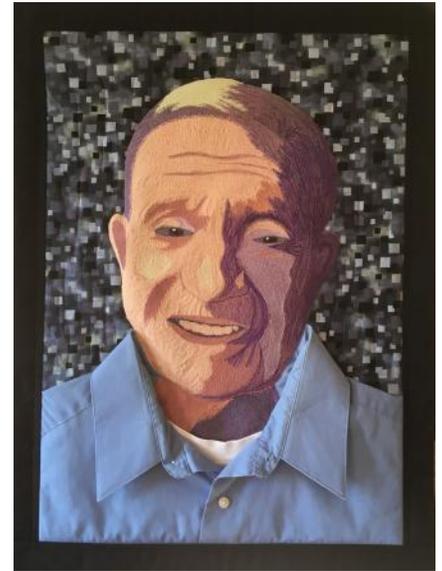
Delaplaine Clustered Spires Quilt Guild show (Continued)... Olga Schrichte (Moroccan Vibes, Crayon Challenge, and Dream Big Leaf Quilt). Middle, Kathy Shankle (Light of the Silvery Moon), Fran Scher (Charger Array), and Karen Smith (The Very Hungry Caterpillar). Bottom row, Nancy Speck (Balloon Fiesta Memories, Ginny's Birds, and Trees IV). Continued on Page 21.





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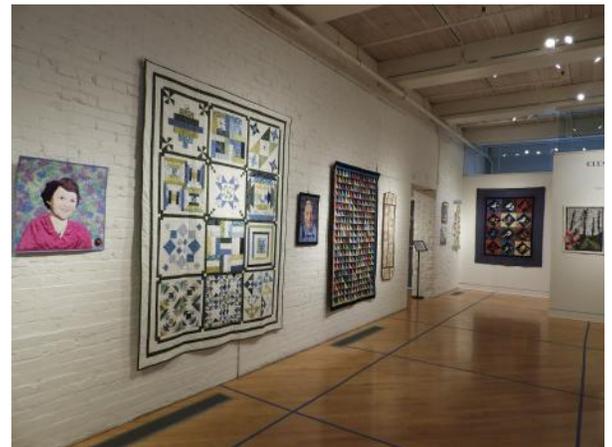
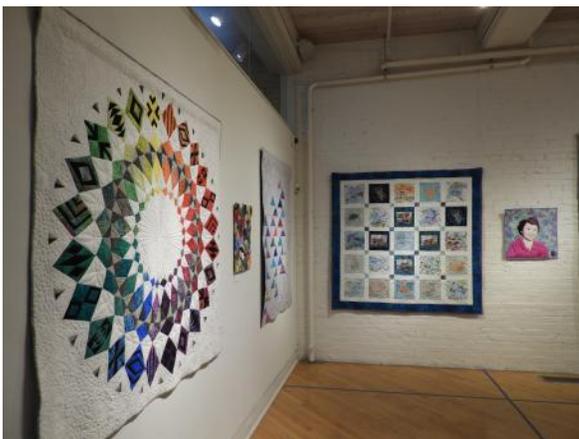
Delaplaine Clustered Spires Quilt Guild show quilts (Continued)... Beginning at top, Marcia Walker (Hope), Joan Watkins (Balance, Dad at 95, Dogwood, and In the Pink). Right, Row 2, Dot White (Looking Up), and bottom row - Barbara Yinger (Fall Leaves Below a Sparkling Sky), and Brenda Barnhardt (Dianthus Folded Flowers and Home to Dianne S. Hire and Laurel Burch). Continued on Page 22.





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Delaplaine Clustered Spires Quilt Guild show (Continued)... Brenda Barnhardt (Cottonwood), and Helen Wasserman (Through the Garden Gate, Coffee Klatch, and Cadence Court - A Wheel of Color). Following are group photos from the gallery.



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