



## President's Notes

Happy autumn everyone! I put a flannel shirt over my T-shirt this morning for the first time this season. There is a definite nip in the air (which I love)!

Fall brings with it some fun and rewarding activities for our guild. At our October meeting, we will hold the reveal of the challenge quilts made by members and vote on our favorites. Thanks go to Brenda Barnhardt for leading us to try new things! It's exciting to take on the challenge and try some of those techniques we've learned in workshops, online, or reading. The challenge this year is to use a log cabin design somewhere in our work. The log cabin is a pattern that can be incorporated into all types of projects--traditional, modern, or art quilts. I can't wait to see what everyone has crafted!

We will also present our Community Service quilts and fidget mats to our community partners. Homewood will receive lap quilts and fidget mats for their dementia unit. This was the first time I had attempted fidget mats and I found them to be really fun to make! Faith House will receive children's lap quilts (about 40!) and car-seat quilts.

Members have been so generous with their time, material, and talents and Kay Rice has done a fantastic job of leading us. We will submit even more quilts than requested! Our guild is an amazing and caring community of quilters! Thank you to all who participated. Remember that we will also be giving items to Heartly House in December. You can find a list of requested items in the Member's section of our website.

Meanwhile, pull out those flannel shirts and stay warm!

Happy quilting,  
Fran



## October 2021 Newsletter

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

### Meetings:

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

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild  
Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Fran Scher via Zoom.

Karen Smith introduced our speaker, Debby Kratovil and her program “Modern My Way, Traditional Roots, Today’s Colors.” Debby is a prolific quilter, writer, designer, blogger and teacher who began quilting “when dinosaurs roamed” and has never met a fabric she didn’t like. She has made over 1,000 quilts, written three books, and has been a teacher for 17 years. Her presentation showed how you can transform a very traditional quilt into a very modern quilt by changing techniques of just one detail and using modern bright colors instead of traditional prints and colors. She does paper piecing instead of templates and uses light, bright backgrounds to give clean crisp finishing. Debby encourages her students to use their imagination and experiment with new techniques and color. She advises to keep moving and remember requiring perfection invites paralysis.

Following Debby’s presentation, Fran introduced new members, M.J. Greer and Leslie Cole. M.J. is a new Frederick resident, moving from New York and has been quilting for years. Leslie is a new quilter, lives in Mt Airy and heard about us through 4 County Quilt Guild members.

The minutes of our previous meeting were approved following Brenda Barnhardt’s motion and Darlene Morris’s seconding.

Fran read the Treasurer’s financial report of activity through August 31, 2021:

Income	\$2,545.39
Expenses	(2,407.97)
Net Income	137.42
Checking Account Balance	\$10,535.39

Danita Frisby was surprised by a presentation of 34 signature blocks from members expressing appreciation for her two years as guild president.

Committee Reports:

Mary Pauley reminded the guild of the Last Stash Trunk Sale Monday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at Frederick Church of Christ on North Market Street from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This outdoor meeting is a chance for members to offer their orphan blocks, books, fabrics, and anything sewing/quilting related to other members with funds collected going to the guild. Please bring cash or checks and bags for your treasures. Folding tables can be used. Also you may want to bring a folding chair.

Kay Price gave a brief summary of our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting which features our presentation to our 2021 Community Service partners, Homewood and Faith House. There will be a gathering on September 16<sup>th</sup> of Community Service Committee members to tie and tag the donated quilts at Pat James’. Let Kay know if you would like to help as there are 77 quilts to tags and tie.

Danita reported on the Pop-up Shop at the Delaplaine on the First Saturday and Sunday of December (December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) for the guild to sell our made items. A poll was taken with 80% saying they were willing to make items; 92% agreed to selling our excess community baby quilts, and 52% willing to man the table. Kay will ask each member if they are willing to sell their donated baby quilt at the pop-up, just in case someone would prefer to have their quilt donated.



Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2021 (Continued)

The guild will price our items while the Delaplaine will handle the sales, with the Delaplaine keeping 25% of sales. The hours are 9:00 to 5:00. The Delaplaine will advertise the Pop-up. A sign-up sheet will be available at next meeting. The drop off locations for sale items will be in the newsletter.

Karen Smith said there are still concerns regarding meeting in person in November and December and there will be a poll during October's meeting to gauge member's comfort level regarding in person meetings. Karen outlined the Delaplaine's rules regarding Covid, but we will reassess closer to our meeting and banquet dates. Serving food would be our decision.

Sandy reported that all new members have been assigned a buddy and the welcome packets are being sent. Darlene reported our membership is now at 56 members.

Kathy Shankle announced the September block is Crows Foot. This can be a very stunning block. The block will be featured in the newsletter.

Brenda Barnhardt summarized the October Guild Challenge being anything featuring a log cabin design with details of the Challenge being available in the newsletter. Please send two photos, one full view, one detail view, to Sandy Dunning by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Do not include yourself in photos. The prizes are \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 gift certificates from local merchants. After voting, participants will describe their entries.

Show and Tell featured pin cushions from the July meeting and other things.

Door prizes were won by Darlene Morris, a \$25.00 Charlotte's Cottage Gift Certificate, and Sue Heslin won a bag in sewing themed fabric filled with assorted notions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda McNey, Secretary



Board of Directors Meeting  
September 2, 2021

Meeting began at 7:00pm with 12 members present via zoom with Fran Scher, President, presiding via Zoom.

Prior to the start of our meeting, Linda Beavers said she had a customer asking about quilt guilds in the area. Her contact information was sent to the membership committee for follow up contact.

Committee Reports:

Darlene Morris and Sandy Dunning reporting for the Membership Committee. Darlene said we now have 56 members with 9 new members joining since May.

Sandy said the membership spreadsheet is in use so the committee can maintain a current list of members and facilitate directory updates. Darlene mentioned there are two members who did not send photos.



Board of Directors Meeting - September 2, 2021 (Continued)

Sandy reported that buddies have been assigned for the new members and listed the assignments. Guild buddies will contact the new members welcoming them to the guild, offering assistance, and then introducing the new members to the guild when we meet in-person again. Sandy said the brochure should be ready by December.

It was asked if a guild business card would be included in new member packet, and it was discussed that they would need to be updated.

The issue of pro-rating new members was discussed with Darlene making a motion to have new members' dues be \$30.00 for the full fiscal year, February 1 to January 31, and \$15.00 for those who join between August 1 and January 31. The motion was seconded by Brenda Barnhardt and agreed to by participants.

There are some members who do not drive and have considered leaving the guild. It was suggested a list of members in need of a ride be included in the newsletter along with a list of members who can help.

In planning for our December banquet, consideration the Delaplaine's policy regarding mask, vaccines and the availability of serving food was discussed. It was agreed to ask the Delaplaine what their rules are and to poll the members in October regarding meeting in person and having the banquet.

Robin Rippeon reported our financials through August 31, 2021 are:

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Robin said it is time to plan the 2022 budget and she will email committee chairmen asking for their 2022 budget needs and will prepare a preliminary budget for review at the November 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Robin has reserved the conference room at her husband's office for the meeting. An assessment of everyone's comfort level on having an in-person meeting will be made closer to meeting date.

Danita Frisby reported the opportunity quilt is almost complete. The time left to market this quilt for a December drawing is not long and selling tickets on-line is problematic. Danita suggested we carry over the quilt that Nancy Speck made to next year with a drawing in December 2022. Hopefully that will allow more options to in-person marketing of the quilt. It was agreed by all participants to carry over this year's quilt to December 2022.

Danita is still in discussion with the Delaplaine regarding the guild doing a pop-up sales table at the gallery in December. The Delaplaine would take a 25% cut of our pricing. This pop-up would be the first Saturday in December and Danita will prepare a poll question for the September meeting to gauge comfort level of in-person participation.

It was suggested we sell some of our excess baby quilts at the table as we have sufficient to cover Faith House and Hartley House.

Sandy asked if our meetings were being published in the newspaper. As this is free publicity for the guild, it is a concern that our meetings are not in the paper. Fran will speak with Marty Simmons, committee chairman, regarding the status of our publicity.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is our Last Chance Stash Trunk Sale. Brenda suggested an earlier start as it is getting dark at 7:00pm. Fran will check with Mary on this. This sale is for members only. Robin said it would be fine if we handled the money the same as we do at meetings, in a collection box.



Board of Directors Meeting - September 2, 2021 (Continued)

Kay Price said her Community Service committee will be preparing quilts for presentation on September 16<sup>th</sup> and volunteers to help are welcome to join.

A prepared quilt label for our quilts was discussed and some vendors were mentioned, Fabric Flowers, Label Weavers, and Spoon Weavers. Sandy will research others while Kay will add labels to the committee's 2022 budget.

Brenda said the photos of the guild's Log Cabin Challenge be sent to Sandy no later than October 9<sup>th</sup> so she has time to prepare the presentation. Fran suggested two photos be sent, one the project in whole and the second a detail shot. Nancy asked if she could enter the opportunity quilt as this would be a way to show it to the members. All agreed.

Joan Watkins has agreed to find venues to display our challenge quilts in the community after our meeting showing. Some areas to consider were Crestwood Frederick Health, libraries, and Senior Center.

Our next Board meeting is November 4, 2021.

Respectively submitted.  
Linda McNey

### Program Committee Report

We hope that everyone enjoyed hearing about Debby Kratovil's quilting journey. I know I was impressed to see the many quilts and patterns she has designed. Twenty of our members took advantage of the Pickle Dish workshop she presented the next day.

At our October meeting, we will get to see the many quilts that were made as Community Service projects. And we will also have an opportunity to see everyone's challenge quilts.

We will also be taking a poll to see what our members have to say about the upcoming November and December meetings and whether or not we should meet in person.

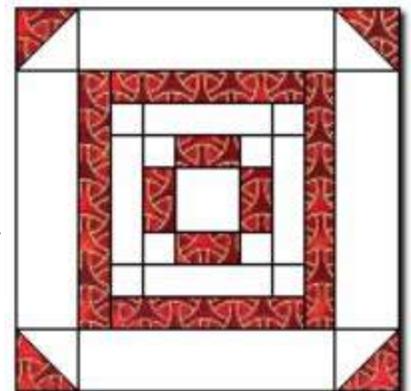
Hope to see everyone on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Smith, Chairman

### BLOCK OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

The BOM for October is called Yankee Charm. This block is constructed using a combination of straight piecing and HST's (half square triangles). This block is more traditionally done in THREE colors, but it is lovely in two colors. The instructions use two colors which makes up a lovely quilt doing blocks in alternating reversed colorways. Try it! The instructions are here: <https://www.quilterscache.com/Y/YankeeCharmBlock.html>.

Cindy Shugars





### COMMUNITY SERVICE – OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Our annual October Community Service presentation is here! Please join us for our Zoom presentation on October 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM when we welcome our 2021 Community Service Partners, Faith House, and Homewood.

As a guild we have a great deal to celebrate. Personally, I celebrate each of you and your generous heart for Community Service. Because of your generosity, we have exceeded both our goals for Faith House and Homewood. We will be donating 26 fidget mats and 6 lap quilts to Homewood. And to Faith House, we will be donating 50 quilts of various sizes and 14 smiley faces. Terri Gray, Faith House’s director said: “Faith House will definitely be happy to accept all of the quilts and will put them to good use!” Honestly, I wish we could meet in person so each of you could see the love and care taken with each donation. Thank you to each of you for your generous spirit.



Brenda Barnhardt, Marcia Walker, Pat James and Kay Rice (not shown) bundle up and label the donations.

Just look at the bounty of donations for Faith House!

Whether you are new to Clustered Spires Quilt Guild, or are a devoted existing member, we welcome new members to the Community Service Committee. Please reach out to any of the committee for more information about this dynamic committee with a heart toward community outreach.

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



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Welcome to our newest member, MJ Greer, who recently moved from New Hartford, NY. She’s been quilting for 41 years and previously belonged to the Mohawk Valley Quilt Club. MJ joined our guild to meet quilting friends, learn all about the art of quilting and share the love of quilts and quilting. She says, “I currently make most quilts by hand piecing/hand applique and hand quilting...” and would like to learn more about machine quilting.





## A BIG THANK YOU...

To my caring CSQG friends! Thanks you so much for your best wishes following my back surgery in June. Here is the start of my project! It is scheduled for a spot in my sewing room - a special memory of special people. Thank you! Nancy Speck



## SUNSHINE NEWS



Marie Cochran is now at home recuperating from knee surgery on her right knee. Please let her know that you're thinking about her and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Marie's contact information is: Marie Cochran  
2724 Tract Rd.  
Fairfield, PA 17320  
Email: [wamtc80@gmail.com](mailto:wamtc80@gmail.com)



Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric for Marie so she can make something special with it.

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

Thank you very kindly.

Olga Schrichte, Chairman

Hello quilters!

I'd like to remind you that you can designate our guild as your charity of choice at Amazon Smile. Amazon will contribute 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our guild! Karen announced this in our newsletter in May, but I thought it might be worth a reminder as we go into the busy holiday shopping season.

You will need to search for our guild's name at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Robin let us know that the IRS has our guild's name as "Clustered Spired Quilts" (note the "d" in "spired"), since that is what was on the nonprofit application long ago. The location will show as Thurmont, MD.

So if you are shopping at Amazon, please consider logging in at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designating "Clustered Spired Quilts" as your charity of choice.

Thank you for considering this support to the guild!

Fran Scher





## Fundraising Committee

The Delaplaine is giving us a great opportunity to raise some funds and some awareness of the guild by allowing us to have a "Pop-Up Shop" the first Saturday and Sunday of December. We will be able to set up a display of articles to sell in the lobby. The Delaplaine will get 25% and the guild 75%. We get to use their space (indoors), they will handle the actual sales at the front desk, and they will advertise.

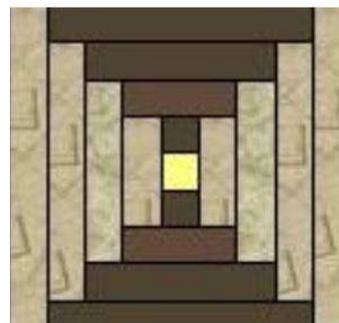
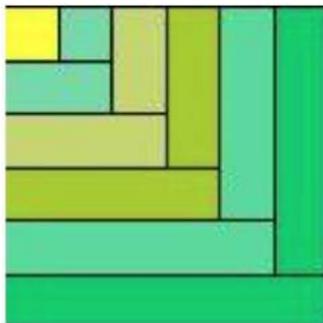
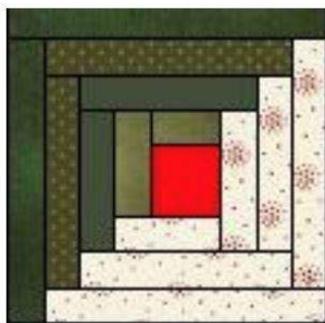


We need items to sell! Anything handmade, especially quilted: small like mug rugs, dish towels, placemats, or larger items like wall hangings, table toppers, baby quilts, and even big quilts. We will need to collect things by November 30. Items can be dropped off at Danita Frisby's house, 1600 Bolton St. Frederick.

We will also need people to set up, man the display, and take down. If you are able to help for any amount of time that weekend, please email Danita at [whamo345@gmail.com](mailto:whamo345@gmail.com). Include what day(s) and time you would be available. The "shop" will be open 9:00am till 5:00pm. We will set up probably before 9:00 that Saturday morning.

At this time the Delaplaine's Covid protocols are that masks are highly recommended. Feel free to direct any questions to Danita. Anyone interested in being a part of the Fundraising/Marketing Committee please contact Danita Frisby at [whamo345@gmail.com](mailto:whamo345@gmail.com). Thanks.

Danita Frisby, Chairman



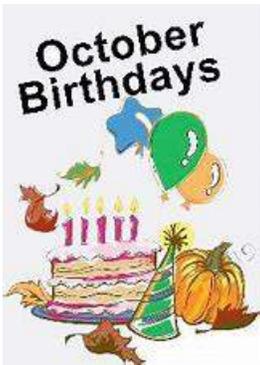
LAST CHANCE!!! This year's **GUILD CHALLENGE** pays homage to the "traditional" or "not so traditional" log cabin block - something that all quilters have probably made at one time. Your **COMPLETED** fabric object must contain at least one log cabin block of any configuration. There are many variations and feel free to browse the internet for ideas. We encourage you to try something new and outside the box with your entries. There is no restriction on size, shape or what it has to be. Make it big... Make it round... Make a hat... Whatever gets your creative juices flowing. Photograph your submission with a well lit, in focus, full-on shot and one close-up so we can appreciate the details. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOURSELF IN THE PHOTOS.** Email them to Sandy Dunning by end of day OCTOBER 9 for inclusion in the PowerPoint presentation for viewing and voting that will occur at the October meeting with prizes awarded for 1st (\$75), 2nd (\$50) and 3rd (\$25) gift cards to Frederick merchants to the top vote getters. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Barnhardt at 301-662-2943 or [brenz2catz@gmail.com](mailto:brenz2catz@gmail.com). Next year's challenge will be determined after the first of the new year. If you'd like to join this committee, we'd appreciate your contribution.

2021 Challenge Committee: Brenda Barnhardt, Julie Howell, Stella Penalver and Olga Schrichte.



Our Last Chance TRUNK Stash was quite successful, and a fun event for all who attended. A big thank you to Marty Simmons for coming up with such a great idea. Thank you to all the members who participated by donating items to sell, or shopping the sale, or BOTH.

Mary Pauley, Chairman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

- 3 Becky Lyon
- 4 Susan Gnatt
- 9 Peggy Haser
- 15 Bernice Huff
- 25 Linda Beavers
- 30 Julie Howell



At left is a fidget mat made by Kay Rice during Show & Tell

SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS...



Debby Kratovil gave her presentation. The quilt in the background of this screen shot is based on the Vintage Star traditional pattern. She's published 1,000 patterns, 100 are available now on her website. She showed her quilts, some from the "Supersize 'Em" 2009 book, some from her "Bold Black & Beautiful Quilts" book.

Show & Tell Photos... Pin cushions from last month's work session with Sandy Dunning: Fran Scher, Jessica Halpin's Jack-o-Lantern, Linda McNey, Nancy Speck and Trish Bodine's pin cushion topped notions jar.

Below, three by Frances Shearer.



General: Danita Frisby made a canine themed wool table rug.

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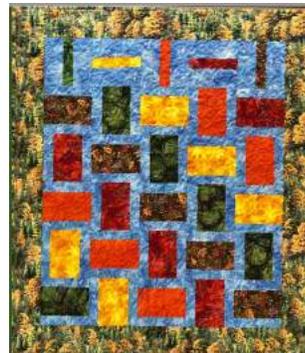
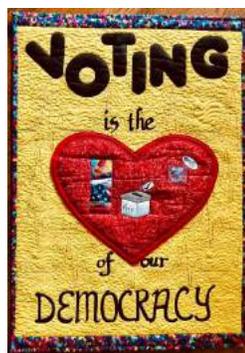
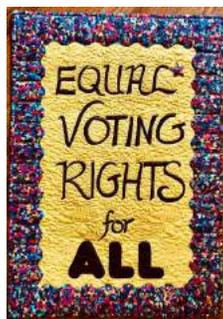
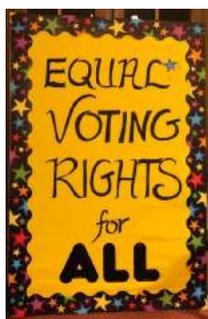
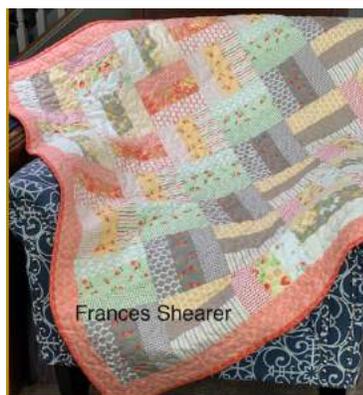




Show & Tell (Continued)... Danita Frisby made a hand sashiko wall hanging with a crazy quilt border. Next, Susan Gnatt finished a brown bag mystery quilt. Third, Wendy Heim had a S&T but wasn't present to explain. At right, Sue Heslin showed her grandson's minky monster t-shirt that he's clearly pleased with.



At right, Danita Frisby showed her completed quilt from blocks our guild members made for her to commemorate her term as president. Beside that are two similar baby quilts in scrappy fabrics that Frances Shearer made for her church.



Olga Schricte has been busy with a variety of projects: she made a poster and quilt for the Women's March recently. The third one won a blue ribbon at the Frederick Fair. To its right is her fall color quilt. Below, a quilt with floating rectangles, and a crab dip

quilt with a zentangled crab on a lacy shore.

Finally, at right, Sandy Dunning made blocks from baby shirts of her grandchildren's for a crazy quilt.

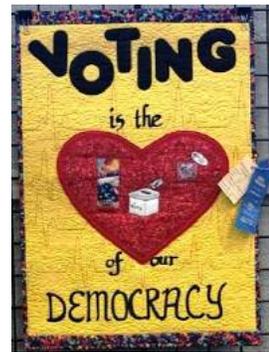


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The Great Frederick Fair 2021 - our guild members' entries (and ribbons)... First, in more ways

than one, Olga Schrichte took a blue ribbon and Best in Show award for her Dream Big Holiday entry featuring digitized quilting on the border



and on the flower, hand-guided quilting on the leaves, and an assortment of Swarovski crystals in the center. She outlined each petal anywhere from 2-7 times to add definition to the piece. Olga took two more blue ribbons for the 2nd and 3rd photos of her wall quilts.

Above right, Robin Rippeon took third prize for a hand embroidered Winter Wonderland quilt and at right, she took a blue ribbon for the Spring Baltimore Album quilt. Below left and middle, Darlene Morris entered two machine appliqued quilts, the watermelons one another that took 2nd prize in its category. The two at right were both entered by Barbara Yinger.



Congratulations everyone!



## 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October	1	Community Service Quilts and Fidget Mats Due
October	14	CSQG Meeting - Virtual Community Service Presentations & Guild Challenge
November	4	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting @ 7pm
November	11	CSQG Meeting - Margaret MacKichan - "History & Meaning of the Star Quilts to the Lakota Sioux"
December	9	CSQG Meeting - Holiday Banquet
<b>For more information, go to <a href="http://www.clusterspiresquiltguild.org/programs">www.clusterspiresquiltguild.org/programs</a></b>		

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