



President's Notes



Many thanks go to all of you who are busy making items for the Pop-up shops in December! You are all so generous with your time and materials. The sale of these items will really help with our fundraising efforts. Sandy Dunning has just completed a new brochure (thank you!) and we have newly printed business cards, both of which will be available at the Pop-up shops to hand out to anyone interested in our guild.

Please join us via Zoom on December 9, when our wonderful Program Committee has some fun activities and a holiday show-and-tell planned. If you are participating in our gift swap, remember not to open your gifts until we are together that evening! Pull out those holiday quilts, stockings, table toppers, wall hangings etc. and share them at show-and-tell! We'd also love to see items you have made for the Pop-up shops or anything else you'd like to share.

For January's meeting, our current plan is to meet in person at the Delaplaine. Vaccination, masking, and social distancing will be required. Our Program Committee will discuss and soon make recommendations to everyone regarding the plan for January.

We are very fortunate to have Cindy Grisdela as our speaker and virtual workshop presenter in February. Cindy is a contemporary quilt artist who uses a lot of solids and bright colors. You can see her work at cindygrisdela.com. She has a new book out "Adventures in Improv Quilts" that just launched last week. She also just made an appearance on "The Quilt Show."

For more information on all our 2022 Programs, visit our website at clusteredspiresquiltguild.org and select "Programs."

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and Happy Quilting!
Fran

December 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, December 9, 2021

Meetings:

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

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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, November 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Fran Scher, President.

We had 27 members and one visitor for our zoom meeting.

Fran welcomed our visitor, Deborah Smith. Deborah lives in Frederick, Maryland and is working on a hand pieced Ohio Star. Deborah tends toward traditional patterns, prefers small projects, and hand work. She joined us tonight because she was interested in the Margaret MacKichan topic.

Karen Smith introduced our quest speaker, Margaret MacKichan. Margaret (Maggie), whose degree is in Fine Arts, is a multi-talented artist/quilter whose life experiences included being a founding director of the Great Plains Art Institute, working with Vista in the 1960's, living on the Rosebud Reservation in Mission, North Dakota, and learning and telling others about the Lakota people, their history and particularly the traditions of the Star Quilt. She has made over 200 Star Quilts that she has given away for acknowledging life milestones; celebrations; gratitude to teachers, veterans and anyone who has contributed; to mark the passing of a relative; and to celebrate a birth.

During Maggie's presentation we learned the history of the Lakota from when they formed around the Great Lakes to their current reservation on the Great Plains. We followed the tradition of the buffalo robe honoring elders through its evolving into the Star Quilt of today as we learned about the Lakota's history and traditions.

Business:

Darlene Morris moved to approve the minutes of our previous meeting minutes of October 14, 2021 and they were approved.

Our financials through October 31, 2021 were presented by Robin Rippeon, Treasurer, as follows:

Income through 10/31/2021	\$3,136.39
Expenses through 10/31/2021	(3,873.15)
Net loss as of 10/31/2021	(736.76)
Checking Account Balance as of 10/31/2021 is:	\$9,661.81

Darlene Morris has donated an AccuQuilt Go Cutter to the guild for auction. Fran sent an email describing the cutter and outlining the auction procedures. Email your bid to Robin. The bidding closes midnight, November 20th.

Committee Reports:

Kay Rice reported the Faith House quilt presentation was October 21st and the Homewood presentation was last week. We were shown pictures of Homewood residents with their quilt or fidget mat along with pictures from the Faith House presentation. Both organizations and recipients were very happy with our donations.

The Community Service Committee is actively working on our projects for 2022 and they should have a complete report for the January meeting.

Danita reported that our fundraising events for December are a Pop-up table at the Delaplaine on December 3rd/4th and a Pop-up table at the Frederick Arts Council event on December 11th/12th.

Danita thanked the Delaplaine volunteers and said set up would be Friday, December 3rd after 3:30.

The Frederick Arts Council events is at their 2nd Street location where we can display our Opportunity quilt, sell raffle tickets and sell our goods. The Arts Council is having this for publicity and are not charging a fee. They are not asking for a percentage either. Danita needs volunteers to "man" the Pop-up table.

Sandy said the raffle tickets have been ordered and they are trying to decide how to distribute them to members. Looking to do so at the January meeting which we are hoping will be in-person. We ordered 2,000 tickets. Jacque Janss asked about getting a picture of our current quilt as it is so helpful in selling tickets. There is a picture in our recent newsletter and pictures will be made for the events.

Karen Smith reported December 9th is our holiday celebration via Zoom. Twenty-one members are participating in the gift swap and will receive swap directions next week. All members will receive envelopes about the evening activities. An email will be sent next week about the collection location for Heartly House.



THE COMMON THREAD

Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2021 (Continued)

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As January's meeting is a trunk show, two or three members are needed to show their quilts and speak about their quilting experiences. A decision will be made in December about in-person or Zoom for the January meeting.

Karen noted our February speaker is Cindy Grisdela, with a workshop the next day. We need 20 participants for the workshop and the cost will be \$25.00. Registration will start after the December meeting.

Becky Lyons reported she has sent two items to the Frederick News Post for their Neighbors page. One was the photo with caption of a short description of the quilt donation to Faith House on October 21. This included information about the guild. The other contained similar information about the November 4th presentation of quilts and fidget mats to the Homewood Dementia Unit.

Fran noted our new business cards are in and some have been left at Charlotte's Cottage so they can be given to customers expressing an interest in quilt guilds.

Sandy Dunning shared pictures of our brochure, a trifold outlining who we are, our programs for 2022, our logo, meeting time, and pictures of our 2019 Quilt Show and Community Quilt. The brochures will be available in January and will be sent to all new members. Some should be left at the Delaplaine as well as local quilt stores.

Jessica Halpin asked if we are on any social media, Facebook, Instagram? While Karen manages our Facebook page; Jessica agreed to work on getting us on another social media. Fran noted social media could be considered publicity, and as Karen had been pursuing Instagram, maybe Jessica, Becky Lyon and Karen could work together on this.

Fran noted Danita Frisby needs volunteers for her Fundraising Committee.

Show and Tell followed featuring Pop-up donations and current projects.

The month's drawing prize was won by Mary Pauley, a \$25.00 Charlotte's Cottage gift card, and Beck Lyon won a Gelato Rose Applique Package from WebFabrics.

Fran thanked the Pop-up sewers for their donations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McNey, Secretary



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
Board of Directors Meeting - November 4, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Fran Scher at 7:00pm with 13 members attending.

The main topic of this meeting was the guild's 2022-2023 budget. Treasurer Robin Rippeon presented the proposed budget and discussed each item. She explained the proposed income in relation to expenses, and answered members' questions.

Karen Smith asked how income from the 2022 Opportunity Quilt would be handled. Would it be considered deferred income? Robin explained that the guild is a 501C3 classification and is considered a cash enterprise, therefore, all transactions, income or expenses, must be considered within our fiscal year.

The continued use of Paypal was discussed: Are benefits of having Paypal worth the 2% plus 49 cents fees? Paypal is a convenient way for current members and new members to pay for dues and workshops. Fran suggested we add \$1.00 to the workshop cost to cover Paypal fees. This was agreed by attendees.

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Board of Directors Meeting - November 4, 2021 (Continued)

Nancy Speck made the motion to accept the 2022-2023 proposed budget as discussed. The motion was seconded by Danita Frisby and approved by all attendees. The proposed budget will be presented to the membership in the December newsletter for review and voting during our annual meeting in January.

Fran suggested an increase in membership dues might be necessary due to the negative balance of the last few years and the difficulty of having in-person fundraising during 2020 and 2021. Research showed the guild has not raised its dues since 2016 when the current \$30.00 per person was approved. After it was determined that any increase in membership dues must be approved by a majority vote of the membership per Article 9.3 of the by-laws, Nancy Speck made the motion that the Board adopt the \$5.00 increase in membership dues which will be submitted to the membership for vote at our Annual Meeting in January 2023. The attendees voted approval of the increase with 12 for and 1 opposed.

Committee Reports:

Danita Frisby reported that she has several members willing to work our table at the Pop-up event in December.

She announced The Arts Council has approved our selling raffle tickets and crafts at their event on December 11th and 12th, and she needs volunteers to work the event. Danita will email members regarding this event and will put an announcement in the newspaper. She will take any unsold items from the Delaplaine Pop-up to sell at this event.

Fran mentioned that we sell our cards in the Delaplaine gift shop year around. Could we do other items? This will be researched.

Kay Rice asked if there was a sign or notice that our guild meets monthly at the Delaplaine? If not, could we have one? The Delaplaine has a monthly newsletter; are we on the calendar? Are there other ways we could be promoted through the Delaplaine?

Becky Lyon is our new chair of the Publicity/Public Relations Committee. She said she has been in contact with Sue at the Frederick News Post and hopes for a good relationship. If we want to have the Post take pictures for news releases, we need to advise them three weeks in advance of the event. Our next presentation will be the donations for Heartly House. The Delaplaine will advertise the Pop-up event. Danita mentioned previously about advertising the Arts Council event.

Fran said she was interested in updating our by-laws which were last amended in 2016. Becky and Nancy Speck agreed to help her.

Kay Rice reported the Community Service Committee presented our fidget mats and quilts at the Home-wood Dementia Unit. She hopes they will be able to give us pictures of residents with their mats, but that will depend upon waivers from residents' families.

Kay and Fran reported on 2023 possible Community Service projects: one is for the Lutheran Social Services who are helping with Afghan refugees relocation within Maryland. Many refugees are here on S1 visa through their help with American forces. Fran had inquired about quilts for the children and was told they could use 100 quilts. It was discussed about doing a quick turned style blanket for the children that we could give in January and then continue with larger quilts for an October presentation. Barbara Scuderi showed one she did with fleece and included a stuffed toy. She also showed a larger quilt for older children or adults. It was mentioned a 50 x 60 quilt would be most serviceable.

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Board of Directors Meeting - November 4, 2021 (Continued)

Kay then mentioned that our by-laws stated our Community Service projects are limited to Frederick County, so when we update the by-laws, a clause should be included to allow for going outside the county from time to time as agreed to by members with our projects.

Brenda Barnhardt then discussed our reaching out to veterans through organizations like Am-Vets, Charlotte Hall, etc. as we have done in the past with quilts, and other items. Brenda should have more information on this for our January meeting.

Madeline Wajda has moved to an assisted living facility in Silver Spring and has donated her fabric stash to the guild for our community service projects. Kay has the collection in her basement and will reach out to the guild after Christmas to invite members to come to select fabric.

As some of our members can no longer join us, it was suggested that the Sunshine Committee send cards on their birthdays or maybe we could do a signature lap quilt for them.

Jessica Halpin researched getting our logo made into a quilt label for our projects. Kay showed a picture of the label and will keep us updating on progress.

Fran asked if the Board would like to review the minutes prior to the newsletter. All agreed it would be a good idea. Fran will send it out after draft review is prepared.

Barbara will send a picture of her easy to make blanket with stuffed pet to Sandy for Show and Tell.

Fran, Kay and Darlene Morris mentioned they have items to donate for silent auctions to the membership.

Becky Lyon asked about having a list of members' expertise and machines published. As a novice, she has encountered challenges she feels could be solved by members instead of long on-line research if only she knew who to call. Research will be done in how to collect and publish the data.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McNey, Secretary

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We hope that everyone enjoyed Maggie MacKichan's presentation on star quilts at our November meeting. Her historical perspective on the importance of star quilts to the Lakota tribe in South Dakota was inspirational.

By now, everyone should have received their special holiday envelopes that included information on our upcoming virtual holiday celebration. We hope you will be logging in to help us celebrate on December 9th.



Karen Smith, Chair



“A picture is worth a thousand words.” I invite you to take a moment to study the pictures of the Homewood residents with their gifts from the guild. Doesn't your heart just swell with the joy of knowing that you helped to put smiles on the faces of the residents who received our gifts?



November 4, Community Service presentation to Homewood. Left to right: Fran Scher, Karen Smith, Stacey Davis (The Willows Activities Coordinator) and Kay Rice.



Hello Ladies,

Attached [above] are some pictures of the residents receiving the beautiful quilts that you made for us. Thank you so very much for taking the time to sew these gorgeous quilts and adorable fidget quilts, we truly appreciate your generosity.

*Sincerely,
Stacey Davis, Activities Coordinator*

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COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)

2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS

The committee is delighted to share with you that we will again this year offer two different Community Service partnerships. One to our veterans and one to the children of the Afghan refugees who have resettled in Maryland.

In addition, we have ordered Clustered Spires Quilt Guild labels to affix to the back of the quilts. And for our veterans in Hospice care, we have ordered a small Veteran label to incorporate into your quilt design on the front.

FREDERICK HEALTH HOSPITAL — VETERANS IN HOSPICE CARE— Liaison, Kay Rice

“Frederick Health Hospice was founded in 1980 by a group of community volunteers who wished to offer compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families...” Over the years, the program has grown in scope and size, and now compassionate end of life care is offered to our veterans. We will be partnering with FHH Hospice Care to provide lap quilts to veterans.

After contacting the FHH Veteran Liaison, Bob LeBron, I learned that at any given time there are 40 veterans in Hospice care. What really touched me was that as each veteran enters Hospice, their service to our country is acknowledged by a bedside service. At which time they are presented with a crochet lap blanket or other comfort item. Bob would be delighted to accept our homemade lap quilts to share with the veterans at their bedside service. <https://www.frederickhealthhospice.org/About-Us.aspx>.

VETERAN LAP QUILTS: Please create lap quilts (36-by-48-inch rectangle) using assorted colors, rather than making it only red, white, and blue. Please incorporate the Veteran label in your quilt design on the front and place the CSQG label on the back.

QUILT DISTRIBUTION: We will deliverer the quilts in increments of 15.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES AFGHAN INITIATIVE – Liaison, Fran Scher

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of the National Capital Area is a non-profit resettlement agency participating in the Reception and Placement Program for Afghan refugees under a cooperative agreement with the Department of State. As part of these services, LSS sets up newly arriving families’ homes. Our local LSS has committed an office in Hyattsville, MD for local distribution. LSS indicated that they could take at least 100 quilts if we could provide that many! If you would like to read about their program or get involved in other ways, go to lssnca.org.

CHILDREN’S QUILTS: You may create any size child’s quilt you would like (baby, crib, youth, or twin). Please wash donations (preferably with unscented products) to remove any allergens (such as pet hair). Please place the CSQG label on the back.

QUILT DISTRIBUTION: We will deliverer the quilts in increments of 15.

“THE MADELINE SHOPPE”: One of our members, Madeline Wajda, has moved to an assisted living facility and has donated her fabric to the guild for use in our community service projects. After Christmas, I will send an email to the guild with a day/time to come to my house to select fabric from the abundance of fabric that Madeline donated. There are a variety of fabrics and colors to choose from. I encourage you to visit the “*The Madeline Shoppe*” before purchasing fabric elsewhere. Madeline would love knowing that her fabric has been used to support our Community Service Partnerships.



COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)

SHARED GOOGLE DOCUMENT: After the first of the year, we will have an online shared Google document similar to what we used in 2021. Look for more information after the first of the year.

Please welcome to our little corner of the guild: Jessica Halpin and Sandy Dunning! While Karen Smith is longer on the Community Service Committee, she has not gone far. Karen will continue with the guild focusing on her other guild commitments.

It is a delight to work with the talented and dedicated Community Service enthusiasts on our committee. Interested in joining us? Please reach out to me @ ricecrispy1@comcast.net.

On behalf of the committee, I extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you for always supporting our Community Service Partners' Projects.

Kay Rice
Chairperson

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

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The Block of the month for December is "Mothers Dream." It can be found at quilterscache.com. The Block of the Month Committee hopes that you enjoyed working on these blocks during this trying time. If you would like to continue with this website for another year let's hear from you! We wish you the best in the coming new year!

Happy Quilting,
Kathy Shankle, Chair



DECEMBER

- 15 Kathy Cramer
- 26 Celeste LaJoie
- 26 Joan Watkins
- 27 Helen Wasserman
- 29 Barbara Yinger



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild	
Proposed Budget for 2022-2023	
	Proposed
	12 month Budget
	2/1/2022 -
	1/31/2023
Income	
Membership Dues-50 members @ \$35	1,750.00
2022 Opportunity Quilt Income	1,500.00
Merchandise Sales	500.00
Fundraiser Income-Note Card Sales	50.00
Fundraiser Income-Monthly Drawing Basket Income	100.00
Fundraiser Income-Last Chance Stash Income	500.00
Donations Income	500.00
Workshop Fees Income	775.00
Total Income	5,675.00
Expenses	
Program Expenses	
Workshop Teacher Fee	775.00
Speaker Fees	1,900.00
Speaker/Workshop Mileage	352.00
Speaker/Workshop Lodging/Meals	315.00
Total Program Expenses	3,342.00
General Expenses	
2022 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit	260.00
2023 Opportunity Quilt & Raffle Permit	260.00
Misc. Fundraising Costs-Note Cards	40.00
Fundraising Expenses	50.00
Meeting Room Rental-55 members @ \$5 +\$125	400.00
Hospitality & Membership (new for 2022)	200.00
Sunshine	26.00
Refreshments	75.00
2022 Holiday Banquet	300.00
Supplies / Printing / Postage	75.00



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild	
Proposed Budget for 2022-2023	
	Proposed
	12 month Budget
	2/1/2022 -
	1/31/2023
Paypal Fees	100.00
Insurance Policy	205.00
Donation Expense	50.00
Education	50.00
Public Relations	200.00
Website Microsoft 365 Email, 3 years 10/30/22	450.00
Website Security-SSL Secure Site 1 yr 12/7/22	90.00
2022 Delaplaine Quilt Show	100.00
Guild Challenge-gift card prizes	200.00
Community Service	400.00
Total Expenses	6,873.00
Net Income (Loss)	(1,198.00)

Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine—December 2022



The Delaplaine Center for the Arts (where we will eventually meet in person again!) has invited us to install an exhibit of our quilted art for the month of December 2022. It will be in the East Gallery—the first gallery everyone reaches when they walk down the hallway.

Since 2016, we have shown our quilts in December of even numbered years. The quilts typically draw many visitors to the Delaplaine. Our last exhibit in 2020 was especially well received, brightening the winter scene despite the lingering pandemic.

Guild members are encouraged to enter items that they are also willing to sell. The Delaplaine makes some of its operating funds from a portion of the sales. Their commission is 30% or 20% depending on whether you are also a member of the Delaplaine.

In previous years we have shown quilts, wall quilts, framed small quilts, and quilted wearables. Next year we hope to have a good sampling of the recent challenge quilts!

I have submitted the exhibit agreement. Here are the next steps -

- We'll need a committee, of course.
- Determine an exhibit title and theme.
- Write a description of the exhibition in 500 words or less.



Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine—December 2022 (Continued)

I have submitted the exhibit agreement. Here are the next steps (Continued) -

- Write a brief biography of the guild.
- Develop a system for entries (or refine previous ones).
- Submit photos to the Delaplaine for publicity.
- Write up articles for the newsletter.

What we don't have to do - Produce advertising and other promotional materials for the exhibit. We can use what the Delaplaine produces.

Are you interested in helping? Contact Joan Watkins email: joanspatches@gmail.com.

SUNSHINE NEWS

One of our newest members, Wendy Heim, could use a little sunshine. She is finishing her chemotherapy and has had a rough time with the treatments. Some days she wakes up refreshed, ready to take on the day, but on other days she becomes short of breath and very fatigued. Like many of us, she is having a hard time realizing that she needs to let things go around the house and take care of herself. Wendy is very thankful that nausea, headache, coughing, and other side effects of the chemo don't last the whole week.

Please welcome Wendy and let her know that you're thinking about her at this difficult time. Her contact information is:

Wendy Heim
6177 S. Steamboat Way
New Market MD 21774

Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric so Wendy can make something pretty with it once she's feeling up to it.

If you know of anyone else in our guild who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and let me know.

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

Olga Schrichte, Chair
Sunshine Committee



An update from Wendy...



I am overcome by the outpouring of kind notes from you lovely ladies as I undergo my treatment! You are a special group of people, and I'm so very grateful that I'm a part of your guild. Each of the cards and handwritten sentiments touched my heart, and the gifts of fabric squares really did bring me sunshine!

November 21st was my last treatment of this round of infusions, and now I wait to see if it did its job. I'm hopefully looking forward to having more energy now that I don't have the weekly sessions!

Thank you again, Wendy

PS. I'm looking forward to the holiday meeting and loved getting the sweet holiday gift that was sent out to all of us!



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising opportunities are on the horizon! Please remember to drop off items for the Delaplaine Pop-up shop by end of November. Items can be dropped off at Danita Frisby's house, 1600 Bolton St., Frederick. Thanks to the quilters who volunteered to man the tables the weekend of December 4 and 5. If you wanted to volunteer but didn't get a chance don't despair! You have another opportunity the next weekend, December 11 and 12. We are having another Pop-up shop at the Frederick Arts Council and need people to man the table. Please let Danita know if you are able to volunteer that weekend. We also get to sell raffle tickets for our opportunity quilt at this venue.

Speaking of raffle tickets, we will distribute tickets to members at our January meeting. If each member sold (or bought) 10 tickets we would make well over \$850.

Danita Frisby, Chair



Reminder - Heartly House Collection

Just a reminder that we are collecting a variety of items for Heartly House.

Following is our Christmas list of needed items for the Heartly House shelter:

- Women and children's pajamas (all sizes) - no gowns.
- Bedding items for twin & crib sizes – pillows, comforters, quilts, sheet sets.
- Reusable shopping bags (grocery store size or larger).

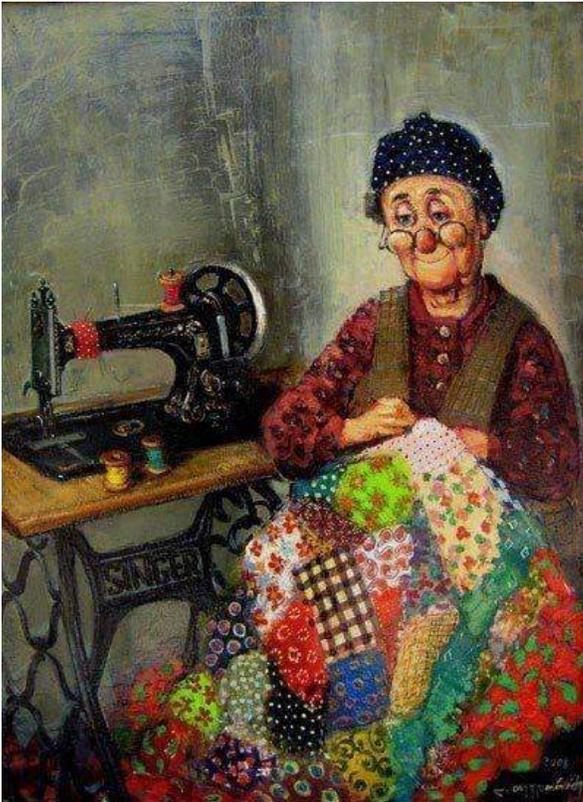
Donations can be dropped off during the week of November 29th at:

Danita Frisby's home – 1600 Bolton Street, Frederick

Karen Smith's home – 206 Rod Circle, Middletown (I will have a large tote bag on the bench on my front porch.)

Donations can also be dropped off at Becky Lyons's home starting December 1st - 403A Magnolia Avenue, Frederick.

If you can't make it to a house to drop off items, we will also be collecting at the Delaplaine on Sunday, December 5th, from 3:00 - 5:00. This is at the end of the first Pop-up shop.



Twas the night before Christmas,
And the quilts were not made.
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.
The stocking 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

Merry Merry, Happy Happy, Quilty Quilty Y'all!!

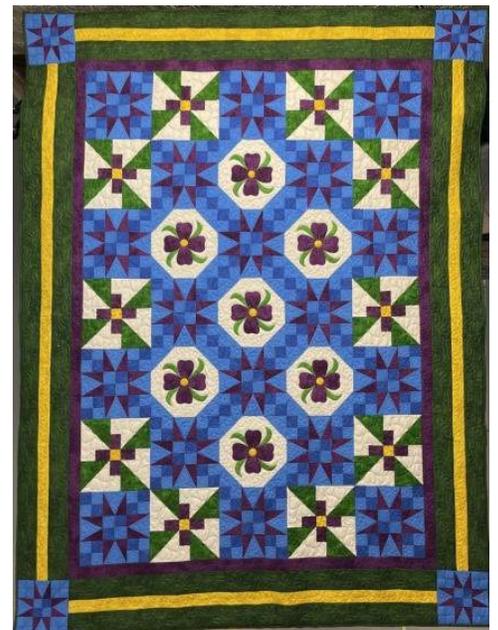
Save the Date for Faithful Circle Quilters' Garden Party Quilt Show 2022 May 19-21, 2022

Faithful Circle Quilters
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faithfulcirclequilters.com

Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, Md., will celebrate the art of quilting with the *Garden Party Quilt Show 2022*, on May 19, 20, and 21, 2022.

The Garden Party Quilt Show 2022 showcases quilts made by group members and will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md.

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Starlit Garden Raffle Quilt 2022



Faithful Circle Quilters Garden Party Quilt Show 2022 (Continued)

More than 300 quilts displayed include traditional, modern, and art quilts of all sizes and a wide range of quilting techniques. In addition there will be daily quilting technique demonstrations, quilting vendors, a \$10-and-under boutique, a silent auction, peddler's table, raffle baskets and daily quilt art presentations.

The show also features the guild's award-winning raffle quilt, *Starlit Garden*, which placed second at the 2021 Maryland State Fair. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held on May 21, 2022. Winner need not be present to win.

The Garden Party Quilt Show hours are Friday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$10.00 for the whole weekend. Children 10 and under are free.

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SHOW & TELL... Fran Scher made a modern wall quilt for the Pop-up shop. Below and right, Becky Lyon showed the results of a workshop by Karen Frick about making labels, quilt sleeves and mitered corners.



Barbara Scuderi made a black & white group quilt with her church friends and a small fleece blanket with stuffed animal for Afghan refugees.

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SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Brenda Barnhardt made another embroidered wool applique penny mat leftover from a guild project from August 2019 for the Pop-up shop. Middle, Barbara Yinger made a cute small table mat with her pickle dish block from the September workshop. At right, is Dot White's jelly roll quilt that she made for her granddaughter. It's her first pentagraph one on her long arm machine.



Below, Darlene Morris showed her November block of the month and a Halloween wall quilt made with AccuQuilt dies made in a day. At right, Leslie Cole made wine totes for the Pop-up shop and gifts done from a kit using the quilt-as-you-go method she modified.



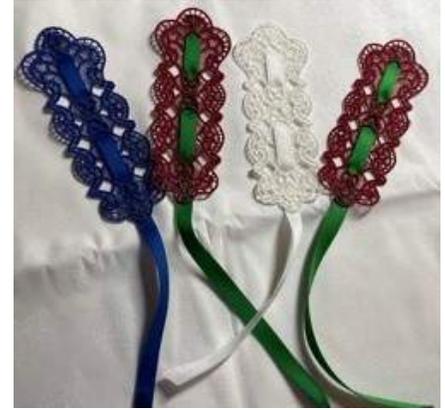
At left, Nancy Speck made two sets of embellished tea towels and pot holders for the Pop-up shop.

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SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Mary Pauley made Japanese knot bags and 13 whimsical fairy sculptures for the Pop-up shop. Sandy Dunning made two "turning 20" quilts for her granddaughters using 20 fat quarters each. Olga Schrichte did the quilting. The second one is an ocean themed one from Charlotte's Cottage fabrics. In the middle are two pillow cases she made for the Pop-up shop. Sandy machine embroidered book marks for the shop too. Finally, Danita Frisby sent in a photo of her block of the month.



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