



President's Notes

Happy New Year! As 2022 begins, I wish you all good health and joy throughout the year!

Last year was again a challenge with the pandemic. Thank you all for your patience as we navigate how to continue to participate in our guild safely. I still marvel at everyone's ingenuity and dedication throughout 2021. Despite the pandemic, we managed to continue our meetings and workshops on Zoom, learn to use PayPal, share photos for Show-and-Tell, create a beautiful Opportunity Quilt, make and distribute a large number of items to our community partners, participate in fundraising events like our yard sale and pop-up shops, and more! All while striving to stay safe from Covid. You are all amazing!



At the start of a new year, we often set goals and resolutions. What are yours? I hope to finish a wedding quilt for my daughter, make quilts and fleece blankets for our community partners, and learn some new quilting techniques. Our guild is sponsoring six speakers and two workshops this year which will help toward that goal. You can see our programs on the programs tab of our website. Hopefully the pandemic will ease and the Mid-Appalachian Quilters workshop retreat in Gettysburg, which many members attend, will take place in July. We are fortunate that there are so many learning opportunities available online as well.

Coming up in January, we will enjoy a virtual trunk show from two of our new members—MJ Greer and Jessica Halpin (thank you both!). Then in February we have our speaker Cindy Grisdela and her improv workshop. We hope to gather at the Delaplaine in March for our speaker but will wait to decide if it is safe to do so. April brings another "tips and tricks" by members, so think about ways you might share your knowledge with us.

Thank you for all you do to make our guild successful, and all the best for 2022.

Fran Scher

January 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, January 13, 2022

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 - December 10, 2021

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

Thirty members and one guest were in attendance. Fran introduced our guest, Louise Harris. Louise is a traditional quilter of several years who splits her time between homes in Frederick and Ohio.

The minutes of our previous meeting were approved by the members upon motion by Brenda Barnhardt and seconding by Danita Frisby.

Fran read the financial report submitted by Robin Rippeon, Treasurer:

Income through 11/30/2021	\$3,136.39
Expenses through 11/30/2021	(4,361.61)
Net Loss	(1,225.22)
Bank Balances of 11/30/2021	\$9,173.35

Karen Smith said Heartly House picked up our donations at the Delaplaine Pop-up. Cindy Warfield representing Heartly House was delighted by our generosity. Items donated were: 2 comforter sets, 3 blankets, 14 twin sheet/pillowcases sets, 2 crib sheet/mattress covers, 11 pillows, 10 hand crafted baby blankets, 2 hand crafted pillowcases, 14 boys' pajamas, 16 girls' pajamas, 42 women's pajamas, 15 reusable bags, and 1 large plastic bin.

Danita did not have any feedback from the Delaplaine on how much we raised at the Pop-up. She is in touch with Melanie and will let us know. Danita said there were so many nice items contributed and she felt a significant amount was sold. Danita thanked everyone who made items for the Pop-up and those who worked the event. Danita reminded members of the Arts Council event on December 11th and 12th at 5 East Second Street. It is from 11:00 to 2:00 each day and we will be displaying our community quilt, selling raffle tickets and our crafted items. Raffle tickets will be available for members to pick up. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and hopefully all members will take 10 tickets to sell or buy.

Our January program is a member's truck show, and Karen said M.J. Greer and Jessica Halpin have volunteered to tell us about their quilting adventures.

Because of on-going concern about the rise in Covid cases and the safety of our members, a poll was taken to gauge members' comfort level in returning in-person to the Delaplaine in January. With 28 members voting, the results were 68% wanting to remain on Zoom with 32% okay with in-person meeting. The January meeting will be on Zoom.

Karen said our February workshop will be presented by Cindy Grisdela on The Anatomy of an Improv Quilt. This will be a half day workshop on Friday, February 11th on Zoom. Registration is on our website with the cost of \$25.00 and a maximum of 20 attendees. If you use PayPal add \$1.00 to cover fees.

We have a new Community Service Partner for 2022, the Lutheran Social Services of National Capital Area who are assisting the Afghan refugees in Maryland. Kay Rice and Fran asked for a donation of 15 child size quilts for January. These can be quilts or fleece blankets.

Kay asked that we use the new Clustered Spires label for all the quilts we donate. She will let us know when they are available for pick-up.

Kay reported on the in-hospice veteran quilts: The guild has a special label to be worked into the design on the front side. These labels can be mailed, or picked up at Kay's or Danita's house.



Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2021 (Continued)

Kay plans to have a spreadsheet available so we can enter our planned quilts. Also she will let us know when her basement will be ready for members to select from Madeline Wadja's donated stash for our projects.

Fran reported the results of her longarm quilter poll. Olga Schrichte and Maria Cochran quilt professionally while several members are willing to quilt our charity quilts. The "charity quilters" are working on the details of what they will need when accepting your quilt.

Wendy Heim thanked the members for all the encouraging cards and the lovely fabric she received while experiencing her first round of chemotherapy.

Becky Lyon let us know she has submitted a news release on the Heartly House donations to the Frederick NewsPost. She was told the Post likes the pictures to have action as opposed to a static stance.

Karen presented a video: "A Cup of Christmas Tea." A big THANK YOU to the Banquet Committee for a delightful holiday celebration including a trivia game. We enjoyed gift sharing and Show & Tell.

Door prizes were won by Becky Lyon, Triangles on a Roll, and Linda McNey, \$25.00 Charlotte's Gift Card.

Fran wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McNey, Secretary



Program Committee

Happy New Year! I would like to thank the holiday celebration committee (Trish Bodine, Beth Lyons, and Jacque Jans) for helping to put together a wonderful "virtual" holiday celebration for our members. Of course, we would have all preferred to be able to meet in person, but that was just not meant to be this year. I don't know about you, but I have certainly had enough of this whole COVID virus. Hopefully, things will begin to turn around and we will be able to meet in person in the near future.

That being said, for now, we are continuing to meet virtually for our January and February meetings. Our January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 13th via ZOOM. We will be having a members' trunk show that evening with presentations by MJ Greer and Jessica Halpin.

We have a special Show & Tell planned for that evening. We would like you to send photos of any "old" quilts you might have in your possession to Sandy Dunning. For example, if you have quilts from grandma or great aunt or just old ones you found at a garage sale, take a picture for Show & Tell and tell us all you know about the quilt.

At our February 10th meeting, our guest speaker will be Cindy Grisdela. Her topic will be *Anatomy of an Improv Quilt*.

The next day, Cindy will be presenting a half day workshop via Zoom on *Mini Improv Puzzle Blocks*. Registration has already opened on the Clustered Spires website for this workshop opportunity.



Cindy Grisdela

Karen Smith, Chair



The Block of the Month committee has decided to stay with the [Quilterscache.com](https://www.Quilterscache.com) website again for this year. With all of the block designs available for free!! We felt it was the right choice. The Block of the Month committee hopes you enjoyed the variety of blocks that we chose for you and that you had fun during the creative process. Remember, don't stress, just have fun with it.

Wishing all a Happy Holiday Season.

Cindy Shugars, Darlene Morris, and Kathy Shankle (Chair)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

If there is such a thing as “outdoing ourselves” ... we did just that in 2021! Homewood’s Dementia Unit, Faith House and Heartly House were so incredibly grateful for the guild’s generosity. As I was typing ... Carly Simon’s song entitled “*Nobody Does It Better*” popped into my head. The sentiment “*Nobody Does It Better*” describes our guild perfectly!

In 2022, we have two Community Service Partnerships: Veteran Hospice Care and the Afghan Children’s Initiative. I cannot wait to see what the Christmas Banquet Committee selects as our 2022 Christmas Community Service Partnership.

2022 FREDERICK HEALTH HOSPITAL – VETERANS IN HOSPICE CARE – Liaison, Kay Rice

VETERAN LAP QUILTS: Please create lap quilts (36-by-48 inch rectangle) using assorted colors rather than making it 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 deliver the quilts in increments of 15 throughout the year.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (“LSS”) AFGHAN INITIATIVE – Liaison, Fran Scher

CHILDREN’S QUILTS: You may create any size child’s quilt you would like (baby, crib, youth, or twin). LSS will also accept fleece blankets. 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 deliver the quilts in increments of 15 throughout the year.

“THE MADELINE SHOPPE” – OPENING SOON: One of our members, Madeline Wajda, has donated fabric to the guild. There is an abundance of fabric in a variety of colors and themes. For your 2022 CS projects, I’d like to invite you to visit the “*The Madeline Shoppe*” before purchasing fabric. As a bonus for visiting the “*Madeline Shoppe*” you will also receive labels for your projects. We will be sharing pictures of our Community Service projects with Madeline. I know she will enjoy seeing how her fabric was used. Look for more information in early January about the day and time to visit the *Madeline Shoppe* in my home.

2022 SHARED GOOGLE DOCUMENT: We will have an online shared Google document, similar to our 2021 document for you to log your donation(s). Look for more information soon.

On behalf of the committee, happy New Year!

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



Donations for Heartly House were picked up at our Delaplaine Pop-up Shop including: 2 comforter sets, 3 blankets, 14 twin sheet/pillowcase sets, 2 crib sheet/mattress covers, 11 pillows, 10 hand crafted baby blankets, 2 hand crafted pillowcases, 14 sets of boys' pajamas, 15 sets of girls' pajamas, 42 sets of women's pajamas, 15 reusable bags, and 1 large plastic bin. Shown below are Jacque Janss, Cindy Warfield from Heartly House, and Sylvia Cooper.



Many, many thanks to all who contributed to our charity Heartly House this December. The representative, Cindy Warfield, who came to collect the donations was amazed and thrilled with all the items. There was a van and a VW Beetle packed full of items for use in their community of women and children that they serve. In this season of giving and sharing, the guild certainly demonstrated a loving spirit.

Jacque Janss



Mini Improv Puzzle Blocks Workshop

Join us on Friday, February 11th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm for a *virtual* half-day workshop with Cindy Grisdela. Her topic will be "Mini Improv Puzzle Blocks."

Create Improv Log Cabin blocks and angled stripes in a variety of sizes and put them together into a unique composition—like a jigsaw puzzle. Students may also choose to include orphan blocks or leftovers from other projects. There's no measuring or precise cutting and each quilt will be unique. We will discuss color choices and using simple design principles to create an original dynamic composition.

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Mini Improv Puzzle Blocks Workshop (Continued)

Basic sewing skills and a sewing machine in good working order necessary. Confident beginner to advanced level.

Workshop Fee: \$25, payable by check (mail to Robin Rippeon) or via PayPal (below). Limited to 20 attendees.

To register:

1. Send an email to csgq@clusteredspiresquiltguild.org and indicate that you wish to attend. This will place your name on the list.
2. Pay the \$25 fee. You can mail a check made out to Clustered Spires Quilt Guild to our treasurer Robin Rippeon at 201 Bennett Court, Thurmont, MD 21788 or pay from our website via PayPal.



Note: If using PayPal, we are asking that you add \$1 to the charge to cover PayPal's fee. Simply enter \$26 into the "Price per item." Thank you!

Mini Improv Puzzle – Supply List

Create Improv Log Cabin blocks in a variety of sizes and put them together into a unique composition--like a jigsaw puzzle. There's no measuring or precise cutting and each quilt will be unique. We will discuss color choices and using simple design principles to create an original dynamic composition.

Bring fabrics in colors that you like together--warm colors like red, orange, yellow, or cool colors such as blue, green, purple. Or you can use an "anything goes" color recipe. You don't need a lot of any one fabric---variety is important. Be sure to include different values of your colors—light, mediums and darks, and at least one contrasting fabric. You may use solids or prints or a combination.

- 8-12 fat quarters or a variety of scraps or both
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Rulers – suggest 6" square and 6" x 12"
- Scissors
- Neutral thread
- Batting 20"-24" square to design and transport your quilt
- Sewing machine in good working order
- Extra lighting if you need it (optional)

*optional but helpful - *Artful Improv: Color Recipes, Building Blocks & Freemotion Stitching* by Cindy Grisdela





NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ALL GUILD MEMBERS:

2022 Board of Directors meeting dates are: March 3, June 2, September 1, and November 3. All Board of Directors and committee chairs are required to attend. If you cannot attend, please send someone from your committee to substitute or provide a report before the meeting. All guild members are encouraged to attend.



Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Thanks to everyone who contributed and volunteered for the pop-up shops we held the first two weekends of December. We sold \$857.00 worth at the Delaplaine pop-up giving the guild \$642.75 profit. Unfortunately, the sale at the Frederick Arts Council was not very busy and we did not make much at all. Several members did stop by to pick up their Opportunity Quilt raffle tickets and we sold a few tickets.

Photo credits Brenda Barnhardt and Jessica Halpin.

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Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt Marketing (Continued)

Since we are not meeting in person, after the New Year please make arrangements to pick up your raffle tickets. Tickets will be available for pick up at my house, 1600 Bolton Street, Frederick. If you are unable to drop by, email Danita at whamo345@gmail.com and I will try to deliver tickets to you. As a last resort, I can mail tickets, but I prefer to save the postage if possible. Please support the guild by selling (and/or buying!) at least 10 tickets. You have all year as the drawing will not be held until the December 2022 meeting. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Money for tickets can be dropped off or mailed to me (address above) or to Treasurer Robin Rippeon (201 Bennett Ct., Thurmont, MD 21788).



Danita Frisby, Chair

SUNSHINE NEWS



Helen Wasserman's husband, Don, passed away December 22. She said that "he had suffered serious health issues for the last year or two. He was at Citizens Rehab facility in hopes that he would gain enough strength to return home after his most recent hospitalization." Please join me in reaching out to Helen to know that we're keeping her in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Helen's contact information is: Helen Wasserman
3017 Stoners Ford Way
Frederick, MD 21701
Email: hawasserman@juno.com

Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric in lieu of flowers.

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

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

Olga Schrichte, Chair

BIRTHDAYS:



<i>Marcia Walker</i>	10	<i>Sandy Dunning</i>	17
<i>Frances Shearer</i>	14	<i>Nancy Pedersen</i>	19
<i>Susan Berte</i>	15	<i>Fran Scher</i>	26
<i>Eleanor Weitzel</i>	15	<i>Barbara Ogden</i>	27



Quilts4DCGallery — League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia

Below is a note and link that Jacque Janss would like to share.

“Here is a web site my granddaughter sent me. It is quilts made to advocate for statehood for DC. If our group had known about this, I sure some would have been inspired to submit quilts. They are fun to see. Thought others would enjoy seeing them.” Jacque Janss

Here is the link to the quilt website. Enjoy! <https://www.lwvdc.org/quilts4dcdgallery>



Quilts4DCGallery — League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia

51st Star. My inspiration was the map of the District of Columbia and its unique angles. I loved the material that Joann Fabrics designed that highlighted many of the features of DC that my husband and I love so much.

www.lwvdc.org

During the December Zoom meeting’s Show & Tell and donated to the Delaplaine Pop-up Shop to benefit the guild, Jessica Halpin made fabric mittens, berets and Scandinavian Christmas ornaments with folded fabrics. Below are instructions for the mittens and Christmas ornaments provided by Jessica and Olga Schrichte.

Jessica Halpin made adorable fleece mittens for the pop-up shop and kindly shared the link to make them, below. Thank you, Jessica!

From Jessica: “A 12” block is perfect for these and is great for orphan blocks. The only thing I changed from the original pattern is I used the quilt for the top outer mitten.”

<https://www.fleecefun.com/free-mitten-pattern/>



Scandinavian Woven Star Ornaments Tutorial – the.weekendquilter

I really liked these directions for making the woven star ornaments. Also, I found that it worked nicely to not fold the raw edges all the way to the center crease. The points turned out a little sharper with less bulk that way.

<https://the-weekendquilter.com/blogs/blog/scandinavian-woven-star-ornament-gift-bows>

Submitted by Olga Schrichte

(See Show & Tell for Jessica’s photo.)



December meeting Show & Tell... Linda McNey has been making holiday placemats and napkins, using more of her plentiful stash.



Below, Frances Shearer has also been busy with several items for the guild's pop-up fundraiser beginning with neck towel scarves, micro-wave bowls and embroidered pin cushions made with feed sack material.



Frances Shearer



Frances Shearer



Frances Shearer

Below are two more charming ones, one embroidered with dogs for her sister-in-law and one with embroidered flowers and a doily for a friend. Below right, Leslie Cole made 4 pillows from a panel from the guild's yard sale earlier this year, and a poinsettia and cardinal quilt.



Frances Shearer



Frances Shearer





Show & Tell (Continued)... Jessica Halpin made several things for the Pop-up shop: Scandinavian Christmas Ornaments with folded fabrics using a Mr. Domestic video, and using her long arm quilting machine, she made fabric berets and mittens. Row 2, Mary Pauley made placemats and 20 pillowcases for family gifts. In the middle, Kathy Cramer also made microwave fabric bowls.



At right, Trish Bodine made a quilt in blues and greens for her niece for Christmas who just got married .



Left and beneath that are Danita Frisby's December block of the month, "Mothers Dream" and all 12 blocks from 2021 laid out to assemble. Beside that, she showed her quilt of water lilies - needle turn applique, with machine and hand stitching, and hand quilted. It's 30" x 60".



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Show & Tell (Continued)... Sandy Dunning shows her completed quilt from blocks she won from a guild holiday party block exchange two years ago. She added some blocks including the border made from pajama fabrics from her grandchildren. In the middle, a tree skirt for her daughter-in-law, and at right, her adopted cat Rosie enjoying a fabric strip streamer Olga Schrichte used scraps to make.



Above, Sandy made a quilt of 20 blocks from outfits' fabrics from her granddaughter Grace with zebras to give her. Grace's twin brother, James, got a quilt too using his clothes. Sandy's daughter received a cocoa tale runner. Below are two photos of placemats Sandy was finishing up for Christmas.

At the bottom right, is Nancy Speck's 2018 guild round robin project wall quilt. She made the center tree and it was passed to two others who added the borders. Continued on Page 13



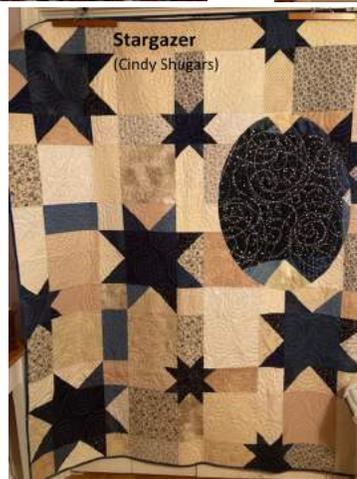


THE COMMON THREAD

Show & Tell (Continued)... A couple more of Nancy Speck's Christmas quilts are shown here. The left one is her first quilt from an 8-week class at Patches from an Alex Anderson block book using various beginners' techniques that she calls "Snowman's Christmas." Beside that is her 2012 Stack & Whack guild project that she calls "Those Damned Trees." At right, Olga Schrichte shares a photo of her granddaughter Kelsey that she made a quilt for using a horse printed panel.



Olga also made a baby quilt with Pooh Bear fabric for a friend that uses 3 yards of fabrics below. In the middle, Fran Scher showed a favorite holiday quilt from a kit with red houses and a pieced birch print background embellished with lace around the houses' eaves to represent snow.



Above and at left are four quilts Cindy Shugars finished. The top one is called "Candyland" for her grandchild. Left, "The Disappearing Hourglass" from a Jenny Doan pattern. Middle, a skateboard themed quilt for her grandson, and "Stargazer" from a kit from The White Swan. She long arm quilted all of them.



One last photo... We showed our gift exchanges at the meeting, but one member was absent and sent in her photo. This is Jacque Janss's folded fabric Christmas ornament given by Brenda Barnhardt. Brenda did not make it - it was made by an Animal Welfare League of Frederick County volunteer for their fundraiser. A pattern can be found on-line.



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month, 2022	Program/Lecture/Workshop	Virtual or In-Person?	Website
January 13	CSQG Meeting - Trunk Shows From Guild Members MJ Greer and Jessica Halpin	Virtual	
February 10	CSQG Meeting - Cindy Grisdela - Lecture: Anatomy of an Improv Quilt	Virtual	cindygrisdela.com
February 11	Workshop: Cindy Grisdela - Mini Improv Puzzle Blocks, Half-day	Virtual	cindygrisdela.com
February 24 - 27	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival @ Hampton, VA (Online) https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswww-onlinequiltfestival-com/		
March 3	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting	Virtual	
March 10	CSQG Meeting - Candyce Copp Grisham - Lecture: Dresden Reimagined	Virtual	icandyfiberart.com
April 14	CSQG Meeting - Members "Tips and Tricks"		
May 12	CSQG Meeting - Julia Graves - Lecture: Color Exploration		soquilts.com
June 2	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting		
June 9	CSQG Meeting - Geraldine Wilkins - Lecture: From Frustration to Fabulous - Taking the Fear out of Free-Motion Quilting		
July 14	CSQG Meeting - MAQ - TBD		
July 14 - 17	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar		www.maqonline.org
August 11	CSQG Meeting - Lenny Truitt - Lecture: Feedsacks		
September 1	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting		
September 8	CSQG Meeting - Mary Mahoney - Quilted Homes Demo		thetelltaleartist.com
September 9	Workshop - Mary Mahoney: Quilted Homes, Half Day		thetelltaleartist.com
September 15 - 18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/		
October 13	CSQG Meeting - Guild Challenge		
November 3	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting		
November 10	CSQG Meeting - Community Service Presentation		
December 8	CSQG Meeting - Holiday Banquet		

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