



President's Notes



Leo Tolstoy said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects." We certainly have our share of plans: log cabin challenge quilts, fidget quilts, community service baby quilts, BOM's. We don't lack for projects! To help inspire us we have Patricia Belyea as this month's speaker to show us around the enchanting world of Japan and Japanese inspired quilts. I can't wait. I'm so pleased that we have so many of our members able to join our Zoom meetings. Hope to see you all at the April meeting.

Danita Frisby

April 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meetings:
Second Thursday of the Month
6:30pm Social Zoom Meeting
7 pm 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.





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes March 11, 2021

We gathered (34 members) for a virtual Zoom meeting hosted by Sandy Dunning, beginning with small group sessions between 6:30 and 7pm. The meeting began at 7pm with a presentation by Barbara Cline, a quilter from the Shenandoah area of Virginia who showed quilts from her own designs as presented in her books. Her beautiful quilts were examples of the quilt-making process, including choosing a design, thread and needle choices, and using decorative stitches to quilt.

Guild member Olga Schrichte then demonstrated making a fidget quilt, one of the guild's community service projects. She reviewed fabric and activity choices, and provided links to resources and patterns. (See page 11 for pictures.)

The business meeting followed these special program presentations:

Minutes – The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. The financial report remained the same from last month.

President's Report

- Guild President and Secretary will be elected in May and take office in June. President Danita Frisby will appoint a Nominating Committee to present a report at the May meeting. Chairs are also needed for the Marketing, Fundraising and Banquet Committees.
- Doing marketing/fundraising in order to fund the guild's activities continues to be an issue. The Board's approach for now is to do marketing in-house, relying on members. We will take it step by step, considering marketing venues as they come up and if we can handle them. We will put together a team to brainstorm about how we will proceed with funding in the future. Danita will be recruiting members for this team with the understanding that this should be a manageable task in the planning stages.
- The passing of long-time member Gale Vernon was noted. She had been an active member of our group and will be missed. The guild sent flowers and will make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.
- Sandy Dunning is updating the Membership Directory in April. Members should contact her with any necessary changes to their information.

Program Planning

- Program Committee chair Fran Scher confirmed plans for a virtual workshop on September 10 by Debby Kratovil. It is entitled Pickle Dish, and is a modern double wedding ring project. The workshop will be 4 hours, and cost \$20-25 (pattern included), depending on the number of participants.
- The November log cabin program with Lenny Truitt is still on the calendar. As she cannot do the presentation virtually, however, it will not be finalized until later in the year when the possibility of in-person gatherings is clearer.
- We expect to continue with virtual meetings for the time being.
- The Program Committee is anticipating 2 virtual workshops in 2022 based on available funding approved by the Board.
- The April meeting will be a virtual presentation by Patricia Belyea from the State of Washington, entitled "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts."

Community Service

In addition to fidget quilts (see Page 11), the guild is doing quilt projects for Faith House, a part of the Frederick Rescue Mission specifically serving women in crisis and their children. Committee member Pat James explained that the project involves baby and stroller quilts (hopefully at least 10) and lap-sized quilts for older children (possibly 10-12).

There was Show and Tell from several members, and door prizes won by Kathy Shankle (a pumpkin wall hanging kit donated by Olga Schrichte) and Barbara Scuderi (a \$25 gift certificate to Charlotte's Cottage donated anonymously).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Speck
Secretary





THE COMMON THREAD

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2021

Board Members Present – Note: Due to limitations presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, this was a virtual meeting. The following Board members attended via Zoom: Brenda Barnhardt, Linda Beavers, Sandy Dunning, Danita Frisby, Darlene Morris, Kay Rice, Fran Scher, Karen Smith, Nancy Speck, Marcia Walker, and Joan Watkins.

Financial

It was agreed that the guild would pay its annual fee to the Delaplaine in order to continue our regular 2nd Thursday meeting slot there.

Treasurer's report:

Income as of February 28, 2021	\$550.00
Expenses as of February 28, 2021	190.48
Net Income as of February 28, 2021	359.52
Bank Balance as of February 28, 2021	\$10,758.09

Old Business

There was continued discussion of the issues arising from the difficulty in recruiting chairs for the Quilt Marketing and Fundraising committees. There was a consensus that we should proceed slowly doing what we can to solicit donations and picking up quilt marketing venues as they become available. A committee can be set up with a “think tank” approach to consider various alternatives rather than to actually take actions. A poll can be presented to members to provide thoughts on how we can raise money to fund the organization, considering the difficulties presented with quilt marketing as we have done it in the past. Assuming that we will proceed with some sort of quilt marketing, Fran Scher will investigate how to get raffle tickets paid for and distributed.

It was noted that Sandy Dunning is the PayPal coordinator. She will be included on the e-mail list to receive notice of these payments.

New Business

Positions of President and Secretary are up for election in May. President Danita Frisby will appoint a Nominating Committee as provided in the by-laws. She asked for volunteers and will contact individuals for this committee.

Committee Reports

Community Service – Kay Rice reported the target organizations are Homewood Retirement Center (fidget quilts) and Faith House (stroller and child size quilts). Olga Schrichte will do a demonstration of fidget quilts at the next meeting.

Block-of-the-Month – Kathy Shankle reported that this process is back in order and that February and March blocks will be shown at the next guild meeting.

Membership – Darlene Morris reported that dues are now coming in and that so far 20 members are paid up.

Challenge – Brenda Barnhardt reiterated that the challenge for 2021 is a quilt employing any kind of log cabin block. Members seem to be happy with this type of project.

Facebook – Fran Scher indicated that she is coordinating speaker and workshop information and including it on the website.

Programs - Chair Fran Scher reported:

Meetings will continue to be virtual at least until September. Debby Kratovil will be doing a virtual meeting presentation and workshop, which reduces our cost to \$850 from \$1200. The subject will be “Traditional Quilts with a Modern Twist.” It was agreed the workshop will be 4 hours.

The current plan for November is for Lenny Truitt to present a program on a quilt-as-you-go log cabin. As this cannot be done in a virtual format, this will be reviewed in May to determine if we can be back to in-person meetings by November.

For the 2022 programs the committee is coordinating with the Delaplaine to do both virtually and in-person. The Delaplaine apparently has the capability to do Zoom allowing some members to participate from home.

Fran requested approval of a \$3,000 program budget for 2022 so she can begin planning. This would include lectures (5 virtual at \$400 each) and possibly 2 workshops. Approved.

Nancy Speck reported that quilt construction is proceeding.

Barbara Cline is the speaker for the meeting next week

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 3.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Speck, Secretary



COMMUNITY SERVICE

What fun it was to see the creative ways to make Fidget Quilts ... thank you Olga! **And a big thank you to Barbara Yinger and Patricia Bodine (photos at right) for their generous contributions to Faith House's children's quilts.**

If you are working on something ... even if it is in progress, please send a picture to either Pat James or Karen Smith for the next newsletter.

To recap here are the goals for both of our Community Service Partners.



Patricia Bodine's recent donations for Faith House

FAITH HOUSE is home to up to 19 women and 16 children. Moms would love small quilts to cover infants in car seats and strollers or to cuddle with while they rock them. The children would appreciate the encouraging and cheerfulness of a quilt on their beds, either as a comforter or a lap blanket.

Faith House Target Goal:

- 10 car seat/stroller quilts for babies (approximately 30" x 36")
- 20 quilts for children 10 years and under (lap size to twin)

Pat James pjames1749@gmail.com

HOMEWOOD at Crumland Farms - Dementia Unit - "Fidget Quilts"

Homewood Dementia Unit -Target Goal:

- 25 fidget quilts (17" by 21")
- 5 lap size non-fidget quilts

Karen Smith smitty2@ix.netcom.com

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

Sunshine Committee

Our dear friend, Gale Vernon, passed away March 6, 2021. Her good friend, Marylou Weiss wrote: "I'm sorry that I have to tell that Gale passed away yesterday early morning from complications due to covid."
<https://www.staufferfuneralhome.com/obituary/Gale-Vernon>

Please send your condolences to her husband: Dennis Vernon
2458 Five Shillings Road
Frederick MD, 21701

Olga Schrichte, Chair



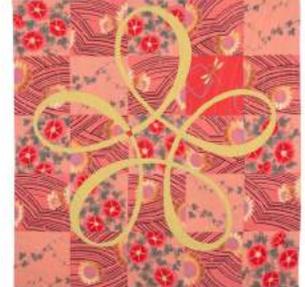


PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Last month, we enjoyed learning about Barbara Cline's Mennonite roots while seeing her gorgeous quilts. If you'd like to continue the adventure, you can sign up for Barbara's online classes or buy her books at delightfulpiecing.com.

A big "thank you" goes to Olga Schrichte for giving us a great start on making Fidget Mats for Home-wood. You can find Olga's presentation in the Members' section of our website and on Page 11.

On April 8, Patricia Belyea will take us into the "Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts" in her virtual lecture. A creative quilt maker, speaker and teacher, Patricia co-owns Okan Arts, in Washington State, with her daughter Victoria. The small family business imports vintage Japanese textiles for adventure-some quilters. Patricia is the author of *East-Meets-West Quilts*, a book about making improv quilts with Japanese fabrics. Her website is okanarts.com. A sample at right is "ForeverFullSm" by Patricia.



Exciting news! Mark your calendar for a guild-sponsored "All-Star Virtual Sampler Platter" on May 22 and 23, 2021. There is no cost for guild members to participate.



All Star Virtual Sampler Platter

Saturday May 22nd, 3-6pm EST
Sunday May 23rd, 3-6pm EST

Come enjoy a fantastic zoom classroom experience! Learn lots of quilting techniques from some of the best teachers around! Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like! This jam-packed and exciting sampler platter is sure to be a rollicking good time for everyone! Experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer in this live zoom event offered by the Global Quilt Connection. An All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. You'll see everything from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques.

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. Between each 15 minute demo we will offer short and entertaining zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a zoom workshop. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience a live zoom class, this is your perfect risk-free opportunity to check it out. Each teacher will demonstrate her Zoomin'-awesome teaching style so you can get a good feel of how wonderful virtual classes can be.

May 22, 3-6pm EST

- Catherine Redford** Walking Foot Quilting Beyond the Ditch
- Trudy Cleveland** Photograph Your Quilt with a Smartphone
- Natalya Khorover** Hand Stitching on Single-use Plastic
- Ashli Montgomery** Storytelling Tees, pair T-shirts with Blocks
- Dana Jones** Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing
- Kelly Ashton** Calculations, Cutting, and Why it Matters
- Margarita Koriioth** Dimensional Designs with Light Modeling Paste
- Nina Clotfelter** Ruler Work on Your Domestic Machine
- Sheila Frampton-Cooper** Curved Piecing and Using Monofilament Thread

May 23, 3-6pm EST

- Sandy Fitzpatrick** Fusible Appliqué with Decorative Machine Stitching
- Andi Stanfield** Building a Monochromatic Color Palette
- Sue Sherman** Needle Turn Appliqué for Hawaiian Quilting
- Ellen Lindner** How to Finish Your Quilt with a Facing
- Karen Miller** Curled Feather Quilting on a Home Machine
- Joyce Hughes** Thread Painting, Before and After
- Lisa Shepard Stewart** Ankara Folded Hexie Blocks and Projects
- Ana Buzzalino** Paintstiks on Fabric with Stencils and Rubbing Plates
- Brenda Gael Smith** Piecing Freeform Banded Triangles

You will receive a zoom link and a PDF from your guild the week before the Sampler that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of live zoom workshops. If you have signed up as an individual quilter you will get the same link and PDF. The live zoom webinar will have a 1000 person access limit at any one time but not to worry! If the webinar is full when you log in, you will be automatically directed to a youtube livestream and won't miss a thing! Sit back and see what a live virtual workshop has to offer.

Fran Scher, Chair





MEMBERSHIP REPORT



8 members renewed their memberships in March. Total members is 28. If you have not paid your dues, please pay using our PayPal service on our website or mail check to either...

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Rippeon Robin (Treasurer)
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Darlene Morris, Chair

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

- * We had 34 members attend our meeting via Zoom.
- * Kathy Shankle won the pumpkin wall hanging kit donated by Olga Schrichte.
- * Barbara Scuderi won the \$25 gift certificate donated anonymously to Charlotte's Cottage.
- * Barbara Scuderi, Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Here is the information for the February and April Blocks:
The block for February is called Windmill 3 (<https://www.quilterscache.com/W/Windmill3Block.html>). It is made up of half square triangles and is quite nice (below left):



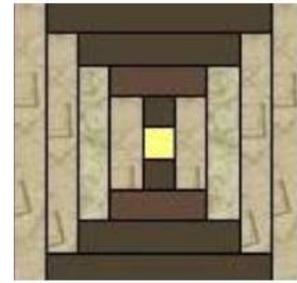
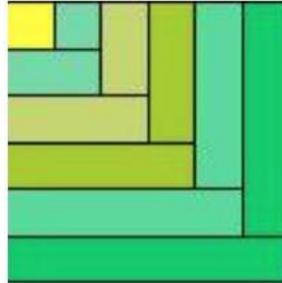
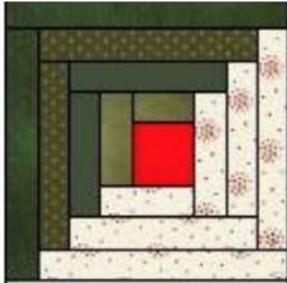
The block for April is the Johnny Around the corner (above right). (<https://www.quilterscache.com/J/JohnnyAroundtheCornerBlock.html>) It was chosen because you can do wonderful quilt designs in the middle or chose to do a fussy cut of fabric. Fabulous!

The committee plans to showcase the May block during April's meeting, if time permits. If you have any questions, please give me a call (301) 788-0834.

Cindy Shugars
Kathy Shankle, Chair



ANNOUNCING - 2021 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE



This year, the challenge is wide open. The "traditional" or "not so traditional" log cabin block. Something that all quilters have probably made at some time. That's the theme of our project this time. Your 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 size restriction or shape or what it has to be. Make it big... Make it round... Make a hat... Whatever gets your creative juices flowing. Completed projects are due at the October meeting with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded to the top vote getters. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Barnhardt.

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

Mancuso Quilt Festival

I just saw that the next Mancuso Quilt Festival, being held at the end of April, is now open for registration. <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswww-onlinequiltfestival-com/>

Want to learn thread painting? Joyce Hughes is offering classes at this festival. I've taken a 2 day class with her and I just know that what she's teaching here will be appropriate for beginners as well as advanced students. And if you want to learn how to make landscape art quilts, you'll want to learn a little thread painting to enhance your masterpieces!

Do you love Japanese fabrics? David Hastings is offering a really interesting art class that uses those types of fabrics, and he's offering to sell several different Japanese fabrics to his students for his class.

Looking for machine quilting lessons? There's a class on that here too.

There's even an applique/quilt as you go class, which, to a non-appliquer like me, sounds very mysterious.

I hope you find the class of your dreams here, and remember, if you come across an interesting class someplace else that you think your fellow CSQG members might like, send me a note about it and I'll send it out to the guild.

Marty Simmons, cjililly@netzero.net



- 1 Linda McNeely
- 4 Charmaine Richman
- 8 Mary Pauley
- 10 Claudia Helta
- 15 Robin Rippeon
- 18 Marty Simmons
- 25 Marie Cochran

Photos from Barbara Cline's lecture... Barbara taught Bernina classes in a family owned shop at 18. She married at 21 and has 5 children and 12 grandchildren. Below are photos from her presentation...



Questions to ask yourself.

- What design would best suit the quilt?
- What are the different ways to mark a quilt.
- What marking pencils are best?
- What thread and needles do I use?

Below, middle and right from book "Simply Triangles."



Most of Barbara's quilts are in her 5 books and patterns. Go to her website, delightfulpiecing.com if interested. Continued on Page 9.

Front of quilt: Blue thread on blue fabric, red thread on red fabrics



Saw tooth Digest



Power Play

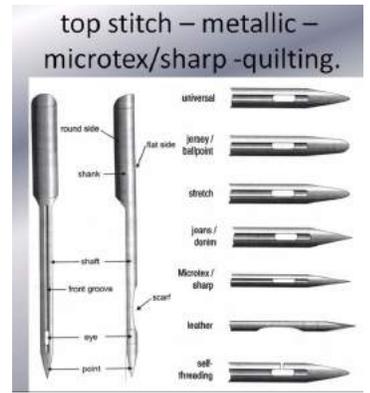




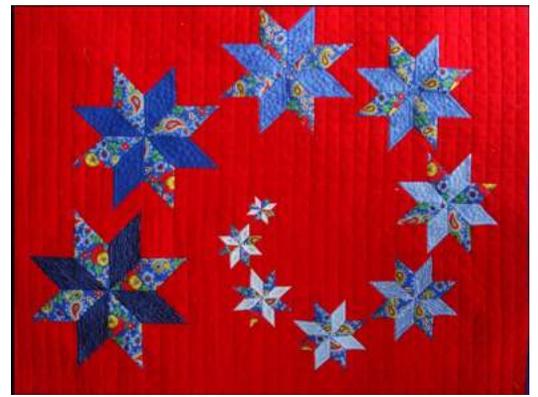
Barbara Cline (Continued)...



What type of thread to use?
What type of needle?
Top stitch- bigger eye
Metallic needle –
Quilting needle - bigger groove,
tapered shape designed to stitch
through multiple layers and crossed
seams. The shape of this needle
makes it ideal for quilting.



The quilt below was entered in the Hoffman Challenge. The red one was quilted on a grid.



Below is Barbara's grandmother and another quilt she made next to it. The following quilts are in Barbara's "Star Struck Quilts" book...



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The above quilt is from the "Diamond Chain" book.



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Barbara Cline (Continued)... The following quilts are from her "Magic Add-A-Strip Quilts" book...



The quilt below is from the "Amazing Simple Triangle Stars." In the middle and continuing, from "Diamond Star Quilts."





Olga Schrichte gave a presentation on making a fidget quilt, one of the two community service projects the guild is doing this year. Recommends using Minky or Texture Magic for texture. Trim with lace, ties... Use prewashed and dried cotton flannel for the back to keep it from sliding off laps or grommets to tie a string around the person's waist to hold it, or ties like an apron. Use bright colors - red and orange particularly stand out for older eyes. Maybe include a zippered laundry bag for them to wash the quilt in to protect it. It will likely be commercially machine washed with hot water and machine dried.

Other tactile items to use - hair ties looped together for an elastic chain. Texture Magic used to back fabric will make it permanently ripple around stitching after first washing. Kraft Tex is another texture fabric favored. Chenille is good, pet toys, Velcro, plastic chain from the hardware store, pompoms on ribbon good too. She also showed crocheted twiddle mats as an idea lastly.

Fidget Quilts



Geraldine Wilkins' Fidget Quilt

Tips

- Use cotton flannel for the back
- Include red, orange, and fuchsia with calming colors
 - We can see them when our vision dims
- Fabrics: use anything that can be washed; orphaned blocks, terry, satin, lace, Minkee, corduroy, cork, faux-leather, mesh, Kraf-tex
- Trims: use ribbons, laces, yarn, rings, buttons, beads, buckles, elastic, yo-yos, cording
- Secure items or have a place for them to be stored
- Pick a Theme, make masculine mats too



Amanda's Fidget Quilt

<https://livingwaterquilter.com/post/182729514012/amandas-fidget-quilt-making-a-child-like-activity>

What is a Fidget Quilt?

- Child-like activity mat for an adult
- Materials provide sensory stimulation
 - Use a variety of fabrics and shapes
- It should include open and close activities
 - Zippers, buttons, & snaps
- Pockets
 - One for a photo
 - One to hold small pieces

Where to Start – U of CA

Fidget Activity Mat for Alzheimer's Patients 2019 State 4-H Fashion Revue Service project

This project is designed for the beginning to advanced it is leaving or quilting project member, project group, or club with some sewing experience. Enlist the help of an adult volunteer leader if you need assistance with the instructions. Ask sewers and quilters you may know if they have a "stash" of fabrics, trims, ribbons and papers they no longer need or put out a request in the 4-H county newsletter or via social media. Partner with your friends or even a sewing or quilting guild to create one-of-a-kind mats that will truly make a difference. These are meant to be donated locally, but please let the State Fashion Revue Committee know how many are made.



Example of Fidget Mat

Fidget Activity Mats are lap quilts, the size of oversized placemats, with different textures to feel, and things to open and close to keep hands busy. These easy-to-sew activity mats help soothe the agitated behavior of people with dementia or autism. Plus, the mats help focus attention, stimulate senses, exercise hand muscles and entertain users. All you need are some fabric scraps that can withstand hot water washing and drying in a dryer. Fidget Mats are best when layered. You can get 4 mats from 1 yard of fabric. If you begin with rectangles 18" x 22".

- Patients prefer soft fabrics but there needs to be some stability. Fabrics that is suitable to their memory age group, things they might lose or remember, are good.
- Bright colors are good somewhere in the quilt, but peaceful is needed, too. Red and orange are the colors that are eye able to see when our vision dims. So use red, orange, and fuchsia mixed in with your calming colors.
- Add on items: smooth and rough ribbons, mesh, ricracks, folded plastic points, ties, decorative trims, etc.

- Materials list: makes 4 mats**
- 1 yard solid woven cotton for tops
 - 1 yard flannel for backing. These mats don't need to be warm. The flannel helps to keep the mat on the patient's lap so it doesn't slide off.
 - 1 yard stabilizer (batting, flannel, etc) for in between the layers. You want this to not be floppy, but not totally firm.
 - 1" or longer zipper. A longer zipper will be used, just cut off the extra length.
 - Scrap textured fabrics - terry, satin, lace, minky, corduroy, etc.
 - Ribbons, rings, buttons, beads, etc. Must be securely attached. Use your imagination!

- Directions:**
1. Cut the fabric for the top, the flannel backing, and the stabilizer all the same size.
 2. Layer the mat top and backing right sides together.
 3. Lay the top of the batting or stabilizer
 4. Sew all the way around the outside, leaving a 1" opening for turning.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/287219.pdf>

NANCY ZIEMAN PRODUCTIONS *The Blog*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0WIAKMpFF5BclpVMU4cl1oeXM/edit?pli=1>

Time to Get Started





Olga Schrichte (Continued)

My Embellishments



Busy Hands Fidget Apron



http://www.fishstickdesigns.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/FD_BusyHandsFidgetApron.pdf



Resources

- Fidget Activity Mat for Alzheimer's Patients
– <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/287219.pdf>
- Nancy Zieman
– https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0WiAKMpFF58clpVMI4ci1o_eXM/edit?pli=1
- Amanda's Fidget Quilt
– <https://livingwaterquilter.com/post/182729514012/amandas-fidget-quilt-making-a-child-like-activity>
- How to Make a Homemade Fidget Activity Mat with Fabric
– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDwLwGKAfk8>
- Busy Hands Fidget Apron
– http://www.fishstickdesigns.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/FD_BusyHandsFidgetApron.pdf
- Zippers, How to Make Zipper Tabs
– https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDXNP_HkK28

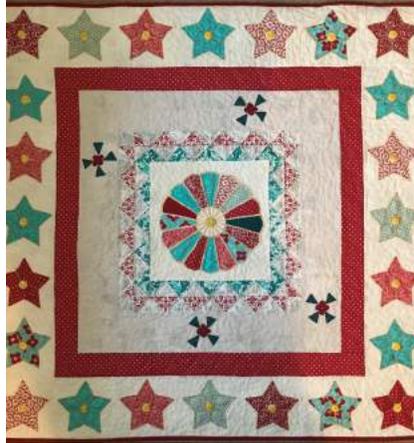
Show & Tell... Barbara Scuderi made a couple of pastel pinwheel charity quilts and Barbara Yinger made a pile full. She shows one of the 36" x 36" quilts in red, white and a print fabrics.

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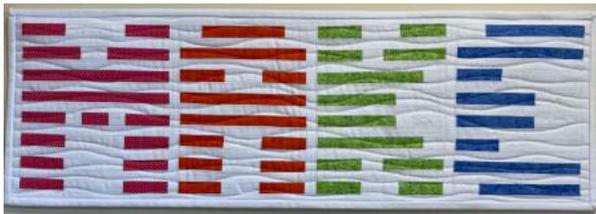




Show & Tell (Continued)... The first three photos are from Danita Frisby: Her March block of the month, and a quilt she finished from the guild's 2018 guild challenge round robin that she hand quilted. She thinks Grace Thorn did the first border and Linda McNey did the third one with the four appliqued flowers.



Becky Lyon made a 1" strip quilt saying "make." In the middle, a quilt-as-you-go on her long arm, a community service quilt from Fran Scher, and one for her grand-



nephew named "Pinwheel in a Pinwheel." She hand sewed a penny rug with stars, an appliqued quilt with animals for her brother-in-law, and an angel quilt for her assistant minister's daughter who's going through cancer.

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Show & Tell (Continued)... The first two are also from Frances, they're the valentine from February that Nancy Pedersen made her, front and back (or back and front). At right, a fabric door hanger basket created by Janice Trepper, filled with sweets.



Jacque Janss displayed cat prints pillow and pillow cases, and a cute quilt with machine applique.



These three photos are from Julie Howell starting with a scrappy quilt, a mountain scene, and the third is called "The Good Shepherd" displayed in the guild's Delaplaine quilt show in December.

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THE COMMON THREAD

Show & Tell (Continued)... Olga Schrichte showed another pouch she's been working on and a commissioned quilt made from a dress. Below that and at right, Stella Penalver has been making fabric birthday signs for her family with personalized embroidered objects like those at the right of a cocktail and red high heel shoe.



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At left, two community service quilts by Trish Bodine for Faith House, and above Trish's striking quilt with stars. At right, Susan Gnatt liked the snowflake design for one quilt so much that she made a second one.



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Show & Tell (Continued)... And finally, Joan Watkins showed a valentine pillow she made for her husband.



Quilters Anonymous 2021 Virtual Quilt Show

ANONYMOUS QUILTED TREASURES



Every year about now my quilt guild has a show at the Monroe Fairgrounds. The show is one of the largest in the Pacific Northwest, in the number of quilts shown, the quality of the work, and the number of attendees. Last year we had to cancel it for obvious Covid reasons. This year is virtual. Located as we are in the Seattle area, we have many members with IT skills and it shows in the way the site was structured and the quilts presented. I hope you will take a few minutes to look around and see the amazing work we do, both individually and for charity. For those of you who sew there are several demonstration videos.

You can view quilts with or without the 'Stories' which explain a bit about the creation of the works. Thanks for taking the time to look at our Virtual Quilt Show, 2021. We expect to be back in person in '22! Here is the link: <https://qavqs.org>.

Here is the link for our April guild Meeting. Remember to sign in at 6:30 if you want to join a Breakout room for social time.

Topic: **CSQG April Meeting**

Time: **Apr 8, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87261426708?pwd=RnphU2c3ZTV0dkxaM2pPRDFxT2IxQT09>

Meeting ID: **872 6142 6708**

Passcode: **CSQG**

Please send your show & tell photos to Sandy Dunning.





2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12 - May 1	Quilters Anonymous Virtual Quilt Show	www.qavqs.org
April 8	CSQG Meeting - Patricia Belyea - "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts"	www.patricia@okanarts.com
April 16 - 18	Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show	www.nsvquiltshow.com
April 23 - May 2	Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop	facebook.com/quiltsaroundthebay/
May 13	CSQG Meeting - Joan Watkins - "Fabric Faces"	
June 3	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting	
June 10	CSQG Meeting - Heather Kojan - "Quilt Remix"	www.heatherkojan.com
June 4-6	Quilter's Unlimited Quilt Show (Virtual)	www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow
June-Sept. June 21 ...	Row by Row Experience Shop Hop (Now Quilters Trek)	www.quilterstrek.com
July 8	CSQG Meeting - TBD	
July Cancelled	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar	www.maqonline.org
August 12	CSQG Meeting - Show & Tell of Community Service Quilts; Mystery Project Revealed	
September 2	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting	
September 9	CSQG Meeting - Debby Kratovil - "Turning 60, the Joys of Hex"	www.quilterbydesign.com
September 10	Workshop - Debby Kratovil - "Ezekiel's Crown"	
September 17-25	Great Frederick Fair	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
October 14	CSQG Meeting - Guild Challenge	
November 4	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting	
November 11	CSQG Meeting - Lenny Truitt - "The History of Feedsacks"	
November 12	Workshop - Lenny Truitt - "Improv Quilt As You Go"	
December 9	CSQG Meeting - Holiday Banquet	

For more information, go to www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/programs

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I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands... so there's that.



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