



President's Notes



Spring is in full swing and it brings the joy of rebirth. I think we captured that same feeling of joy at our April meeting! It was heartwarming to be together again, share some of our creations, and be inspired by our five members--Olga Schrichte, Denise Wagenaar, Becky Lyon, Trish Bodine, and Jessica Halpin, who generously shared their "tips" with us. If you missed it, their presentations are available in the member resources area of our website.

This month we welcome Julia Graves of Special Occasion Quilts located in Leesurg, Va. She will speak about color exploration. I've seen some of her quilts on Zoom and online and am excited to see them in person. You can check out her website at soquilts.com. Julia is also an APQS dealer. I bought my longarm through her, but because of Covid, haven't actually met her, so I'm looking forward to that!

This month on Memorial Day, we remember our veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice. You can honor a veteran currently in hospice care by contributing a lap quilt to our Community Service veteran's initiative. Need info? See the Member Community Service page of our website.

To all the Moms out there, have a joyful Mother's Day, which besides honoring mothers, also marks the "safe time" to plant your flowers and warm-weather veggies! Enjoy.

Fran

May 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, May 12, 2022

Guild Meetings:

Second Thursday of the Month
6:15pm Social Time
6:45pm Meeting Begins

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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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CORRECTION: It was stated in the March Board meeting minutes that our May speaker, Julia Graves, is from Reston, VA. She lives in Leesburg, VA.

NOTE: No July meeting due to MAQ.





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Fran Scher at 6:45 pm with 29 members in attendance. The meeting was held at the Delaplaine, the first in person meeting in two years. There were three visitors, all of whom joined: Jenny Chua, Becky Wade and Daryl MacCrehan (who is a returning member).

Sandy Dunning conducted the introductions of new members.

The Nominating Committee (Becky Lyon, Mary Pauley, and Dot White) submitted the following nominations: for Vice President Sandy Dunning; for Treasurer Robin Rippeon. The President called for any additional nominations from the floor. None were received. The election will be held at the next meeting and since there is only a single candidate for each office, the vote can be by acclamation.

Robin Rippeon presented the Treasurer's Report:

Current income as of 3/31/2022	\$1,740.50
Current Expenses as of 3/31/2022	(1,695.85)
Net as of 3/31/2022	44.65
Checking account balance as of 3/31/2022	\$10,679.11

Robin also reported that all necessary financial reporting responsibilities, such as filing taxes, were completed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March meeting and the minutes were subsequently approved.

Fran reminded everyone that most committee reports and announcements are sent by email rather than being given at the meeting.

In the next few days, Sandy Dunning will update the directory. If you have changes, please send them to Sandy.

Fran Scher will update the email list and change the password for access to the members' only section of the website. Fran mentioned there had been a problem with directory information about a member appearing on the internet, so it may be necessary to add a password to the directory page and newsletter (this password will be the same as for the members' section). She is in touch with GoDaddy to resolve the issue.

Fran reported she will deliver Afghan refugee quilts to Lutheran Social Services on April 20. Our goal was 50 quilts and we made 53! Because warmer weather will soon be here, Kay Rice asks that members focus on making quilts for veterans in the coming months. CSQG labels are available to put on the quilts made for Community Service projects.

The presentation of "Tips and Tricks" by 5 guild members began at 7:00. Fran Scher was emcee and Sandy Dunning controlled the laptop running the slides for presenters.

Presenter	Topic
Olga Schrichte	The different ways to use repositionable 1/8" basting tape
Becky Lyon	Setting up an adjustable and moveable pressing station
Denise Wagenaar	Faux 3D Cathedral Windows with embellishments
Trish Bodine	How to make bias binding with a square of fabric
Jessica Halpin	How to add your watermark/name to photos of your work



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild - Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Show-and-Tell began with Brenda Barnhardt talking about the beautiful Opportunity Quilt which was on display. It was constructed by Nancy Speck and Brenda Barnhardt, and quilted by Maria O'Haver. It was the pattern chosen by a committee of guild members in 2020 to be the Opportunity Quilt for 2021. With the arrival of COVID, there were no in-person meetings or community events last year where the quilt could be marketed. Undaunted, Nancy decided to proceed with construction and the result is a stunning combination of log cabin blocks with appliqued flowers in the center. The quilting design is also stunning, setting off the blocks wonderfully. The label was made by Sandy Dunning. Raffle tickets were given out to members who had not already picked them up. Every member is expected to sell or buy 10 tickets, hopefully more.

Several members had items for Show-and-Tell. Each person told the story of their quilts.

Sandy Dunning distributed the door prizes. She began by reminding everyone that these prizes are generously donated by local quilt shops like Patches Quilting and Sewing, Charlotte's Cottage, Sew 'n Sweep and Sew 'n Place. She encouraged us all to say "thanks" whenever we are in one of these shops and to shop locally as much as possible to support them. Many quilt shops went out of business during COVID.

We also drew for the fat quarter basket prize and Trish Bodine won.

Fran reminded the group that next month's speaker is Julia Graves from Leesburg, Va. Her topic is "Color Exploration."

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Becky Lyon



PROGRAM COMMITTEE

It was wonderful to finally be back together for our April meeting. Who would have thought when everything shut down for COVID in March, 2020, that it would take this long to get "back to normal"? Thank you to our members who participated in our Tips and Tricks: Jessida Halpin, Olga Schrichte, Becky Lyon, Trish Bodine, and Denise Wagenaar.

Our May meeting will be held at the Delaplaine Center for the Arts on May 12th. Our speaker will be Julia Graves. She is an experienced lecturer and teacher on a variety of quilting subjects with a focus on color and design. Julia's lecture will be focusing on Color Exploration. It will include a slide show as well as a trunk show. Face masks will be required except when speaking before the group.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on May 12th.

Karen Smith, Chair

Thanks to Karen as she retires from this committee, and to Sandy Dunning and Stella Penalver for serving as Co-Chairs in the future.



Julia's quilt – Let There Be Light!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LSS) AFGHAN INITIATIVE: Goal Exceeded: 53

THANK YOU ... WE DID IT! Fran delivered 30 quilts and fleece blankets to LSS in April. Our 2 combined deliveries exceeded our goal of 50 by 3! (See more photos on Page 6)

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

DELIVERY: I will make a delivery of veteran quilts when I have 15.

Now that we have outdone ourselves with exceeding our goal with the Afghan children's initiative, I invite you to focus on helping the guild to reach our goal for our veterans' quilts.

If you are making a veteran quilt, even if you don't know when you will have it finished, please note it on the Google tracking sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NP5qwi4Y7Ds2e2MaBcgqHUwxCdZWik1GXRAW8wO3jsc/edit?usp=sharing>

VETERAN LAP QUILTS:

Goal: 40

Needed to Reach Goal: 30

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, sewing it on all four sides. See instructions below on how to prepare your quilt for drop off.

DROP-OFF @ MONTHLY MEETING: It is helpful if you follow the check list below before dropping your quilt off at the CS table:

Please be sure you have attached the veteran label on the front and the guild label on the back.

Please place your name on your quilt and place it in a bag.

Please fold and tie your quilt with ribbon or yarn so that is ready for delivery.

Place your donation on the CS table and use the sign in log to show your quilt as delivered.

The Madeline Shoppe: Beginning May 12, the Madeline Shoppe will be on the CS table with limited fabric selections. Each month leftover fabrics will be donated to the Frederick Senior Citizens Center for their quilt room.

Look at the cute quilt Becky Lyon made with fabric from Madeline's stash (at right).

Kay Rice, Chairperson

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April delivery to Lutheran Social services, brings our total donations to the Afghan children's initiative to 53!





MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 54 members, new members are – Becky Wade, Wendy Stoliker, Jennifer Chua and Daryl MacCrehan. Jenny tells us she’s been quilting for 2 years after taking some time off to raise here son 10 years ago. She says “I love colorful quilts” and is “interested in upcycling old clothing into quilts.” Please welcome them to our guild.



Becky Wade



Jennifer (“Jenny”) Chua



Daryl MacCrehan

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Another block you could use for a memory quilt: Memory Block (quilterscache.com)

Darlene Morris



2022 QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE DELAPLAINE

The committee is currently considering a theme for the exhibit. We’d like to tie it in with the Rainbow Challenge. We have a few ideas, and we are accepting suggestions. Call or email: Joan Watkins, 301-461-0348, joanspatches@gmail.com.

A little history:

The Delaplaine Center for the Arts (where we’re meeting 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 long 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.



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2022 QUILT EXHIBIT AT THE DELAPLAINE (Continued)

Guild members are encouraged to enter items that they are willing to sell. The Delaplaine makes some of its operating funds from a portion of the sales. Their commission is 30% (or 20% for members of the Delaplaine).

In previous years we have shown quilts, wall quilts, framed small quilts, and quilted wearables. This year we hope to have a good sampling of the 2021 Log Cabin challenge quilts along with the 2022 Rainbow Challenge!

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES AFGHAN INITIATIVE: Here is the wonderful email from LSS:

"I hope this email finds you well. We have now delivered all of the quilts. They were given to 5 different families with children, 2 of the family's mothers are expecting a baby. (The children were the most comfortable to have their pictures taken which we found wonderful.)

A quote from our case manager who delivered the quilts: "For children living in a newly sterile world with not many material things to call their own or remind them of home, the quilts provided a texture/a smell/a feeling to the word "home" they could claim as their own."

Thank you on behalf of our clients and LSS staff for all the support, and the help your group has provided."



Backpacks



A girl with her quilt and brothers



Three Afghan girls

Their comments and the photos sure warmed my heart. I hope they do yours as well.

Fran Scher



SUNSHINE NEWS

Frances Shearer had not 1 but 3 surgeries related to her back in early April. She is home and doing well. Frances is up and walking, and says that the pain has not been too bad. Please let Frances know that you are thinking about her and wish her a full recovery if you have not already. Her contact information is as follows:

Frances Shearer
3807 Kendal Drive
Frederick, MD 21704
Email address: franceshear1092@gmail.com



Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric for Frances so she can make something pretty with it when she feels up to sewing again.

Thank you for being part of our caring, and 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



Fundraising/Opportunity Quilt Marketing

Thanks to all who picked up quilt raffle tickets at the April meeting. If you haven't picked up tickets or would like more please plan on getting some at the May meeting. Remember, the guild relies on the funds from the raffle so your help selling tickets is vital. If you would like to visit other local guilds with the quilt in order to sell tickets please contact Danita (Whamo345@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

Danita Frisby, Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD - May is our birthday month (23 years). We will have a small gift for members at our May meeting.



When I returned from a 3 month stay in Florida, there were many sympathy cards and fat quarters from guild members.

Thank you everyone!

Sincerely,
Karen Smith



LAST CHANCE STASH

Well, we are off to a very slow and underwhelming start - raising funds (only \$37) from our Last Chance Stash during the April (in-person) meeting, but we are optimistic that the May meeting will be better. Please bring anything sewing and quilting related: fabrics, patterns, quilting books, notions, UFOs, etc. that you no longer need, use, or love... Someone else will, surely, want to purchase them. All the funds raised will go to support our wonderful programs, so please be generous.

Mary Pauley, Chair

Clustered Spires – Join a Bee



Sew-In-Spired is a group of 14 guild members (started in 2017) who meet monthly to sew and socialize in each other's homes on the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Each group member commits to host the group in their home - approximately once a year. Of course, during the pandemic we had to get creative and have our meetings on Zoom or at a local park in a covered outdoor pavilion. But now we are back on track and enjoying each other's company (in homes) once again.

That said, we have been contacted by other members who would like to join Sew-In-Spired. As much as we would love to add everyone to the group, we are limited by the space/size of most of our homes and living rooms. Sooooo, we would like to poll all the members to see if there is enough interest to create another bee – or multiple smaller bees. Perhaps some members would prefer an evening meeting time and to gather more/less often.

We will circulate an interest sign up sheet during the May meeting. If you are not able to but are at all interested, please get in touch with Mary Pauley – pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com.





40 X 40 @ 40 - NEW WORKS BY THE MANHATTAN QUILTERS GUILD

May 23 - July 2 Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, Westminster, MD

"This exhibition marks the 40th anniversary of the Manhattan Quilter's Guild, celebrating the signature style of their 21 members. Their work, rooted in traditional craft, has evolved into fiber art forms that often go beyond quilts. Contact email us at: info@manhattanquiltersguild.com for more information."

Submitted by Jacque Janss

For our new members and a reminder to others, we do a guild challenge every year that everyone's encouraged to accept:

2022 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT CHALLENGE



The rainbow is one of the most beautiful, naturally occurring phenomena in nature. Scientifically speaking, rainbows appear in the sky when sunlight enters raindrops, causing dispersion and refraction of the light. But rainbows symbolize so much more than just a scientific anomaly.

Rainbows hold deep meaning and significance to the individuals who discover them. People who have suffered a great personal loss, for example, are often deeply and profoundly impacted when they spot a rainbow, especially on an important day or at the time when they need to know they haven't been forgotten.

Seven Colors of the Rainbow and their Meanings

Red

Red is the color at the top of the rainbow, it has the longest wavelength. It's linked to vitality, passion and lust. It's a physical and high energy color that can sometimes turn to anger and aggression. Red is the color of the Angel Uriel, who represents Energy.

Red is associated with: Physical energy Passion Aggression Security

Orange

Orange is a mix of yellow and red, it's energetic like red, however it also encourages mental energy as well as physical.

Orange has connections to: Fun & Enjoyment Creativity Exploring

Yellow

Yellow is created in light by a mixture of the colors red and green. Yellow is the color of the sun, warmth and energy. With its connections to the sun, it is life giving and creating. Yellow is the color of the Angel Jophiel, who represents Wisdom.

Yellow has connections to: Happiness Communication Clear & Analytical thinking

Green

Green is the color of nature and growth. It's the color of plant life, trees and grass which so much other life relies on to survive. Green is the color of the Angel Gabriel, who represents Revelation.

Green promotes and associates with: Health Nature Growth Wealth

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Seven Colors of the Rainbow and their Meanings (Continued)

Blue

Blue is the color of the ocean and the sky, it's spiritual, peace inspiring, relaxing and promotes trust. Blue is the color of the Angel Micheal, leader of the angels.

Blue has the following influences and associations: Calming Peaceful Knowledge Communication

Indigo

Indigo is a mix of dark blue and purple, it's the color of the sky at midnight. It encourages deep thinking and a deeper more complex understanding of ourselves.

Indigo has connections to: Spiritualism Mysteriousness Inward thinking

Violet

Violet is created from the colors blue and red. It's basically a lighter shade of purple and it shares many of the same traits. It's an attractive, feminine and mysterious color.

Violet is associated with: Mystery Imagination & Creativity Royalty Luxury

Challenge rules of the game:

1. Your completed entry must include all of the 7 colors in a rainbow listed above. You can add other colors and values. They don't have to be solid fabrics – they can be tone-on-tone or a print with the color(s) included.
2. It has to have **3 layers** (top, batting, and backing) with **some quilting**. If you want to add *more* layers of any material or size, that's fine.

That's it! We're planning on featuring the entries at the CSQG quilt show at the Delaplaine December this year.

Prizes: First place (valued at \$75), second (\$50) and third (\$25) will be awarded at the October meeting with the members voting. Have fun!!!

Brenda Barnhardt, Chair



MAY BIRTHDAYS

9 Olga Schrichte

10 Danita Frisby

17 Stella Peñalver

BIRTHDAY GREETING



May 5





Meeting Photos: Tips & Tricks presented by five of our talented guild members...

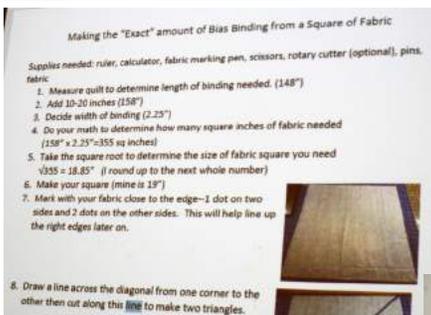
Row 1 - Olga Schrichte talked about 1/8" repositionable tape from Tanner's Bond that she likes with leather and other materials.

Becky Lyon showed us slides of her sewing room and talked about making her own pressing station for a larger, portable area to work on.

Row 2 -Denise Wagenaar explained faux 3-D cathedral windows with embellishments.

Row 3 - Trish Bodine demonstrated making bias binding from a square of fabric.

Jessica Halpin showed how to watermark photos using Gimp software which is free to create a text box.





Show & Tell: Olga's "Emerging From the Darkness" wall quilt features different strains of Covid in red and flowers representing hope coming out. It was a study in large scale prints. Olga's second quilt came from the book "Quilts in a Jiffy" and is for a silent auction at her grandchild's school. She used a larger border than the original pattern and pieced back. The computerized long arm quilting is similar to baseball diamonds.

Sandy Dunning brought the improv quilt she made from the February workshop with Cindy Griselda.



Sandy is so proud of the quilt she made from the blocks she won two years ago, has ever won. The top was accompanied by pieces of grandchildren's pajamas and backed with flannel. Robin Rippeon finished her Hawaiian flower pillow from a 2018 workshop and features some sentimental buttons -- one was from when invited to Mary Belle Mason's home and she bought the button there, the other was her grandmother's. She also showed a Mimi Dietrich block of the month quilt she completed (next row).

Jessica Halpin's wall hanging, "When Sunflower Grow in Ukraine", was inspired by Cindy Griselda's talk and she started it right as the invasion in Ukraine began. The shape is free formed with free motion quilting in the background and hand quilted big stitching in the blocks. Last minute, the jet design was changed from US jets to Soviet-era Russian jets. Fran Scher showed part of her EPP Millefiori quilt she has been



working on for a while. She has been trying machine piecing instead of hand piecing from a technique learned from the global quilt connection seminar. She is excited because this quilt is for her! Each rosette represents her, with this rosette showing coffee.

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Show & Tell (Continued): Barbara Ogden (shown seated) showed a small quilt called "Memories of Tampa" from the Lowry Park Zoo from a Feather Princesses Challenge from 2015. Leslie Cole lent a hand showing the quilt.



Danita Frisby brought a beautiful lily pad needle turned applique wall-hanging for over her fireplace. In the original pattern from a magazine there were stripes on the grass and Danita decided to make this using her sewing machine, but after inspecting closely she saw the original in the pattern used zebra fabric! Danita's second quilt was made for her cabin in WV and hand stitched in big stitching and took about 70 hours to quilt.



Below, from the same Baltimore Album class as Robin's, Sue Heslin loved that the class was done over Zoom because it enabled seeing everything so much better AND she didn't have to drive! She looks forward to doing more hand applique.

Stella Penalver brought the incredible birthday banners she's been working on for her family made with her embroidery machine. They feature a multitude of themes personalized for her loved ones, from baseball to crabs and shoes.

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Show & Tell (Continued): And lastly, Darlene Morris used an AccuQuilt die to make a sampler wall quilt and added a striped binding to complete. She employed one of her decorated stitches for the quilting.

Thanks to Jessica Halpin for assistance with the photos' narratives!



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	No meeting due to MAQ		
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		
September 29 - October 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo @ Fredericksburg, VA		sewingexpo.com
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		

Check out <https://ronatheribbiter.com/2022-quilt-shows> for listings out of the area per Marty Simmons.

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