



## President's Notes

Autumn is officially upon us later this month and brings with it the delight of cooler days, pumpkin spice (everything!), and the hint of lovely fall colors to come. Now is a good time to pull out and refresh those fall decorations and quilts, or start your holiday gifts. Reminder: Fundraising is looking for more small items to sell, such as fidget mats, bowl cozies, and mug mats. If you can help, contact Danita Frisby.



At our September 8 meeting, we will welcome Mary Mahoney at the Delaplaine and learn about her technique for making "Quilted Home Portraits", followed by her virtual workshop on Saturday. This is actually a "welcome back" to Mary, who sold her first fiber art piece of the face of Edgar Allen Poe at the Delaplaine in 2003!

Are you working on an item for the guild's Rainbow Challenge? Bring your items to our October 13th meeting where we will vote for prizes! I'm looking forward to seeing how everyone has integrated rainbow colors into their work. The Programs Committee will also reveal the program lineup for 2023, so don't miss it!

Enjoy the start of autumn and happy quilting!

Fran



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## September 2022 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**  
Thursday, **September 8, 2022**

### Guild Meetings:

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

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center  
40 South Carroll Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

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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](mailto:brenz2catz@gmail.com). Thank you.

### Exhibitions

**SATURDAY OPENINGS** Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 & Dec 3 • 3-5 PM  
FREE Admission | Exhibition info at [DELAPLAINE.ORG](http://DELAPLAINE.ORG)



Petal Play by Fran Scher

**DEC 3-31**

### CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD

#### The Colors of Our World

Fiber works

The works in this exhibition are a response to the Guild's 2022 challenge to themselves to incorporate all seven colors of the rainbow in works that illustrate their discoveries about color and pattern. Founded in 1999, the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild welcomes quilters of all skill levels as they advance in their mastery of working with fiber.



## Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Fran Scher at 6:45pm with 30 members and 1 guest lecturer (Lenny Truitt) in attendance.

Fran welcomed new member Fanny Johnsson, who lives in Homewood, Frederick. She is currently making a quilt using the recently designed National Park fabrics.

Fran announced that the guild currently stands at 61 members.

Linda McNey recently resigned from the Secretary position to care for her sick husband. Fran thanked her for her services to the guild. Jennifer Chua has volunteered to fill the position.

Congratulations to Jessica Halpin for being a semi-finalist at the 2022 AQS Quilt Week Grand Rapids contest. Her quilt entry is called "The Road Home."

Guild members have an invitation from WebFabrics, Purcellville, VA on August 12, 2022, 1-3pm to preview their collections prior to the store opening.

The next lecturer is Mary Mahoney who will be at the guild on Sept 8. Mary will be teaching an accompanying workshop on quilted homes on Sept 10 online. Fran brought a sample picture of a "she-shed" along with fabrics that she plans to use for the workshop as an example for members to view. Mary's website is [thetelltaleartist.com](http://thetelltaleartist.com). There are 6 more openings for the workshop, which will be opened to non-guild members in order to recoup the money spent by the guild for the workshop.

Sandy Dunning is offering the CSQG logo on fabric for guild members. Contact her if members would like one.

Nancy Speck announced that Karen Gill is offering a quilt frame for a member who would like to have it. Contact her for further details.

Danita Frisby announced that there will be three fundraising opportunities for the guild. She is looking for volunteers to man the booths. She is also looking for volunteers to create mug rugs and other items to sell at the Delaplaine in December.

Brenda Barnhardt is looking for a volunteer to quilt a donated 81" x 62" red, white and blue quilt top designated for a veteran for Community Service. In addition, the guild has a goal to donate 40 quilts for the veterans in Hospice. We currently stand at 39 quilts. Kay Rice is looking for a volunteer to make 1 more quilt. Bring your quilts for donation during the Community Service night on November 10.

Our programs for the upcoming year will be revealed on October 10.

Sandy Dunning gave a warm welcome to Lenny Truitt. Lenny was born and raised on a family farm in Seaford, DE and considers herself a "farm girl." She is interested in soapmaking, weaving and dyeing, to name a few, and she can always be found at her Serendipity Quilt farm, dyeing wools in her kitchen or working in her studio.

Lenny presented the story and history of feedsacks through her family's versatile use of them. "Dad dried dishes using feedsacks; Grandma wore aprons made out of feedsacks." (paraphrased) Lenny said that the use and popularity of feedsacks began in the early 1800's. By mid-1800's, they replaced barrels, which were heavy and cumbersome to haul. The first manufactured bags were made of canvas with heavy thread. In those days, feedsacks carried many things such as flour, salt, sugar, yard goods and even money.

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## Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2022 (Continued)

When companies realized that the feedsacks were being repurposed, they began to make their feedsacks more amenable for such purposes. For example, they began utilizing washable ink, better designs, printed patterns, etc. Printed patterns were so popular that in 1930, a competition was created to design new patterns for feedsacks. During this time, artists were sent to survey women to determine what designs they liked. It typically took 3 feedsacks to create one dress. By 1942, it was estimated that 3 million people were wearing clothing made out of feedsacks. Even a retail store like Montgomery Ward sold them. In addition, feedsacks successfully predicted the 1948 presidential election. The purchase of feedsacks with either an elephant or a donkey correctly predicted the winner. Feedsacks were in full use in 1958, but unfortunately the use of feedsacks significantly declined by 1970. Today, feedsacks are still sought after and the cost is around \$15/yd. For example, feedsacks with Disney characters are very much a collector's items. Feedsacks have a long history in our country, intertwined with their practical use and versatility.

### Show and Tell participants:

Sandy Dunning - Quilt for the 4 County bingo event.

Olga Schrichte - Floral quilt and accompanying tapestry (class by Kevin Wolmack at MAQ), and bingo quilt for 4 County Bingo.

Darlene Morris - Accidental landscape art quilt (class by Karen Eckmeier at MAQ), BOM samplers, and various unfinished projects from MAQ.

Brenda Barnhardt - Community Service lap quilt for a veteran in Hospice at FHH.

Kathy Shankle - "Sunday Best" quilt.

Linda Beaver - Feedsack quilt.

Barbara Scuderi- Quilt from Barbara Cline's class.

The winner of the fat quarter bundle is Lenny Truitt.

The winners of the door prizes are Danita Frisby and Fanny Johnsson.

Fran closed the meeting at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Chua



## COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS)

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

**VETERAN LAP QUILTS: Goal: 40**

**Needed to Reach Goal: 1**

**DUE DATE: November 10 @ our Community Service Presentation**

**Just 1 quilt to go to meet our goal!**

If you are making a veteran quilt, please note it on the Google tracking sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NP5qwi4Y7Ds2e2MaBcgqHUwxCdZWik1GXRAW8wO3jsc/edit?usp=sharing>

**Please note the new preferred place to deliver the quilts.** It is preferable that you bring your completed quilt(s) to our November 10 Community Service presentation. However, if you are unable to attend the November meeting you are welcome to bring them to our monthly meeting and drop them off at the CS table. Or you may contact me to arrange to drop your quilt off at my home.

**DROP-OFF @ MONTHLY MEETING:** It is helpful if you follow the check list below before dropping your quilt off at the Community Service table, my home or when you bring it to the November meeting:

1. Please be sure you have attached the veteran label on the front and the guild label on the back.
2. Please fold and tie your quilt with ribbon or yarn so that is ready for delivery.
3. Please place your quilt in a bag and put your name on the outside of the bag.
4. Place your donation on the CS table and use the sign in log to show your quilt as delivered.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)



Above, 12 quilts were delivered to FHH Veterans Hospice on August 16. Left to right: Brenda Barnhardt, Veteran Hospice Chaplain Bob LeBron and Kay Rice.

Chaplain LeBron, who will join us on November 10, asked me to share with the guild his admiration and gratitude for the skills of our quilters and for the generosity of their time. Two of the quilts have been delivered and each of the recipients have admired the creativity and beauty of their quilt. Thank you to each of you who have or are making quilts which will add beauty and comfort to our Veterans' final days.

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**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

The Last Chance Stash Sale will be on a break for the September guild meeting. We'll hope to come back "big" for the October meeting. We challenge every member to please bring at least one item (fabrics, notions, patterns, books, or other sewing or quilting related things) to add to the sale in October.  
Mary Pauley, Chair

MEMBERSHIP



Please welcome our newest member, Fanny Johnsson. She has been a quilter since 2000 and belongs to Four County Quilters. She is hoping to meet a group of pleasant quilters. She heard about us from friends and our website. She is interested in learning paper piecing. Welcome aboard Fanny.

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair





## December Quilt Exhibit

It's time to get serious about our December quilt exhibit at the Delaplaine! You have created many wonderful quilts, wall quilts, totes and other fantastic quilty things that really ought to be shared with the community. We are looking forward to filling the gallery with quilted color!



Entries will be accepted until October 15, 2022. After October 15 the committee will meet to plan the layout using as many of the submitted entries as possible. Our exhibit will be in the first gallery as you go down the hall from our meeting room.

There is an online form that you can fill out to submit your entry: <https://forms.gle/ye6Lem9WSwScz7kd9>. A link to our online entry form has been sent to guild members by email. Please contact Joan if you have any problems with the online form. Send a photo of your quilt to Joan.

And don't forget your log cabin challenge quilts from 2021. We'd like to display them as well.

After you submit the form, please send a photo to Joan. You can email to: [joanspatches@gmail.com](mailto:joanspatches@gmail.com) or you can text to 301-461-0348, and please send your name too in case it's not in my phone! These photos will only be used by the committee for planning purposes. They will not be used for publicity. If you are submitting your "Rainbow" challenge quilt, please send your photo AFTER the Oct. 13 "reveal" meeting!

You may offer your quilts for sale. The Delaplaine keeps a commission of 30% so consider that in your asking price. If you are a member of the Delaplaine the commission is 20%.

You should receive a confirmation email after you submit your entry form. You may submit up to three items.

FYI... The Fall 22 issue of the Delaplaine Arts magazine features Fran Scher's "Petal Play!" --here's a link- <https://delaplaine.org/about/delaplaine-arts-magazine/>. See Page 1.

Thank you from the Quilt Show Committee!  
Joan Watkins, Chair



## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The block of the month for September is called "Weathervane" and is located at [Quilterscacshe.com](http://Quilterscacshe.com). I hope you enjoy making it.

Kathy Shankle, Co-Chair





Time is running out for this year's guild challenge:

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

**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

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## Seven Colors of the Rainbow and their Meanings (Continued)

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 13th meeting with the members voting. Have fun!!!

Brenda Barnhardt, Chair



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 16 Elizabeth Fulcher
- 21 Daryl MacCrehan
- 23 Karen Smith

## PROGRAMS

For our September program, Mary Mahoney, self-taught fiber artist, has been an avid quilter for over 25 years, creating countless quilts for her children, home, nieces and nephews, friends, weddings, births, and graduations. Building on this passion, for the past ten years she has been exploring the field of fiber art. In 2009 Mary began to make "quilted home portraits" of houses, using a technique she developed and perfected. By 2012 Mary was creating portraits of people and entering art shows. The photo to the right is of Mary and her "Quilted Poe" at the Delaplaine Art Center in 2013. She has won awards and competitions and sold pieces locally and around the country.



Join Mary as she shares the techniques and the inspiration behind her fiber-art quilts. Learn her process and discover a unique expression of the quilt art form.

October is the deadline for the annual Guild Challenge with a rainbow color theme. Also, the 2023 program schedule will be revealed.

Sandy Dunning and Stella Penalver, Chairs



MEETING AND SHOW & TELL PHOTOS... Lenny Truitt gave a talk about feedsack history and uses. Sandy Dunning showed a quilt she made with Sue Heslin and Janie Benton for a Four County Bingo submission that was Maryland themed, having crabs on the back. At right, Sandy also made a red, white and blue quilt during COVID while teaching her grandson - the first quilt on her longarm. Second row, Olga Schricte showed a purse experimenting with different methods with a hibiscus print on the front. From a Kevin Womack class at MAQ, a full-size floral tapestry and miniature as well. The latter donated to the Muse for a fundraiser.

Bottom row, Olga made a "Three Yard" quilt called Autumn Glory with a wider border for the Four County bingo fundraiser too. In the middle, Darlene Morris made a small wall quilt designed by Karen Eckmeier from her "Accidental Landscape" book. Next are some of her blocks from the block of the month projects plus some made in an MAQ class with Heather Kojan with disappearing 1/2 squares.

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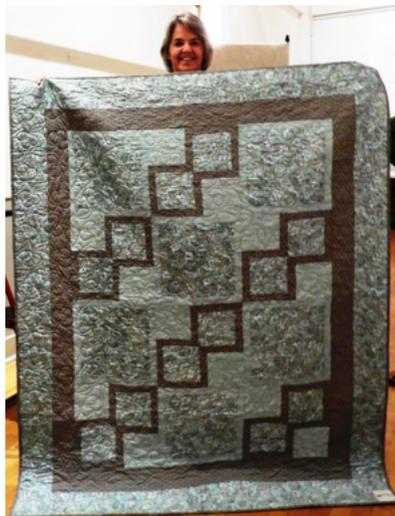


SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Darlene made blocks with an old Italian influence. Brenda Barnhardt used charm squares she won at a guild meeting drawing for a quilt in a variety of colors for a veteran in Hospice for community service. A couple of people questioned where the backing was from—it's "White Splatter" from Whistler Studios for Windham Fabrics in 108" width. AQS is no longer selling fabrics, but it's available from Keepsaking Quilting.

Second row, Kathy Shankle used Sherry McConnell Sunday's Best pattern called "Summer Breeze" for the pretty colors. Next, Linda Beavers made a blue veteran's quilt called "Hooped Flowers" made from Madelyn's stash. At right, Danita Frisby showed several quilts made from her farmer grandmother's feed sacks, going through "boxes and boxes." The first, a large multi-colored hand-quilted quilt.

Bottom row, more of Danita's S&T with a table runner - made 12 - a classic butterfly feedsack print and a blue feedsack quilt called "Singin' the Blues."

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SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Danita's final quilt by her grandmother depicts her chickens - even though feedsack fabric is loosely woven, it can still be appliqued!

Barbara Scuderi wrapped up the meeting with a gray and black star pattern, done at an MAQ Barbara Cline class who visited our guild last year, you may recall.

Special thanks to Nancy Speck with Show & Tell descriptions this month.



### 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month, 2022	Program/Lecture/Workshop	Virtual or In-Person?	Website
September 1	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting via Zoom at 7pm		
September 8	CSQG Meeting - Mary Mahoney - Quilted Homes Demo		thetelltaleartist.com
September 10	Workshop - Mary Mahoney: Quilted Homes, Half Day		thetelltaleartist.com
September 15 - 18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA <a href="http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/">http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/</a>		
September 17	Four County Quilt Guild Quilts in the Park Show		<a href="https://fourcountyquilters.org/programs-%26-events-1">https://fourcountyquilters.org/programs-%26-events-1</a>
September 29 - October 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo @ Fredericksburg, VA		sewingexpo.com
October 13	CSQG Meeting - Guild Challenge		
November 3	CSQG Quarterly Board Meeting via Zoom @ 7pm		
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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