



President's Notes



Last month we celebrated our contributions to our community and heard from the partners we worked with this year. I think it was a proud moment for all involved as we donated quilts to Frederick Hospice and Lutheran Social Services. Kay Rice did a great job as our chair, but now wishes to move on to other things so the committee needs a chair! Let me know if you'd like to chair or co-chair Community Service.

I'm looking forward to the fun December program set up by our Programs Committee! Come early and visit our quilt show - seeing our guild's quilts hanging at the Delaplaine is such a thrill. Joan Watkins and her committee did an amazing job of setting up the show. At our meeting, it will be exciting to see who wins our beautiful opportunity quilt! I have my mug rug ready and will bake cookies soon. Please remember that our giving continues into our December program and bring your donations for the Frederick Rescue Mission to the meeting.

As 2022 comes to a close and a new year is upon us, I wish you the joy of the holiday season.

Happy Holidays and Happy Quilting,

Fran

December 2022 Newsletter

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

Guild Meetings:

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

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
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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.



CSQG MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Fran Scher opened the meeting at 6:45pm with 3 speakers and 35 members including Cynthia Gaughan, who rejoined.

Joan Watkins spoke about the quilt show. She encourages everyone to attend the opening reception on December 3rd, 3-5 PM. The public typically comes during this time to interact with the artists.

Sandy Dunning spoke next regarding the holiday party. Here are the activities planned:

- (1) Quilt show tour. The show closes at 6:45pm so arrive early.
- (2) Frederick Rescue Mission has been selected as our charity this holiday season. Please bring new winter clothing, clothing accessories, and essential toiletries for men, women, and children.
- (3) Cookie banquet/exchange. Please bring 2 dozen and a list of ingredients for members who may have an allergy or sensitivity. Plastic bags will be available to take cookies home. (To be more environmentally friendly, please bring clean multi-use plastic containers from home.)
- (4) Winter themed mug rug exchange. Please wrap it and include your name.
- (5) Holiday & Regular Show and Tell
- (6) Scandinavian star Make and Take. Please prepare and bring strips of fabric. We should have enough time to make more than one.

Other news from Sandy:

- (1) We will advertise to promote our guild in the Maryland Register.
- (2) We have a dedicated 'sip n sew' time at Sew n Place (Fayetteville, PA) on the 2nd Monday of every month, 10am to 4:30pm. \$10pp and open to CSQG and FCQG members. Bring sewing machine and lunch. You also receive 15% off if you choose to shop. To RSVP, text/email Sandy.

Kay Rice, Community Service Chair, thanked all members who donated quilts for their time, devotion, caring, and kindness in helping others. Thus far, the guild has made ~90 quilts that have gone/will go to Afghan refugees and veterans in hospice.

Kay introduced 3 speakers:

- (1) Dianne Elizabeth is the volunteer hospice coordinator at Frederick Health Hospice (FHH).
- (2) Bob Lebron is the veteran liaison of FHH. He is a former registered nurse, social worker, and navy chaplain.

FHH packages the quilts with cards to indicate that they are handmade especially for the veterans to give them comfort and warmth in their time of need. The quilts are enthusiastically received by the veterans and their families. To the veterans, the quilts give their lives meaning and they bring back memories of the good times spent serving our country. Mr. Lebron further explained that some veterans who rarely smile, light up and smile when they receive the quilts. Many veterans are buried with their quilts. CSQG has become well known in FHH circles through the use of our labels.

Although the guild had primarily focused on making veteran quilts, FHH will gladly accept non-veteran quilts.



CSQG MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2022 (Continued)

Currently, veterans represent only 13% of their clients. Quilts should be at least 4' x 4' and made away from animals, perfumes, and smoke.

(3) Christine Dunn is a pastor and the new director of community engagement at the Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA). Currently, the LSSCNA's primary focus are refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine although they serve refugees from many other countries. The LSSCNA is opening a Frederick branch soon. The quilts are given to children that range from 2 to 15 years old. These quilts are meant to provide warmth, comfort, and safety in an unsettling time when they arrive in a foreign country.

Show and Tell followed.

Door prizes were awarded to Brenda Barnhardt and MJ Greer.

The fat quarter bundle was won by Jennifer Chua.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Chua



CSQG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Board meeting regarding fiscal year 2023 - 2024 proposed budget took place at LSWG on November 3, 2022. Board members present included Fran Scher, Robin Rippeon, Jessica Halpin, Darlene Morris, Joan Watkins and Jennifer Chua. The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

The proposed budget was perused by the attendees line by line and explanations to line items provided by Robin.

Fundraising is a very important endeavor for the guild to offset speaker fees and the cost of running a non-profit incorporated guild. During the meeting, much discussion took place on how to generate income for the guild. Unfortunately, membership dues are not enough to offset all expenses.

Due to the lack of a robust raffle ticket sale this year, there will be no opportunity quilt for next year. The guild will also not obtain a permit to sell any raffles. Instead the guild will explore other fundraising opportunities such as pop-up shops, guild pin sale, new note card sale, classes, kits, etc. Fundraising activities will start out small in order to fully evaluate each opportunity. More to come from Jessica, the fundraising chair, who will be taking over from Danita Frisby.

For those who purchase items such as gift cards for the guild, buy dinner for guest speakers, or cover the cost of a venue, a receipt must be submitted to Robin. This is for both reimbursement and donation accounting purposes. In addition, a donor will receive a letter stating the value of the item and the letter may be used for tax purposes. Without a receipt, there is no way to account for a guild income or expense.

Joan made the motion to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Jessica, and approved by all the attendees. The budget will be published in our next newsletter and members will vote on the proposed budget during the January meeting.

Board meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Chua, Secretary



COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

What a wonderful Community Service evening we had on November 10! We heard inspiring presentations from our Community Service partners: Hospice Chaplain Bob LeBron and Dianne Elizabeth, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator. Also, Pastor Christine Dunn, Director for Community Engagement at Lutheran Social Services.

Because of the guild's energy and passion for our work in the community, in 2022 we were able to donate to the Afghan initiative a total of 56 children and teen quilts. And, to our Veterans in Hospice Care, 35 quilts of various sizes.



As the end of the Committee Service Program year was approaching, I began to reflect on what 2023 may look like for me personally. Recently, I shared with our President, Fran, that I will be stepping down from the Community Service Committee in 2023.

It has been a privilege to be part of this dynamic committee. Our success as a committee is, at its core, simply this ... each person on the committee invests their spirit of devotion for our work in the community. This comes with my gratitude for the unique spirit and energy each of you has brought to the committee.

Kay Rice, Chairperson
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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

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all who participated in the Worman's Mills Craft Fair. We made over \$500! Remember to bring all your opportunity quilt raffle tickets to the December meeting as the drawing will be held during the meeting.

Danita Frisby, Chair





Clustering Spires Quilt Guild
Proposed Budget for 2023-2024

Proposed
12 month Budget
2/1/2023 -
1/31/2024

Income

Fundraising Income

2021-2022 Opportunity Quilt Income	
2023-2024 Fundraising Income	2,000.00
Fat Quarter Basket Income	100.00
Last Chance Stash Income	500.00
CSQG Merchandise Fundraising Income	300.00
Note Card Sales Income	50.00
Total Fundraising Income	2,950.00

Membership Income

Membership Dues Income-55 members @ \$35	1,925.00
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Programs Income

Workshop Fees Income	1,125.00
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General Income

Amazon Smile Income	100.00
Donations Income	500.00
Total General Income	600.00

Total Income	6,600.00
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Expenses

Program Expenses

Education Expenses	50.00
2023 Holiday Banquet Expenses	375.00
May Guild Birthday Expenses	100.00
Refreshments Expenses	75.00
Speaker Fees Expenses	2,400.00
Speaker/Workshop Mileage Expenses	158.00
Speaker/Workshop Lodging/Meals Expenses	50.00
Workshop Teacher Fee Expenses	1,150.00
Total Program Expenses	4,358.00

Challenge Expenses

Guild Challenge Expenses	200.00
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Community Service Expenses

Community Service Expenses	400.00
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Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 (Continued)

Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
Proposed Budget for 2023-2024

<i>Fundraising Expenses</i>	
2023-2024 Fundraising Expenses	500.00
CSQG Merchandise Fundraising Expenses	300.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	800.00
<i>Membership Expenses</i>	
Hospitality & Membership	200.00
Sunshine	40.00
Total Membership Expenses	240.00
<i>Public Relations Expenses</i>	
Public Relations	200.00
WebSite Deluxe Linux Hosting	431.64
Website Microsoft 365 Email	76.20
Total Public Relations Expenses	707.84
<i>General Expenses</i>	
Insurance Policy Expense	205.00
Meeting Room Rental Expense-55 members @ \$5 +\$125	400.00
Paypal/Square Reader Fees Expenses	100.00
Supplies / Printing / Postage Expenses	75.00
Total General Expenses	780.00
Total Expenses	7,485.84
Net Income (Loss)	(885.84)

SEW 'N SIP

Did you know that every second Monday of each month, members from Clustered Spires Quilt Guild and Four County Quilters Guild are invited to gather at The Sew 'n Place in Fayetteville, PA for a day of sewing together? With the opening of a spacious new classroom and cafe, the Sew 'n Place is a perfect place for a "mini-retreat" from 10:00 - 4:00 each second Monday. The classroom can accommodate up to 16 people. The classroom is well lit, with natural light coming from a wall of windows, as well as excellent classroom lighting. Each sewing table has its own outlet, so no need for extension cords. Tables are adjustable with the touch of a button. Cost is \$10 per person. The cafe, located just adjacent to the classroom, is now open and serves delicious cafe drinks. Special Christmas drinks are available for purchase in December. Sandy Dunning, member of both guilds, has made arrangements with the store to reserve the classroom each month. If interested or want more information, **contact Sandy (not the store)** prior to the second Monday of the month in which you want to attend to reserve your spot. Sandy may be reached by email, sdunning0117@gmail.com or by phone or text, 978-806-7894.



Get Ready to Jingle in December!

- Come Early and Visit our Quilt Exhibit – Arrive by 6:00 PM and have plenty of time to tour the exhibit! Exhibit will close at 6:45.
- Bring an item for our designated charity, [Frederick Rescue Mission](#). We are suggesting socks, hats, gloves, pajamas, pants, shirts, towels and washcloths. There is a need of items for men, women, and children and in all sizes.
- Drawing for the Opportunity Quilt Winner
- Cookies, Cookies, Cookies! Who doesn't like cookies? Members are invited to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies on a plate or tray (for serving) to share at the [Cookie and Hot Cider Buffet](#). Please bring the recipe or list of ingredients. Bags will be provided for those who want to take a variety of leftover cookies home.
- Mug Rug Swap: Make and bring a wrapped winter themed mug rug to swap with another member. Put your name with your mug rug. All who choose to participate will go home with a festive mug rug from another quilter!
- Festive Holiday Show and Tell: Bring a quilt or other handmade holiday item to share with us. It does not need to be recently made, but rather one that holds special holiday memories for you. Regular Show and Tell will also be held.
- Prepare for the Scandinavia Star Craft – see info below.

All activities are optional. We hope everyone will attend, even if it's just to sit and visit with friends for a little while.

Folded Scandinavia Stars (No Sewing Required!)

Materials to Bring:

- Four fabric strips 4" by 16" (please apply starch, Best Press, or a similar "stiffener" before cutting)
- You will need 4 strips per star. They can all be the same fabric, two of each fabric, or four different ones.
- Press fabrics in half lengthwise to create a long crease. Unfold and press each raw edge into the center against the crease. Fold into one long strip, about 1" wide. We will have irons available if you don't have time to do this step ahead.
- Scissors
- Embroidery floss, string, or pearl cotton for hanging; needle with large eye
- Optional, but nice to have: tweezers, thimble, wonder clips, fabric glue





UPDATE ON NEW QUILTING BEE - GROUP TO START

So far we have eight guild members signed up to start a new quilting bee. We plan to begin in January 2023.

The group will meet once a month, in each other's homes, for a few hours, to sew and share and enjoy each other's company. We'd like to grow the group to twelve members, so each will only need to host once a year.



If you are new to the guild, this is a great opportunity to get to know other members and make some new quilter friends.

The first gathering will be Saturday, January 14th - 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Mary Pauley's home. RSVP: pauley.mary.ann@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

During this meeting, we will sew a little, plan our 2023 schedule, and brainstorm a new name for the group.

Submitted by Mary Pauley



LAST CHANCE STASH

We are happy to report that we have met our goal of raising over \$500 during 2022 on our Last Chance Stash. This is pretty remarkable, since we did not meet in person or did not have a Stash set up for 6 meetings. Thanks to the members for all your donations and purchases over the year. We hope it was fun.

We will not have a Last Chance Stash during our December meeting but will hopefully have lots of new donations for the January 2023 meeting.

Mary Pauley

DECEMBER QUILT EXHIBIT

It's here!

- Dec. 3** 3-5 pm: Opening reception—everyone is welcome to meet the artists!
- Dec. 8** Guild meeting: We should all be able to see the exhibit! It's going to be fantastic!
- Dec. 3-31** Exhibit dates (closed December 25-26). If you plan to go that week, check with the Delaplaine in case they adjust hours for the holidays.



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



Milltown Quilters will be holding our quilt show MAY 5th and 6th, 2023. Our raffle quilt is beautiful and tickets will be available soon



Columbia, MD www.milltownquilters.com

Submitted by Jennifer Chua

GIFT IDEA

Here's a last-minute gift idea that's easy to make and very festive. <https://youtu.be/dUQaPg1oAnA>

Submitted by Olga Schrichte





SUNSHINE NEWS

As some of you already know, Karen Smith had a total knee replacement at the end of October. She said that the outpatient surgery went well, however, her recovery is going slower than she expected. Let's send some encouragement to Karen so she can realize the benefits of having this surgery.



Karen's contact information is as follows:

Karen Smith
206 Rod Circle
Middletown, MD 21769

Email: smitty2karen50@gmail.com

Please remember to include a 5-inch square of fabric in your card so Karen can make something special with it once she's up to sewing again.

If you know of any other members who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know.

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

Olga Schrichte, Chair
Sunshine Committee

Happy Birthday

- 15 Kathy Cramer
- 26 Celeste LaJoie
- 26 Joan Watkins
- 27 Helen Wasserman
- 23 Fanny Johnsson



Show & Tell Photos... Nancy Speck wowed us with one of her festive door hangings — a bountiful cornucopia to welcome a gathering! She also made a lap quilt for a veteran for Community Service.

Cynthia Gaughan created this poignant piece titled "War is Hell" after a trip to Gettysburg which affected her profoundly, in part, due to an excellent and very knowledgeable tour guide.

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Show & Tell Photos... Barbara Ogden shared an absolutely precious Swiss molded cloth face doll, Heidi. She also brought a doll she had started the head of but decided she didn't like, so hilariously turned her into a pin cushion and scissor holder!

Leslie Cole's "Autumn Lemon" beauty was finished in time for the holidays, with edge-to-edge acorn quilting done using the embroidery hoop on her Bernina. She also printed a custom label using printable fabric for the first time, with great results!



Below, Kathy Shankle's delightful quilt was a while in the making, a wiener dog in her marvelous coat, that starts at the top the quilt and winds all the way to the bottom!

MJ Greer's Halloween quilt was hanging in her kitchen when she decided after a couple days she wasn't happy with the light color binding that was the same fabric as the background. She asked both her husband and daughter and they said it was "fine", so she decided to consult Olga Schrichte who agreed black would be better (and worth the work and choice words in the process!)

Sharon Keller brought several treasures as she hasn't been around all summer. First, she brought her finished piece from our workshop with Mary Mahoney, a pub she saw on her trip to Ireland.



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Show & Tell Photos... Sharon also made a sweet little standing house on her embroidery machine, as well as a beautiful trifold wallet on her regular machine. The first top she brought was from a kit called "Confetti" which she altered by adding a shadow and a little less chaos to suit her taste. She also finished a fall top just before the meeting! Lastly, she brought some lovely family quilts from a yard sale from distant relatives' on her mother's side. She was able to get some beautiful quilts made by a great aunt that she is hoping to find out how to restore.



Marcia Walker was happy to be standing after her knee surgery! She took the squares she received in her cards from the guild members and creatively came up with idea to make bookmarks! She brought an adorable Halloween fabric strip wreath (which Kay Rice promptly reserved to buy!)

Bernice Huff brought a gorgeous and unique Christmas table runner using a technique from a class taken at a retreat many years ago. The class taught 3 different items but this was her favorite. It was made for our Worman's Mill holiday sale.

Kay Rice shared her blue ribbon winning quilt from the Frederick Fair, quilted by Jessica Halpin. Having a quilt on display at the Frederick Fair was a bucket list item for Kay and having it win was just the cherry on top. Congratulations Kay!





Below are photos of the Community Service presentations. First with Committee Chair Kay Rice, with Jessica Halpin and Cynthia Gaughan. In the middle, Dianne Elizabeth and Hospice Chaplain Bob LeBron from Frederick Health Hospice. At right, Fran Scher with Rev Christine Dunn, Director for Community Engagement at Lutheran Social Services to collect lap quilts for the Afghan children.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Our next block is Rocky Road to Dublin. www.quilterscache.com/R/RockyRoadtoDublinBlock.html. We will also be starting an exciting new BOM for next year from the book "Schoolgirl Sampler." The blocks are just 4" finished and the book also includes several small quilts.

Kathy Shankle



2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Program/Lecture/Workshop	Virtual or In-Person?	Website
December 8	CSQG Meeting - Holiday Program	In Person	

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12	Fun and Games (Sandy Dunning)	In Person	
February 9	Make and Take/Special Show and Tell (Stella Peñalver)	In Person	
March 9	David Sirota Lecture "What Makes a Quilter Tick?"	Zoom	www.quiltmavendave.com
March 11	David Sirota Workshop "Storm at Sea" Paper Piecing	Zoom	www.quiltmavendave.com
April 13	RaNae Merrill Lecture "Paper Piecing and Mandala"	Zoom	www.ranaemerrillquilts.com
May 5-6	Milltown Quilters Quilt Show, Columbia MD	In Person	www.milltownquilters.com
May 11	David Owen Hastings Lecture "Minimal Design, Maximum Impact"	Zoom	www.davidowenhastings.com
May 13	David Owen Hastings Workshop "Mini Mid Mod Quilts"	Zoom	www.davidowenhastings.com
June 8	Cheryl See Lecture "Journey of My Work"	In Person	www.CSeesQuilts.com
July 13	No Meeting - MAQ		
August 10	Kara Mason and Teri Young Lecture "The Stories in Our Quilts"	In Person	www.needleseystores.com
September 14	Rae Cumbie Lecture "Fit for Art"	In Person	www.fitforartpatterns.com
September 15-23	Great Frederick Fair	In Person	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
October 12	Annual Guild Challenge	In Person	
November 9	Annual Community Service Project Presentation	In Person	
December 14	Annual Holiday Program	In Person	

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