



President's Notes

I hope all of you are as proud of our guild as I am! We just passed 70 members! Our Fundraising team is outperforming expectations already this year with new, creative approaches to reaching our goals. Community Service has given us two charities to sponsor and are supplying us with fabrics and instructions as well as arranging longarmers to help. Our 2023 challenge of Buttons & Embellishments will be a fun way for everyone to stretch their creativity. Our beautiful newsletter keeps us all well informed on guild and quilt-related activities and news. Our programs are amazing. David Sirota's paper-piecing workshop was so popular that Programs has scheduled a second one by him in September. RaNae Merrill showed us her beautiful mandala quilts in April and we are looking forward to learning from David Owen Hastings in May.



These programs don't just happen...they take research, communication, and follow-up. We are in the process of planning our 2024 offerings and could use your input. Give your ideas to Sandy Dunning or me asap. If you wish to be more involved in planning, this is the perfect time to join the Programs Committee (we meet once a month via Zoom and are a small, welcoming group)! Just let us know.

Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and giving spirit for supporting our guild!

Fran



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May 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

OFFICERS

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Vice-President: Sandy Dunning
Secretary: Jennifer Chua
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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 – April 13, 2023

Fran Scher opened the meeting at 6:45pm with 34 members and 2 guests, Joan Quinlan and Mary Kuruppu, who both joined the guild.

Fran mentioned the password for the members only webpage will change tomorrow.

Marty Simmons announced that elections will take place at the next meeting. Lynn McCracken is running for the Secretary position and Patricia Cronin has offered to serve as the back-up. Jessica Halpin is running for President.

Marcia Walker spoke about our Community Service project for the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute. We have given our quilts to this organization before, and our quilts were very well received then. Thus, the committee has once again selected it as our charity quilt recipient. Quilts must be made 32 to 42 inch wide and 66 to 68 inches long. In addition, we will also make bags for cancer patients to carry their quilt. Danita Frisby has provided a pattern. Members who have signed up to make a quilt will receive 3 yards of backing fabric. Members who would like their quilts long armed, please contact someone on the long arm list, available at our website. A representative from the institute will be at our November meeting to accept the quilts.

Jessica Halpin is in need of volunteers for the Maker's Flea Market at Frederick Made April 22-23 and at the Catocin Iron Fest May 20-21. For the Iron Fest, our booth will be indoors and we are scheduled to demonstrate a sewing craft or two.

Helen Wasserman introduced our speaker RaNae Merrill, who presented her lecture on Mandala quilts over Zoom. RaNae discussed the genesis and evolution of her mandala quilts and gave a thorough presentation on how she currently creates these quilts. Mandala quilts look complex but once all the pieces are cut out and ordered, it is just a matter of piecing in sequence. After Ranae's talk, Helen discussed her journey with Mandala quilts. She said the hardest part of the process is letting herself go and giving herself permission to create. RaNae has given Helen permission to teach the class, provided that the students buy RaNae's book. Helen will be teaching at Sew 'n Place, with a maximum of 6 students per class so that Helen can provide individualized attention to all. If the class is sold out, Helen is amenable to teaching a second class on weekends. If members are interested, please contact her for further information.

Please send prayers to Libi Driggers as she recovers from illness. The family requests privacy at this time.

Susan Gnatt is to take the pillowcases today for Kate Lane.

Mary Pauley announced the Meet Up Bee at the Coffee and Grind on April 20. Stay tuned for future meet ups.

Sandy Dunning showed a presentation from our next speaker, David Owens Hastings, on all the classes he gives.

Show & Tell followed. Door prizes and fat quarter bundle prizes were drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Chua





May Program Preview



On May 11, our virtual speaker will be David Owen Hastings from Washington State. David is a modern quilter, graphic designer, and textile artist. He creates modern minimal quilts and textiles inspired by architecture, modern abstract art, and Japanese textiles and crafts. His one hour lecture is entitled, "Minimal Design, Maximum Impact."



David will then conduct a virtual 3 hour workshop on Saturday, May 13, "Mini Mid-Mod Quilts" from 12:00 – 3:00 ET.

There are still a few spaces available. You may register on our website, send an email or text to Sandy Dunning (sandy0117@me.com; 978-806-7894), or sign up at our May meeting. Cost is \$40 for a three hour workshop, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. You may send a check to our treasurer, Robin Rippeon at 201 Bennett Court, Thurmont, MD 21788 or pay via PayPal.

Sandy Dunning, Co-Chair

Membership

Two new members joined in April and 5 renewed. We now have 70 members. Please welcome Joan Quinlan and Mary Kuruppu. Mary is new to quilting and is interested in simple quilts for pillows or wall hangings. She heard about us from Denise Wagenaar. Our second new member is Joan Quinlan who has been quilting for 5 years. She enjoys applique and embroidery on her pieced quilts.



The updated directory is now online on our website. Check back frequently as any revisions or updates will be made on the directory published on the website.

Darlene Morris and Sandy Dunning, Co-Chairs



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

This month we will be working on blocks 19 thru 23. If you are putting your blocks together in a row, you will only need the sashing between the blocks on row 3 (side only). See diagram on Page 15 of Schoolgirl Sampler by Kathleen Tracy. If you feel extra ambitious, complete row three by completing 24 thru 27 which will complete row 3. You could go ahead and sew row one to row 2, and row 2 to row 3. At this point you will be one third through this project. Happy stitching.

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair



Second Monday, Sip and Sew Returns

The Second Monday Sip N Sew will be May 8 at the Sew 'n Place in Fayetteville, PA. from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Quilters from Four County Quilters Guild and Clustered Spires Quilt Guild are invited to join each other for a fun day together sewing, laughing, sharing, and indulging in one of the many coffee drinks offered at the cafe bistro. Home baked goods and ice cream are now available! Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, please contact Sandy Dunning at sdunning0117@gmail.com or 978-806-7894.

LAST CHANCE STASH

We have been having such great fundraising from the Last Chance Stash over the last few months. Thank you to all the members for your support and participation. We still have many fabrics, patterns and notions, from Mary Beth's estate that we will be bringing to the sale tables over the coming months. We plan to set up 5 tables over the next several months, in order to accommodate everything. We also always welcome more donations - any fabrics, patterns, quilting books, notions, etc. Bring a little cash (or checkbook) and plan to arrive early – for social time and to get first choice on some great deals.

Mary Pauley, Chair

MEET UP BEE

Our next monthly Meet Up Bee will be held on:

Thursday, May 18th
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Steinhardt Brewing Company
340 East Patrick Street, Suite 102
Frederick, MD
301-471-0901
Steinhardtbrewing.com



In addition to beer, they serve soft drinks, and hard seltzer. Food trucks are nearby. If the weather is nice enough, we can sit outside – Carroll Creek Park.

Mary Pauley, Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The elections for President and Secretary will be held at our May meeting. The nominees are: President - Jessica Halpin; Secretary - Lynne MacCracken. Patricia Cronin has offered to be the Secretary's backup. The Community Service Committee is offering 3 yards of fabric to any guild member who signs up at the May meeting to make and deliver a quilt for the James M. Stockman Cancer Institute this year.

Please check and make sure that you aren't using one of these travel irons! <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2023/Vornado-Recalls-Steamfast-and-Brookstone-Travel-Steam-Irons-Due-to-Fire-Burn-and-Shock-Hazards>.

Marty Simmons, Chair



FUNDRAISING

The Maker's Flea Market at Frederick Made was a huge success! We made just under \$500. There will be another flea market July and we have applied to do that one as well. As part of this, we will be working toward clearing out a backlog of member made inventory that has not sold over 2 years and bringing it to sell at 50% off. All inventory that will be going to the Flea Market will be photographed and emailed out. If you made something in this stock and would not like it to go to clearance, you will be able to collect it at the June meeting or get in touch with me to arrange pick-up.

The Delaplaine is interested in having us do more classes and workshops - if you have an idea for a workshop, or have a desire to teach, please reach out to me! Proposals are due May 9th for the Fall semester, but we also will have another opportunity in Winter. We are able to do the Helen Smith free workshop for kids and still be paid for them!

Finally, we have two upcoming events in May. First, our pop up at the Delaplaine will be first Sunday (5/7/23) - if you have any Spring/Summer items, or Mother's Day/Father's Day projects, that you would like to donate for sale please let me know! Second, we have the Maryland Iron Festival at Catoclin Furnace. While we were told this event would be indoors, due to concerns about the hearth and smoke compromising our quilts, we have been moved outside. My husband and I will be setting up the tent and breaking it down, but I do still need volunteers for the following times:

Sat, 5/20 - 1:45-6

Sun, 5/21 - 10-1:15 and 1-4

We will both be vending and demonstrating, so please feel free to bring something to sew!

Jessica Halpin, Chair



Here are a couple pictures from our events (the flea market with Jennifer Chua and Mary Pauley, and our English paper piecing class). Fran, Sue, MJ and I all had a blast doing our first workshop via the Delaplaine on English paper piecing! Our students gave us some great feedback and we look forward to doing more!

Photos by Jessica Halpin



Below are the links to watch RaNae's lecture from April 13. **These links will be available for 30 days until 5/17.** Please share with your guild.

Part 1 - https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/gdNtHNwb3_fwsLgJQUgt1Bi6uz-qVeTH-d-hmpEOGyujDPvAJsHbLmlGwqPlxOa.28uxArNFgcnq4FYg?startTime=1681654937000

Part 2 - https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tktklH_rSEEu_WVo9PDG0gw_t10DqDO1bjPnKjQdbntn5ISxeS7dgzL41RPC7ooM.f2VxVqhl7SGyVA5Z?startTime=1681426053000

Regards,
Melissa, Event Coordinator

SUNSHINE NEWS

Those of you who were at our meeting in April know that Libi Driggers has been in Frederick Memorial Hospital. At that time, her family requested that we refrain from calling or sending cards. However, we just received the ok to contact Libi and let her know we're thinking about her. This week she will be moved to Autumn Lake Health Care in Walkersville, and the best news is that she is expected to make a complete recovery.

Cards, including a 5-inch square of fabric, can be mailed to her home, and her husband, Don, will take them to her. Her address is:

Libi Driggers
8213 Skipwith Drive
Frederick, MD 21702

Please keep Libi in your thoughts and prayers, and let her know you're thinking about her.

If you know of anyone else who can use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know.

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

Olga Schrichte, Chair Sunshine Committee



Pillow cases donated to Hospice of Frederick for their many camps for children who have lost a family member. At right, Marty Simmons showing Community Service James M. Stockman Cancer Center lap quilt examples, along with a fabric tote bag made for the recipients to transport their quilt to infusion therapy in.





2023 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

The theme chosen by the committee this year is:

BUTTONS AND EMBELLISHMENTS

Your entry must include one or more **buttons** *PLUS* one or more **embellishments** defined but not limited to:

- “To make beautiful or elegant by ornaments; to decorate; to adorn.”
- “A strip of fabric, lace or ribbon tightly gathered or pleated and applied to cloth.”
- “Beads, sequins or rhinestones applied to fabric to embellish the surface.”

The following requirements are as follows:

1. A maximum of 48” x 48”, any shape.
2. 3 layers including batting.
3. The entry must be made for or finished for this year’s challenge.

Your entry/entries must be complete to be accepted at the October meeting for judging. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to the top vote getters by the membership. Any questions, contact Julie Howell, Stella Peñalver, Olga Schrichte, or Brenda Barnhardt.

Brenda Barnhardt, Chair



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SHOW & TELL... Olga Schrichte blew us away with two lovely trapunto wall hangings, one with sweet bunnies perfect to match the season! She also brought along her finished “Storm At Sea” from our workshop with David Sirota in a beautiful and bold 3 color palette.

Darlene Morris shared her progress on our block of the month with these super sweet little blocks! Continued on Page 8





SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Cindy Shugars also showed off her delightful blocks of the month, along with an incredible and soothing I Spy quilt featuring nature inspired imagery. MJ Greer finished a beautiful "rescue" quilt top from the Clustered Spires Yard Sale a couple of years ago. She echo quilted around each appliquéd vegetable.

Below, Sue Heslin's "Matie's Blue" was a project started in 1976! The hand embroidered blocks came from a reproduction pattern for 1800's coverlet. She planned it for her baby girl, and she finally finished it for her daughter for this past Christmas! It was long armed by Claudia Chapman.



At right, Julie Howell's first project was an upcycled appliquéd and embellished wool vest inspired by something she saw at a store that she aptly said, "We could do that!" I think we can all relate. Julie also had another inspired appliqué wall hanging created from reclaimed scarves and a skirt from Select Seconds!



Dot White finished her "Storm at Sea" from our David Sirota workshop in a striking red and white. Behind her, she also finished a quilt started by Joan Watkins in 2009 from a UFO trade!

Joan Watkins' darling rail fence baby quilt was made for a baby to be in the family and featured an adorable alphabet backing!



Helen Wasserman displayed two Mandala wall quilts she made from RANAE Merrill's workshops in the past. She's currently conducting a 4-week class at Sew N Place.



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
May 5-6	Milltown Quilters Quilt Show, Columbia MD	In Person	www.milltownquilters.com
May 8	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
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
May 18	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Steinhardt Brewing Co.
June 1	Board of Directors Meeting	Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett	
June 8	Cheryl See Lecture "Journey of My Work"	In Person	www.CSeesQuilts.com
June 12	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
June 15	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
July 10	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
July 13	No Meeting - MAQ		
July 14 - 17	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar		www.maqonline.org
July 20	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
August 4 - 5	Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show		www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org
August 10	Kara Mason and Teri Young Lecture "The Stories in Our Quilts"	In Person	www.needleseyestores.com
August 14	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
August 17	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
September 6	Board of Directors Meeting (held on Wednesday)	Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett	
September 11	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
September 14	Rae Cumbie Lecture "Fit for Art"	In Person	www.fitforartpatterns.com
September 14 - 17	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza @ Oaks, PA		http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
September 15-23	Great Frederick Fair	In Person	www.thegreatfrederickfair.com
September 21	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
October 9	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
October 12	Annual Guild Challenge	In Person	
October 19	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
November 2	Board of Directors Meeting	Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett	
November 9	Annual Community Service Project Presentation	In Person	
November 13	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
November 16	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly
December 11	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
December 14	Annual Holiday Program	In Person	
December 21	Meet-Up Bee	In Person	Location TBD Monthly

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