



President's Notes

As I pass "the bell" to Jessica this month, I want to thank the guild members for entrusting me with the role of President over the last two years! Holding the office has been a privilege and I've enjoyed getting to know so many of you more deeply across the various guild committees and roles. I want to thank the new officers—Lynne MacCracken as Secretary and Jessica Halpin as President, for giving their time and talents to the guild. Our guild has a bright future! I'm looking forward to continuing to be active in the guild as I circle back to co-chair the Programs Committee with Sandy and continue to update the website. I hope to see you all at the June meeting!



Happy Quilting,
Fran

June 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, June 8, 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

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Zoom Coordinator: Sandy Dunning

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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CSQG MEETING MINUTES - May 11, 2023

Fran Scher opened the meeting at 6:45pm with 37 in attendance. We welcomed 2 new members, Lidia Borquez and Sheila Peters, and 2 guests, Lisa Huffman and Jane Hammond.

Fran thanked Linda McNey and Jennifer Chua for being the guild's Secretaries for the past two years. Then, Marty Simmons announced the candidates for the President and Secretary. Lynne McCracken was voted as the next Secretary, as was Jessica Halpin as the next President by unanimous votes. Their 2-year terms begin following the June guild meeting. Congratulations Jessica and Lynne.

Marty announced that she will be stepping down as Chair of the Community Service Committee by the end of May. Jennifer will be taking over as Chair. Marty thanked Kate Lane for the completion of a successful pillowcase project. 65 pillowcases were made in total and given to Frederick Health for Camp Jamie. Three-yard fabric bundle giveaways are still available for members who sign up to sew a quilt for the Stockman Institute. There are also cat hammock quilt kits and cat pad kits available.

Sandy Dunning introduced David Owen Hastings as our guest speaker for the evening. He is giving his lecture on zoom and hails from Sequim, Washington. He is a graphics designer, and a gallery and textile artist. His goal this evening was to share his passion for modern art, Japanese art, and textiles. David's lecture was divided into 4 parts. He discussed: (1) the very subjective definition of a modern quilt, (2) early influencers, (3) David's inspiration, and (4) and his process to create a modern quilt. He will be teaching his class "Mid Mod Quilts" to the guild this Saturday.

Mary Pauley announced the next Meet Up Bee at Steinhardt Brewery.

Jennifer reported that the July meeting is currently in the planning process for Community Service night. Stay tuned.

Brenda Barnhardt reminded everyone of the guild challenge. There is no minimum size for the quilt, but the maximum is 48" x 48" and must contain buttons and embellishments.

Show & Tell followed. Door prizes were awarded and the fat quarter bundle winner was picked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chua, Secretary

Hi Everyone,

My neighbor's husband passed away recently. He always wore bow ties. She is interested in having two twin sized quilts made using his bow ties for her grandsons. She wanted me to ask the guild if anyone has ever made a quilt out of men's bow ties and if so, if anyone would be interested in doing so. One question I didn't ask is if his bow ties are untied. My guess is they are the real deal and not clip on. Thanks for any information!

Have a great day, Sharon Keller - thekellers44@verizon.net





JUNE PROGRAM PREVIEW



Cheryl See, a local quilter, will be our in-person guest speaker in June. Cheryl will also be presenting her trunk show.

Cheryl has been quilting since 1993 and started C See's Quilts in 2013. Although Cheryl uses a variety of quilting techniques and styles, she is best known for her handwork, especially with English Paper Piecing. She is often referred to as the "Hexpert" because of her love of hexagon quilts. In 2012, her quilt Star Struck won Best Hand Quilting for a large quilt in Paducah, Kentucky at the American Quilter's Society. Star Struck is now a part of the permanent collection of the National Quilt Museum in Paducah. In the summer of 2013, Cheryl was the featured artist at the Virginia Quilt Museum for a special exhibit titled "Hexed."

ZOOM MEETINGS

We are currently discussing having our monthly meetings available via Zoom in addition to the in-person meetings at the Delaplaine. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or opinions regarding this, please contact Jessica Halpin, our President-Elect or Sandy Dunning, Zoom Coordinator.

Sandy Dunning, Programs Co-Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please welcome Jenny Chua as our new Community Service Chairperson. She has a lot of great ideas that we're sure you're going to love! And don't forget that we're working on quilts for the Stockman Cancer Center and cat hammocks/pads for the Animal Welfare League. You can find a lot of great info about these projects on the website or by contacting a member of the Community Service Committee.

Marty Simmons, Chair



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

As Barbara Ogden was leaving our May meeting, she suffered a bad fall and hit her head on the cobblestone road. She's okay and plans to be at the June meeting. I'm sure Barbara would appreciate receiving a little sunshine from our members to let her know that we're thinking about her. Please remember to enclose a 5-inch square of floral fabric in your "Thinking of You" card so she can make something special with it.



Here's Barbara's contact information: Barbara Ogden
5850 Mary Lou Lane #307
Frederick, MD 21703
Email: bogden2715@gmail.com

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

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

Olga Schrichte, Chair



MEMBERSHIP



Wow! We now have 75 members. Five new members joined last month. Please welcome Lisa Huffman, Lois Sovey, Jane Hammond, Lidia Borques and Sheila Peters.

Lisa Huffman has been quilting for 7 years. She likes more traditional types of quilts and has been working on Project Linus mystery quilts. Did one brown bag mystery quilt and the rest have been tied quilts for great-nieces and nephews. Also worked on quilted bags, tablerunners, placemats and wall hangings. Also likes scrappy items to use up scraps. Heard about us through her cousin - Linda Beavers.



Lois Sovey (left) has been quilting for over 40 years. She belonged to the Quilters Unlimited Reston Chapter in Virginia and is a current member of the DC Modern Quilt Guild. Was also a member of the South Bay Guild in Southern California. Loves doing hand applique and all kinds of handwork. She heard about us through DCMQG.

Jane Hammond (right) has been quilting since the 80's off and on. She is interested in modern quilts, new techniques and color theory. She heard about us from someone at the Sheep and Wool Festival.



Lidia Borquez (left) has been quilting for four years. She would like to learn free motion quilting for domestic machines and is open to learning any quilting techniques. She found out about us through a visit to the center.

Sheila Peters (right) has been quilting for 10+ years. She also just joined the Nimble Fingers Guild. She's interested in modern quilting and making wearable quilts, learning how to machine quilt and use various rulers. Sheila heard about us through the website and meeting some of our members.



The Directory has been updated with our newest members. We are thrilled to have so many new quilters join us at Clustered Spines. Hope you ladies will enjoy the benefits of our membership and all the programs we have to offer. Can't wait to see your quilted items at "Show and Tell."

Darlene Morris and Sandy Dunning, Chairs

MEET UP BEE

Our next monthly Meet Up Bee will be held:

Thursday, June 15th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Common Market – Café
927 West 7th Street
Frederick, MD 21701
301-663-3416 cm@commonmarket.coop

All members are invited to join us for quilting (hand sewing), talking, getting to know each other. The Common Market Café menu is listed on their website.

Mary Pauley





MAY NEWSLETTER CORRECTION



In the May newsletter on Page 3 for Membership, Joan Quinlan's photograph was incorrect. Sally Fink from February was shown. Joan's picture is shown at left. We regret the confusion.

Brenda Barnhardt, Newsletter Editor/Photographer

LAST CHANCE STASH - Remember we will not have a Last Chance Stash sale during the June meeting. We had another successful evening last month - \$348 at the sales table. Save your donations for next time.

Mary Pauley, Chair

SECOND MONDAY, SEW 'N SIP

The June Sew 'N Sip will be on Monday, June 12 at the Sew 'N Place in Fayetteville, PA from 10:00 – 4:00. Quilters from Clustered Spires Quilt Guild and any other friends 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.

Sandy Dunning

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

If you are doing the sampler, we have now completed one third of the project. This month we will be working on blocks 23 thru 42. Refer to Page 15 for joining rows together from the Schoolgirl Sampler by Kathleen Tracy.

Darlene Morris, Chair



- 9 Leslie Cole
- 10 Jennifer Chua
- 17 Kay Rice
- 21 Barbara Scuderi
- 22 Lynne MacCracken
- 25 Lisa Leonard
- 27 Nancy Woods
- 29 Monica Spilis



INSTAGRAM

A huge thank you to Kara Jones for volunteering to help with our Instagram! Julia Triman is our current featured member -- thank you Julia! If you would like to be featured or nominate another member, please reach out to Jessica Halpin or Kara Jones.

FUNDRAISING

A huge thank you to everyone who has stepped up and helped with our various events over the last couple of months! We made \$249.83 at the Catoctin Iron Festival and had a wonderful time demonstrating hand quilting.

Upcoming, we are tentatively scheduled for the Maker's Flea Market again on July 22. I am looking for a morning and afternoon volunteer (10:15-2 and 1:45-5:30) so please let me know if you are available. We are also working on scheduling a four week class, "Learn to Quilt", workshop at Frederick MADE on July 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 1pm to 4pm, but each workshop will run 3 hours. I am looking for 1-2 volunteers per class (you don't have to volunteer for all four, you can do just one!) to be available to walk around and help students as needed. Let me know if you are interested!

Going forward we are clearing out some of our inventory of items that have not sold. Below are images of everything we will be marking down for clearance. If you do not wish for your items to go to clearance, they will be available for pick up at our June meeting as well as our July "Service Night" that will take place during our regular meeting time. If you won't be able to make either meeting, just send me an email to schedule a pick up. We are tentatively doing another Maker's Flea market in July, so remaining items will go to that. All leftover items from there will be donated.

Jessica Halpin, Chair



Photos of the Catoctin Iron Festival with Danita Frisby, Jessica Halpin and two visitors working on hand quilting projects.





PROGRAMS REPORT - PART 2

I enjoyed seeing so many members last night at the Delaplaine, as well as those of you who attended via Zoom. David motivated me to want to learn more about modern quilting and I plan to purchase at least one of the books he mentioned last night.

David recommended a site for low volume white fabrics. Here is the name of the person and her website: Marcia Derse and her website is marciaderse.com.

I am pleased to announce that our outgoing President, Fran Scher, will be co-chairing the Program Committee. Many thanks to Fran for helping guide this important committee.

On the other hand, I am saddened to announce that long time Program Committee member, Mary Pauley, will be leaving the committee. Mary has been essential to the success of our programs for several years. She was Chair of the committee and has been an active part of this group for many years. She feels now that she would like to find other ways to participate in guild activities. I know you will join me in thanking her for all of her hard work, much of it "behind the scenes."

In case you don't know, here is what Mary does each month in addition to attending Program Committee meetings and searching for program speakers:

- Communicates the needs and room set-up each month to Delaplaine Rentals Manager, Marilyn Orsinger
- Coordinates the Show and Tell and the Last Chance Stash sales tables
- Arrives early to oversee the set up of the room and assists members with their Show and Tell items

As you can see, Mary makes it possible for our meetings to flow smoothly and ensures we have a welcoming environment for our monthly meetings.

We hope that each of you will consider how you might be an active member of Clustered Spires. Perhaps there is one or more of you who would like to join the Program Committee and assume all or part of Mary's responsibilities. While Mary has big shoes to fill, we know there are many talented and capable people in our guild who could assist in some of these responsibilities. Our new president, Jessica Halpin, will also be relying upon a fully functioning Program Committee as she leads us over the next two years.

If you would like to volunteer for the Program Committee or just volunteer to take on one of Mary's "jobs" please contact one of the following people: Sandy Dunning, Fran Scher, or Jessica Halpin.

Below are the links to the information David referenced in his lecture:

MODERN QUILT RESOURCES:

Souls Grown Deep Foundation — Gees Bend Quilters: <https://www.soulsgrowndeep.org>

Flickr – Fresh Modern Quilts: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/freshmodernquilts/pool>

Book – Modern Quilts, Designs of the New Century:
<https://www.amazon.com/Modern-Quilts-Designs-New-Century/dp/1617455989>

THREE INSPIRING ARTISTS:

Carson Converse: <https://www.carsonconverse.com/>
Carson Converse at Quilt National: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrUBJ6tlBTE>



PROGRAMS REPORT - PART 2 (Continued)

Erick Wolfmeyer: <http://www.ewolfmeyerquilts.com>

Seven Quilts by Erick Wolfmeyer: gallery walk through <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DxLVzkFBdk>

Pamela Wiley: <https://www.laneycontemporary.com/artist/pamela-wiley>

Pamela Wiley with West Elm: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Kz0dDeoZFI>

ONLINE GALLERIES TO VISIT:

QuiltCon 2023 Award Winners: <https://quiltcon.com/quiltcon-2023-winners/>

International Quilt Museum – Modern Meets Modern Show (look at the virtual gallery):

<https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/exhibition/modern-meets-modern>

DAVID'S LINKS:

David Owen Hastings — Open Enrollment Workshops & Lectures:

https://davidowenhastings.com/events/list/?tribe_eventcategory%5B0%5D=45

David Owen Hastings — Instagram: please follow me! <https://www.instagram.com/davidowenhastings/>

Video Preview of David's Classes: <https://youtu.be/9dFlnNAExjw>

UPCOMING OPEN ENROLLMENT CLASSES:

IN-PERSON RETREAT: 5 Days of Inspired by Architecture

Sun. 03.17.2024 – Fri. 03.22.2024 Empty Spools Seminars

<https://www.emptyspoolseminars.com/faculty2024.html>

IN-PERSON RETREAT: 5 Days of Inspired by Architecture

Tues. 06.18.2024 – Sat. 06.22.2024 Woodland Ridge Retreat

<https://woodlandridgeretreat.com/product/david-owen-hastings-inspired-by-architecture/>

Sandy Dunning, Co-Chair



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.”



2023 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE (Continued)

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



SHOW & TELL: Olga Schrichte shared a beautiful tablerunner made as a skill builder that focused on quilting around applique. The border was made of the fabrics she was sent from members after her knee surgery and she also added an extra touch with Inktense pencils. Olga's tips on Inktense pencils are that she uses aloe vera gel and makes sure to not get them too wet, and also saves all her shavings as they can be used to paint with!

Darlene Morris and Danita Frisby showed off their progress on this year's Block of the Month, which is now a third done!



New member Mary Kuruppu shared with us her first ever quilt block, a bold and striking log cabin made with help from Denise Wagenaar - yay Mary! She bought fabric to make pillowcases and we cannot wait to see what comes next!

Barbara Ogden blew us away with a lovely framed applique piece.

Kathy Cramer shared a pattern she beautifully finished that she had in her stash called "Come Fly With Me" from Karen Montgomery.



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SHOW & TELL (Continued): Susan Gnatt shared her cheerful "Best in Neighborhood" wall hanging. This clever piece uses Dresden plates that are built upon with roofs and windows -- while available as a pattern, Susan created this as a part of a quilt along.

Dot White's stunning purple quilt was made for her daughter to take to football games at her son's school.

Fran Scher's beautiful scrappy string quilt is for the Stockman Cancer Center, our 2023 Community Service project. Fran also shared an amazing star pattern double quilt that was started by her sister, Sherry Burke from Charlottesville, and completed by Fran. It will go to her 12 year old grand nephew.

Nancy Woods brought her gorgeous Storm At Sea finished from our workshop with David Sirota, a beautiful take with an array of purples!

Brenda Barnhardt shared her absolutely adorable hand appliqued wool Halloween cat table runner that she has been working on at our bees for some time. This piece will be auctioned or raffled off to benefit the Animal Welfare League.

Jacque Janss showed a "quilting bee" holding a block from a fashion show where she made a beekeeper's hat.

Sandy Dunning shared a very sweet baby quilt she created for the expecting granddaughter of late member Maridell Mason, as she knows Maridell would want her great grandchild to have a handmade quilt. Sandy also showed her mesmerizing Storm At Sea from our workshop.





2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
June 1	Board of Directors Meeting	Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 201 Thomas Johnson Drive	
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	Common Market Café - 7th Street
July 10	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
July 13	Community Service Work Session		
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, 201 Thomas Johnson Drive	
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/
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, 201 Thomas Johnson Drive	
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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