



## President's Notes



Thank you to everyone for not only electing me as your President, but first and foremost, welcoming me into this incredible community of quilters with open arms two years ago. Seeing the commitment and support within our guild since I joined not only from leaders such as Fran Scher, Sandy Dunning, and Kay Rice, but the group as a whole, really inspired me to get active to help our guild grow. I am so excited to see what is to come and where we go from here!

On the topic of getting active and engaged within the guild, I am looking forward to July's Guild Service Night. This informal get together that will take the place of our regular meeting is a wonderful way to dip your toes into some of our committees and learn some fun and fast projects. I hope to see many of you there!

Happy Quilting!  
Jessica



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## July 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**  
Thursday, July 13, 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

**President:** Jessica Halpin  
**Vice-President:** Sandy Dunning  
**Secretary:** Lynne MacCracken  
**Treasurer:** Robin Rippeon

### CONTACTS

**BOM:** Darlene Morris  
**Challenge:** Brenda Barnhardt  
**Community Service:** Jennifer Chua  
**Facebook Adm:** Kara Jones  
**Holiday Banquet:** Jennifer Chua  
**Instagram Adm:** Jessica Halpin  
**Membership:** Darlene Morris & Sandy Dunning  
**Last Chance Stash:** Mary Pauley  
**Newsletter:** Brenda Barnhardt  
**Marketing/Fundraising:** Jessica Halpin  
**Nominating Committee:** Marty Simmons  
**PayPal Adm:** Sandy Dunning  
**Pillowcase Project:** Kate Lane  
**Public Relations:** Becky Lyon  
**Programs:** Sandy Dunning & Fran Scher  
**Quilt Show:** Joan Watkins  
**Refreshments:** Linda Beavers  
**Sunshine:** Olga Schrichte  
**Website Adm:** Fran Scher  
**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](mailto:brenz2catz@gmail.com). Thank you.





## Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - June 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Fran Scher.

New member (Debra Holt) and visitors were introduced (Rosalee, Kelly and Erin).

### Agenda:

Jenny Chua gave details about the Guild Service night scheduled for July. Community Service projects can be worked on; kits will be made for Community Service projects; and patterns will be available for fundraising items to make. Members can also bring their own projects to work on (machines are welcome); batting will be available for Stockman quilts.

Jessica Halpin shared information about upcoming fundraising events including July 22 flea market at Fredrick Made, and How to Quilt classes using the Bell Tower pattern. Next events will be in September.

Meet Up Bee will meet at the Common Market on 7th Street, 3-5 p.m., Thursday June 15.

Second Monday Sit & Sew will meet in Fayetteville, PA.

Elections for President and Secretary were held. By unanimous votes, Jessica Halpin and Lynne MacCracken won respectively. Member-made blocks were given to outgoing President, Fran Scher.

Speaker: Cheryl See presented many of her quilts and other projects.

Show and Tell items were presented by Kate Lane, Sharon Price, Peggy Haser, Nancy Woods, Helen Wasserman, Joan Watkins, and Trish Bodine.

Block of the month was shared by Darlene Morris.

Door prize winners were announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne MacCracken, Secretary



## Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Fran Scher.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Robin Rippeon.

Community Service: Details were given about plans for the July meeting. It will be an opportunity to work on service or personal projects.



## Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Programs: One or two people are needed to set up and take down the Show and Tell items each month. Perhaps one person to set up and one to take it down. All speakers scheduled are under contract.

### Schedule:

January: Christen Echols: Virtual; Quilt As You Go

February: Member trunk show

March: Education Night

April: Jan Holwarth: Quilt Collage

May: Lisa Ellis

June: Carol Lyle Shaw: Modern Quilts

July: Break

August: Member trunk show & education night

September: A Quilter's Story

October: Guild Challenge

November: Community Service

December: Holiday Party

Fundraising: Many events are scheduled that include making merchandise for the Delaplaine gift shop; a pop-up and workshop at Delaplaine is scheduled for September; an event at Carroll Creek is scheduled for October (no dates yet); there will be a four-part class series at Frederick Made; and EPP class is also planned at the Delaplaine.

A policy regarding receiving donations will be developed.

Volunteers are needed for most committees: chairs should send the number of needed volunteers to Jessica. A list of the committees and their responsibilities will be posted on the website.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne MacCracken, Secretary





## FUNDRAISING

Exciting things are in store for our Fundraising efforts! July 22nd we have a second Flea Market at Frederick MADE. September 2nd we will be doing a First Saturday Helen Smith workshop for kids using hand crank machines generously loaned by Joan Watkins to create simply hand tied handkerchief quilts. This workshop will take place from 1-3 and I still need 3 more volunteers. A sample made by one of my little helpers is pictured below.



We also have our ArtWalk pop up at the Delaplaine on September 3rd. For this, we would like to focus on Fall themed merchandise, including Halloween and Thanksgiving. If you are looking for ideas, we have patterns posted on the website, and will be doing demos and providing fabric and patterns at July's Guild Service night!

Our Frederick MADE workshop was postponed to September due to availability circumstances. If you originally volunteered, I did not transfer any dates so please let me know if you would like to help out!

Thank you!

Jessica Halpin, Chair

## LAST CHANCE STASH

No Last Chance Stash during the July meeting.

Please save all your donations for the August 10<sup>th</sup> guild meeting. We'll plan to have 5 tables full of items from Mary Beth's estate, plus anything else members would like to donate. Should be fun.

Mary Pauley, Chair





## MEET UP BEE -- CHANGES.....

**# 1 Change** – New Name for this group --- **Wanna Bees**

**#2 Change** – All the rest of our monthly meetings this year will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (not the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday). We hope more people will be able to join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (less conflicts).

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Rockwell Brewery  
880 North East Street, #201  
Frederick, MD 21701  
(301) 732-4880  
[info@rockwellbrewery.com](mailto:info@rockwellbrewery.com)



There are food trucks and restaurants nearby. It's ok to bring your own food, or food to share. They are dog friendly too : ) We hope everyone will join us for some sewing, visiting, getting to know your quilter guild friends.

### Future meetings:

August 24<sup>th</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>  
November 30<sup>th</sup> (moved for after Thanksgiving)  
December 28<sup>th</sup>

Mary Pauley, Coordinator



**ATTENTION: Two President's blocks were made for Fran that were not signed. If you made one and would like to add your name or at least inform her of you are, she'd appreciate it. Thank you.**





## COMMUNITY SERVICE



Join us for our informal Guild Service Night on July 13 from 6PM to 8:45PM. Come sew, cut, and socialize with us. We will be demo-ing how to make the Stockman cancer quilts' bags and also provide free patterns and samples of projects to make for fundraising. Kits, batting, 3 yard bundles of fabrics for backing (last chance to grab this), cutting tools and mats, and extension cords will be available. There will be no Last Chance Stash. Refreshments will be provided.

Jenny Chua, Chair

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For July we will be working on our center applique block (see Pages 12 thru 17 for instructions in the School-girl Sampler book). See Pages 76 and 77 for applique instructions. Feel free to change this motif to one of your own choice if you so desire. The appliqued center will measure 14 ½ by 14 ½. If you don't want to make the whole quilt this would make a nice size wall hanging.

Darlene Morris, Chair



## MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Debra Holt. She has been quilting for over 40 years and belonged to the Mt. Airy guild for 18 years and the Woodlands Texas Guild for 12 years. She would like to learn about landscape and thread painting, as well as collage. A friend told her about our guild. Please welcome Debra to our guild. Happy quilting Debra.

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair



Here's a note from the Hospice team at Frederick Health thanking us for the pillowcases for Camp Jamie.

Robin Rippeon

Thank you for your kind donation of beautiful handmade pillow cases for the children attending Camp Jamie. We are truly blessed to have your support of our efforts to make a difficult journey one of care, comfort and hope.

Sincerely,

The Hospice Team

Unless otherwise stated, no goods or services have been provided by Frederick Health Hospice, in exchange for this gift.



## 2023 CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD CHALLENGE

For our new members, and as a reminder to the rest, we do a challenge each year to exercise your creativity. 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

**Meeting Photos:** *Outgoing President, Fran Scher, passes the bell onto President elect Jessica Halpin. Then Cheryl See gave her trunk show including the one below.*

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# THE COMMON THREAD

Meeting Photos (Continued): And a sampling of Cheryl's appliqued quilts...







Show & Tell Photos... Kate Lane shared her recent beautiful English paper pieced quilts, as well as her electrifying work in progress of fussy cut EPP blocks using Tula Pink's latest fabric line.



Sharon Price stunned with a beautiful Storm at Sea as a gift for her daughter, which she is personally flying to her in Sweden! It was longarmed by Olga Schrichte.

Peggy Haser shared her gorgeous challenge quilt using the "Small Town" pattern from our speaker, Cheryl See.



Nancy Woods literally made us gasp with her breathtaking "Mini Mod" from our recent David Owen Hastings workshop... ----->





Show & Tell Photos (continued)... Nancy also showed a beautiful diamond star quilt made from leftover orange fabrics from a quilt she made her husband years ago.

Helen Wasserman shared one of the wonderful bags she will be demonstrating at our July meeting that go along with our Stockman Community Service quilts, as well as a lovely quilt for the cancer center.



Trish Bodine had us swooning over her garden inspired quilt, using blocks from Burlap and Blossom and mini panel blocks.

Joan Watkins transformed a kit from the Last Chance table into another lovely quilt using a different pattern and coordinating bag for our Stockman Community Service project, quilted by Susan Gnat.

Darlene Morris shared the progress on this year's Block of the Month, the School Girl Sampler. She also shared a wonderful idea for future Community Service or fundraising efforts, an organizer designed to hang off a walker she made for her mother.





Happy Birthday!

- 9 Pat James
- 9 Lois Sovey
- 14 Brenda Barnhardt
- 29 Sally Fink

2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
July 10	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
July 13	Guild Service Night		
July 14 - 17	Mid-Appalachian Quilters Seminar		<a href="http://www.maonline.org">www.maonline.org</a>
July 27	Wanna Bees	In Person	Rockwell Brewery
August 4 - 5	Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show		<a href="http://www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org">www.fourcountyquiltersguild.org</a>
August 10	Kara Mason and Teri Young Lecture "The Stories in Our Quilts"	In Person	<a href="http://www.needleseyestores.com">www.needleseyestores.com</a>
August 14	Sip N Sew	In Person	Sew N Place, Fayetteville, PA 10am - 4pm
August 24	Wanna Bees	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	<a href="http://www.fitforartpatterns.com">www.fitforartpatterns.com</a>
September 14 - 17	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 15- 23	Great Frederick Fair	In Person	<a href="http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com">www.thegreatfrederickfair.com</a>
September 28	Wanna Bees	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 26	Wanna Bees	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 30	Wanna Bees	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 28	Wanna Bees	In Person	Location TBD Monthly

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