



President's Notes

The dog days of summer are upon us. These lazy, hot days are perfectly paired with the slow and soothing stitching of a handwork project, poolside hexies, or big-stitch quilting while watching the fireflies. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, whether you are sewing, relaxing, or vacationing.



Speaking of summer excitement, congratulations to the talented Fran Scher on the publication of her quilt! Fran's striking "On Opposite Sides" was featured in *Curated Quilts* in their latest mini quilt challenge. You can find her quilt in Issue 24 by visiting <https://curatedquilts.com/> (see article on Page 5 of this newsletter).

Happy Quilting!
Jessica



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August 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, **August 10, 2023**

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

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center
40 South Carroll Street
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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.





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2023

The meeting began at 6:30pm on July 13, 2023. This month's time was spent in an informal setting with no set agenda because it conflicted with the annual MAQ seminar which many of our members attend. Some people worked on charity and fundraising projects, while others worked on personal projects. Patterns and fabric were available to learn how to make some of our more popular fundraising items. A demo on how to put together the bags for the Stockman quilts was provided by Helen Wasserman. Jessica presented the plan for the fundraising 9-patch quilt that the guild will be making blocks for and "selling" to make a donation quilt for Heartly House.

A visitor, Kelly Bauer, attended and joined as a new member.

Several people shared their Show and Tell projects, and some very delicious refreshments were shared.

The meeting concluded at 9pm. We will return to the regular meeting format for the August meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne MacCracken

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Quilts and bags for the Stockman Institute will be accepted starting at our regular August meeting. Final due date will be November 9 during the meeting when we plan to host a representative from the Stockman Institute. Don't forget to attach a label to your finished quilt that you can pick up at a meeting. In addition, please take a picture of your quilt and submit to csqg@clusteredspiresquiltguild.org so that we may archive your wonderful work.



Do you need some easy projects to sew? Sew cat hammocks and cat pads for the Animal Welfare League of Frederick County. This is the time when an overabundance of homeless kittens are being born and AWLFC would definitely welcome these cat items. We have a goal of 100 sewn items to reach this year.

Jenny Chua, Chair

AUGUST PROGRAM PREVIEW

Through the Needle's Eye - Dimensional Cotton and Wool Appliqué Designs



Teri Young and Kara Mason are well known for their lovely appliqué and embroidery designs found in many local quilt shops. Their blog, [Telling Stories Through the Needle's Eye](https://needleseystories.blogspot.com/) (<https://needleseystories.blogspot.com/>), tells many of the stories of their stitching adventures. They have a wonderful time designing, stitching, teaching, and writing the stories of their quilts—not to mention stitching quilts about stories! Their designs focus on cotton and wool appliqué embellished with embroidery, using a variety of fibers to add textural dimension. The Program Committee is pleased to welcome Teri and Kara as our guests at the August 10 meeting. The Zoom link will be mailed to all members on the day of the meeting.



Sandy Dunning, Co-Chair



Second Monday, Sew 'N Sip

The next Sew N Sip will be on Monday, August 14 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 at The Sew N Place 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Kelly Bauer is our newest member. She attended the July meeting and threw herself into helping with the various Community Service projects. She moved to Frederick about two years

ago from Montgomery County for the past 20 years. She says she's been quilting on and off for those 20 years while raising her family and she belonged to Friendship Star Quilt Guild for a few years. She recently took a class in collage and thread painting and loved it. Kelly said she's interested in learning more complex quilting, such as appliqué quilts like she saw on the Quilt Show's block of the month. She purchased a long arm last year and is busy learning how to

become proficient with free motion and computerized quilting. She said she knew about Clustered Spires and decided to visit when she moved in Frederick and her neighbors joined. She really enjoyed the first meeting after visiting us once last year and being very impressed. Welcome Kelly and we're sure you'll have fun and make a lot of new friends.



Currently, we have 77 members and the online directory has been updated.

Sandy Dunning, Darlene Morris, Co-Chairs with Contribution by Brenda Barnhardt

SUNSHINE NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Joan Watkins' husband, Gilmore Wayne House, passed away. I asked Joan what she wanted me to say when I informed the guild and she wrote the following:

"My dear husband Gil passed away June 30. He had cancer lesions on both lungs and liver. We thought we had a few more months to finish important things but God had other plans. Funeral arrangements will probably be the end of the month. Thank for all for your concern and prayers. I and my family surely need and appreciate them."

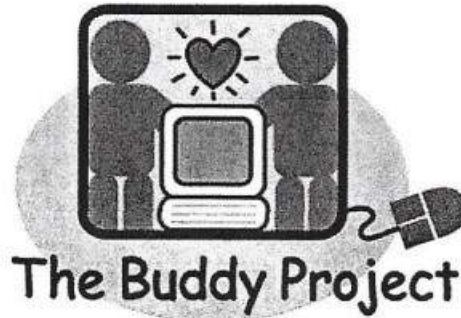
Please reach out to Joan at this very sad time and let her know that you're thinking of her. Joan's contact information is:

Joan Watkins
8429 Fingerboard Road
Frederick, MD 21704
Email: joanspatches@gmail.com

Please remember to include a 5-inch square of floral fabric with your card. Thank you very kindly for being part of our caring, creative community.

Olga Schrichte, Chair





Friday, July 14th 2023

Robin Rippeon
Treasurer
Clustered Spires Quilt Guild
201 Bennett Court
Thurmont, MD 21788

Dear, Ms. Rippeon and the Clustered Spires:

Thank You So much for Your donation in Memory of Gilmore House. Your generous donation will support our program in providing computers to people with disabilities and low income. Mr. House was a amazing champion for people with disabilities in Frederick County.

In Friendship,

Eric D. Zimmerman
The Buddy Project Inc.

I am thankful!
My quilting friends are the very best!
I am so grateful for the outpouring of love, prayers and caring after Gil passed on.
I am still making my way through the mountain of cards!
Thank you,
Joan Watkins



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For August, we will be working on Blocks 31 thru 45. I hope everyone was able to complete their applique block in July. Refer to Pages 15, 55 thru 62.

Darlene Morris, Chair

Fran Scher was featured in the *Curated Quilts* in their latest mini quilt challenge publication of her striking quilt "On Opposite Sides."

CURATED QUILTS

MINI QUILT CHALLENGE

Our mini quilt contributors were given a cool palette of fabrics and asked to consider counterpart as inspiration for the Mini Quilt Challenge. We love this collection of mini quilts and hope that you are encouraged to create as you explore each mini quilt. Thank you to each of the makers listed here, and to those not selected—thank you for sharing your work with us!

Visit curatedquilts.com to learn more about the next Mini Quilt Challenge.

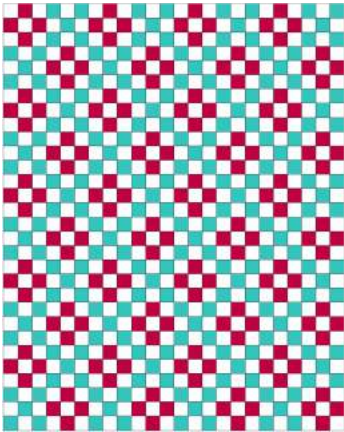


[top]
Pink²
Jennifer Alford
[@cottonsplendor](https://twitter.com/cottonsplendor)

[bottom]
On Opposite Sides
Fran Scher
[@thimbleandtrowel](https://twitter.com/thimbleandtrowel)



FUNDRAISING



Thank you everyone for your continued support and volunteering! Upcoming we have a hand crank handkerchief quilt workshop for kids at the Delaplaine on September 2nd from 1pm - 3pm. We are also looking for volunteers on both September 14 and 24 from 1-4 at Frederick MADE for our 4-part workshop.

Fundraising and Community Service are excited to team up on a new "Buy A Block" initiative. The intention is that members of the guild will make blocks; materials will be available for creating a simple nine-patch block for those who wish to participate. The blocks, once finished, will be sold for \$10 each to create a quilt to be donated to Heartly House at one of their fundraising events on October 21st. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between us and Heartly House.

Kits will be available as cool blocks or warm blocks at the August and September meetings. Above is a draft of the layout: cool blocks will have color in the corners and center, while warm blocks will be the opposite and have white in the corners and center. Each kit will make two blocks.

Jessica Halpin, Chair

Behind The Seams: Committees Keep Our Guild Stitched Together!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved? Or perhaps you want to get to know some of your fellow guild members better? Joining a committee is a wonderful way to contribute to our guild as well as make friends! Over the next several months, we will talk in detail about each committee. For August, we will start with the Newsletter Committee and Fundraising Committee.

Newsletter Committee

Members: Brenda Barnhardt (Chair) -- In Need of (at least) Two More Members!

The Newsletter Committee generates the newsletter and photographs our meetings for both the newsletter and social media. Committee chairs submit their articles and the newsletter is currently created using Microsoft Publisher. Brenda would love help with taking high quality images during meetings, especially in her absence, as well as someone who would be willing to be a backup to create the newsletter in case Brenda is unable to. Finally, someone who can take notes and details during Show and Tell would be a welcome help as this is currently being done by new President Jessica Halpin, which will be a challenge in her new role of leading meetings.

Fundraising Committee

Members: Jessica Halpin (Chair), Danita Frisby (Fat Quarter Basket), Jenny Chua, Mary Pauley (Last Chance Stash) -- In Need of (at least) Two More Members!

The Fundraising Committee is in charge of raising the money needed to make our meetings and programs possible! Fundraising organizes and finds events for sales of products, as well as helps suggest or plan product ideas; arranges and sets up the Last Chance Stash table; plans and coordinates classes and workshops for the public; and arranges other fundraising efforts such as Opportunity Quilt and raffles.

The Fundraising Committee typically communicates via group emails vs formal meetings, although they do have 1-2 Zoom meetings a year. Fundraising welcomes help with members who can help volunteer at events and operate the Square to accept credit card payments, as well as members who are interested in planning and leading beginner workshops or classes for the public.

Jessica Halpin, President



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

LAST CHANCE STASH

We will resume our Last Chance Stash for the August guild meeting. We hope everyone has saved up their no longer needed or loved fabrics, patterns, books, and notions to donate to the sale. It’s always fun to find something new and unexpected at a bargain price. We all surely enjoy the shopping and social time.

WANNA BEES

Our next Wanna Bee get together will be:

Thursday, August 24th
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Cugino Forno - Frederick (the former Coca Cola bottling plant)
1705 North Market Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD. 21701

They serve fantastic pizza, gelato, and pastries!
All CSQG members - please join us!

Mary Pauley, Chair





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|----|----------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Karen Smith | 25 | Nancy Speck |
| 4 | Trish Bodine | 27 | Teresa Killar |
| 5 | Cindy Shugars | 28 | Julia Triman |
| 17 | Sharon Price | 20 | MJ Greer |
| 24 | Kathy Phillips | 21 | Lisa Newcomer |

Meeting Photos... This shows the table of donated fabrics cut up and bundled for Community Service projects. Julia Triman and Lisa Huffman were busy making some of them. At right, Helen Wasserman demonstrated how to make quilt tote bags for the Stockman cancer quilts with Pat James observing.



Above left, Marilyns Gilbert showed a Stockman cancer quilt she finished. Working on various projects at the meeting are: Fran Scher, Danita Frisby, Jessica Halpin, Lynne MacCracken, Nancy Speck, Kelly Bauer, Nancy Woods, Kathy Cramer and Dawn Worley. Continued on Page 9





Meeting Photos (Continued)... Dot White and Helen Wasserman worked on their Community Service items. **Show & Tell** followed with Nancy Speck sharing her "Door Prize Quilt", made with fabrics won as a previous meeting's door prize. Barbara Scuderi showed the first of three items. One was a sampler from a Brita Nelson class.



The second, a small challenge quilt for the Antietam Quilt Guild below. The third is a zig zag Stockman cancer quilt of half-square Triangles from Barbara's extensive beach fabric stash.

Barbara Ogden wowed everyone with a project of a hand carved face.

Danita Frisby shared her Stockman quilt titled "Sticks and Stones" with a matching tote bag for it.

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Meeting Photos (Continued) ... Sheila Peters, Sally Fink, Marcia Walker and Dawn Worley enjoyed the social opportunities of the Community Service work session. Finally, Kathy Cramer and Joan Watkins got it done. Joan made a cute stuffed animal that was offered with a pattern and donated fabric. A lot was accomplished and progress was made towards meeting our Community Service commitments for this year.



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
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 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	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 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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