



President's Notes



Happy Spooky Season! Halloween is one of my most beloved holidays -- from making costumes for my children to scary movies, I love it all! For those of you with young children in your lives, be sure to check out *The Little Ghost Who Was a Quilt* by Riel Nason for some fun seasonal reading!

October is also our Challenge meeting, which is my favorite meeting of the year. I love seeing all the creative things our members do with our prompts, and it is really a way for us to inspire and teach one another. There is still a little time before the meeting, so don't hesitate to create something. The best thing about this challenge is even if you don't have time to start something new, you can pull out a UFO and embellish to your heart's content!

Jessica



Lynne MacCracken has unfortunately resigned from her position as guild Secretary. We thank Lynne for her service to the guild. We are looking for a new Secretary as soon as possible. Contact Jessica if you're interested.

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October 2023 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, **October 12, 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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Pillowcase Project: Kate Lane
Public Relations: Kara Jones
Programs: Sandy Dunning & Fran Scher
Quilt Show: Joan Watkins
Refreshments: Linda Beavers
Sunshine: Olga Schrichte
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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.



Happy Halloween
October 29 - National Cat Day



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President, Jessica Halpin.

We had one guest, Sheila ?, and one new member, Nancy Orzechowski.

Finances: Income = \$9,674.55; Expenses = \$5,285.13; Net = \$4,389.42

Community Service: We need approximately 70 additional cat hammocks to meet our goal of 100.

Membership and Newsletter committees are looking for additional members.

Kara Jones will head the Public Relations and Community Outreach Committees.

The Holiday Banquet will be held in December. Signup sheets will be posted along with gift exchange instructions.

A proposal was made to create a Member's Lending Library, and it passed. Danita Frisby has agreed to be our librarian and will store the items at her home.

If you have any additional Stockman quilts, please contact one of our longarm quilters as soon as possible.

Fran Scher has suggested having a Zoom bee for long arm quilters & will post a signup sheet.

The 2024 programs will be announced at the October meeting.

The Fit for Art program was presented by Carrie Emerson and Rae Cumbie, and followed by Show & Tell.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne MacCracken, Secretary

Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Agenda:

Budget Review

Program Needs

Membership - Increasing membership and participation in committees, Membership education ideas

Budget presented by Robin Rippeon, Treasurer: Income = \$9,674.55; Expenses = \$930.62.

Our membership for Zoom ends when Sandy Dunning's personal membership ends. This should be in the name of the guild. Cost is around \$200.

Programs & Memberships: Fran Scher has taken the lead on six of next year's programs and Sandy is the lead on the other six. A slide show with them will be presented in October. One month is still unscheduled. Should we plan another Sew In? Do we need to revive the members' trunk show?

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Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2023 (Continued)

Assistance is needed for the Membership Committee. We need someone to sit at the sign-in table at meetings. Darlene Morris has volunteered to do so.

The new directory is available on the website.

We will continue with the same nametags.

Members who pay with PayPal will automatically receive an information packet.

We would like to appoint someone to take care of Public Relations for the guild.

The greatest need for our committees is to get more assistance for Brenda Barnhardt in producing the newsletter, mostly for the meeting photos.

Someone is also needed to take care of the door prizes each month.

A proposal for a members' lending program will be made at the September meeting.

Robin is trying to create an inventory of all our equipment (canopies, tables, chairs racks, etc.)

How can we more consistently support our charities?

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne MacCracken, Secretary

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

While the judging of the Challenge Quilts takes place, the Program Committee will reveal the programs for the 2024 year.

Sandy Dunning, Co-Chair

HOSPITALITY

A huge thank you goes out to Sally Fink, Kasey Channell, and Dawn Worley for volunteering to help out at the front Registration and Welcome table! Please be sure to thank them when you sign in this month!

Sandy Dunning

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Clustered Spires is on Social Media!

Did you know that our guild has both a Facebook and Instagram presence? Be sure to follow our accounts for meeting reminders, recaps, upcoming events and more! We're at <https://www.facebook.com/ClusteredSpiresQuiltGuild> on Facebook and [@clusteredspiresquilts](https://www.instagram.com/clusteredspiresquilts) on Instagram.

Kara Jones, Chair



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. **October 12 is the deadline - It's not too late.** 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, Marty Simmons (welcome to the committee Marty!) or Brenda Barnhardt.

October meeting information: Please arrive early if you have an entry so you can drop them off to enter the competition. They will be hung anonymously behind a divider hidden from the rest of the room. When they're ready, everyone will be invited to view the entries and vote for their favorite. The committee will tally the votes and determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners which will be announced after intermission. Those who entered a project will then pick up their entries and Show & Tell them. Gift cards to downtown Frederick shopping will be awarded for \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively. Regular Show & Tell will follow.



We could use a few extra hands with accepting, hanging and taking down the entries. Come extra early and please see Brenda, Julie, Stella, Olga or Marty at the meeting to volunteer.

Brenda Barnhardt, Chair





MEMBERSHIP



In September we had two new members join our guild. Please welcome Nancy Orzechowski and Marianne Szuberta.

Nancy is new to the area and has been quilting for 30 years. She was previously a member of the Queen Anne's County Quilt Guild in Centreville, MD; recently donated historical information to the local 4-H museum at the Queens County Fairground as the quilt guild folded. She is interested in all areas of quilting. Her daughter-in-law (Tracy Orzechowski) who lives in Frederick told her about us and she attended our August meeting.



Marianne moved here in 2019 and has been quilting for 15 years. She makes art quilts as well as functional quilts for people she loves and organizations such as Quilt for Kids. She is interested in reducing textile waste and primarily uses her own hand painted, recycled fabrics in her art quilts. She uses commercial fabrics for functional quilts and saves scraps to use in future quilts. She would like to improve her free motion quilting skills and learn more about quilting in the hoop. She found us through an on-line search for local quilt guilds.

We now have 82 members. Thank you for referring your friends.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Morris, Co-Chair

BOM – October



This month we will be completing Blocks 67 thru 72. Once all your blocks are finished, you can work on the 92 half-square triangles that will go around the two small borders. If you don't wish to make a larger quilt you could just add your borders without the half-square triangles and you will be done. Borders or no borders is up to you.

I will have two of the mini-sampler quilts from the book at Show and Tell. Happy quilting!

Darlene Morris – Chair BOM



Behind The Seams: Committees Keep Our Guild Stitched Together!

A huge welcome and thank you to Kelly Bauer for joining Programs.

We are so grateful to have Kara Jones step up as Public Relations/Community Outreach chair.

Programs is still in need of at least one more member, and the Newsletter Committee is still looking for two more people. Please see the chairs or sign up online via Sign Up Genius if you are interested. The link for Sign Up Genius is available in the Members section of our website.

Jessica Halpin, President



FUNDRAISING

We have been busy this past month with classes! Our class at Frederick MADE has been a wonderful success and wraps up October 1st. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to help. We could not have pulled it off without members stepping up and it is extremely gratifying to pass on our love of quilting to others.



Coming up, we have holidays events to finish out the year, as well as one more workshop. We have been confirmed for a large, two day pop up at the Delaplaine Nov 11-12. We also have submitted our application for HarvestFest at St. Katharine Drexel. Please see the dates below and let me know if you are able to volunteer.

Heartly House Walk a Mile in Their Shoes - October 21st 9:00am - noon at Baker Park (volunteers for set up & break down). This is for the "Buy A Block" initiative.

HarvestFest - Set up at 7:00 pm on October 27

Market on Saturday October 28 from 8:00am - 3:00pm (volunteers for 8:00 - 12:15 and noon - 3:30)

Delaplaine Pop Up - November 11, 10:00am - 4:30pm (volunteers for 9:00 - 12:30 and noon - 4:30)

November 12, 11:00am - 4:30pm (volunteers from 11:00 - 1:45 and 1:30 to 4:30)

English Paper Pieced Patches Workshop - November 18 - 12:30 - 4:00

Worman's Mill - November 18 -- This event can only be staffed by members of Worman's Mill, please contact Mary Pauley for details.

Jessica Halpin, Chair



Happy Birthday October Babies

1	Nancy East	19	Nancy Easley
3	Becky Lyon	22	Joan Quinlan
4	Susan Gnat	25	Linda Beavers
8	Libi Driggers	27	Miriam Reeser
9	Peggy Haser	30	Julie Howell



NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase **Quilt Show**

& Artisan Boutique

Friday, Oct. 6, 2023
- 9AM to 6PM

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023
- 9AM to 4PM

200+ Quilts & Fiber Arts on Display
Opportunity Quilt Raffle

Handcrafted Fiber Art for Sale
Raffle Baskets, Calico Elephant

Admission \$8
Kids under 12 free • Free Parking

Kensington Armory/Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, Maryland

Our "It's a Material World" Quilt Show

Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7, 2023

Kensington, Maryland, Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell Street

This biennial show at the Kensington Town Office (formerly Armory) is a true celebration of all things "quilt!" Join us as we display over 200 of our members' quilts. As past visitors know, our Artisan Boutique is THE place to shop for unique

and beautiful gifts you won't find anywhere else (bags, covered journals, household items, etc.). Take advantage of our huge Calico Elephant, our "Buy-It-Now" sale, and buy a chance on our queen-size Opportunity Quilt or a raffle basket of quilting goodies. This show is not to be missed!

Show Hours and Admission

- o Friday, October 6, 2023, 9am to 6pm
- o Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9am to 4pm

General Admission

\$8.00, includes readmission; children under 12 are free. Free parking. Credit Cards Accepted.

<https://www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show-2023-public.htm>

Janine Farhat <janinegs@hotmail.com>

Hello Quilters!

Member Sally Fink recently upgraded her long arm and is selling her Babylock Coronet on a 5ft Coronet frame. I (Jessica Halpin) personally longarm on Handiquilter's equivalent machine and it is a wonderful way to be able to longarm in a smaller space. Below is information and pictures. Sally also let me know her husband will deliver it and help set it up in your space!

If you are interested, please contact Sally by email at sfink504@comcast.net or call her at 240-750-4695.

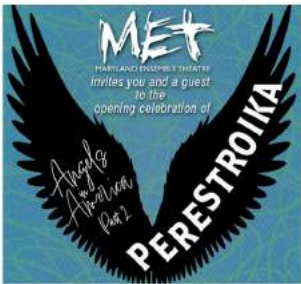
Babylock Coronets For Sale - \$5,000

- Coronet long arm with approximately 350 hours of use
- 5 ft Coronet Frame
- Electronic bobbin winder
- All standard accessories including frame clips, hopping foot, open toe hopping foot
- All original tools for both the long arm and the frame, including instruction manuals
- Additional accessories:
- Coronet Frame Pole Upgrade : **MODEL#:** BLCTFPU1
- Ruler base, 10 M class bobbins, 10 needles

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Babylock Coronets For Sale (Continued)



Opening Night Reception & Performance
Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika

Friday, September 29th
6PM At DISTRICT Arts

Attend the reception before the show! Meet at DISTRICT Arts on Market St. around the corner from MET to view the remembrance quilt panel on loan from the National AIDS Memorial. There will be complimentary drinks courtesy of MET's Board of Trustees as well as delicious hors d'oeuvre choices by Ensemble Emeritus Lorrie Lee. Enjoy great company, learn about the history of the AIDS epidemic, and hear about how HIV/AIDS still impacts us today. Then make your way over to MET to see the opening performance beginning at 7PM. I hope that you can join us!

All the best,

Andrea Baker
Development & Community Outreach Manager
Maryland Ensemble Theatre
Tickets: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35900/production/1163141>

AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT COMMUNITY DISPLAY PROGRAM

The quilt is the largest community arts project in the world. Quilt panels are individually displayed upon request throughout the nation. Maryland Ensemble Theatre and DISTRICT Arts are happy to provide free public viewing of the quilt at DISTRICT Arts from September 29th through October 29th!

The AIDS Memorial Quilt helps educate people about HIV/AIDS, its continued impact today, and to remember the 700,000 U.S. lives lost in the four decades since the first cases were reported. Today, there are roughly 50,000 panels dedicated to more than 110,000 individuals in this epic 54-ton tapestry.



Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika (Continued)

DISTRICT Arts will stay open until showtime on September 29th so that you can see the quilt. Otherwise, please stop by during DISTRICT Arts' gallery hours (Wednesday & Thursday 12PM - 6PM, Friday & Saturday 11AM - 6PM, and Sunday 11AM - 5PM) before you come to see the show, shopping, or dining downtown and check out the other art while you are there, too!

Submitted by Jennifer Chua

PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 GREAT FREDERICK FAIR GUILD MEMBERS' ENTRIES... Row #1 - Julie Howell's Spools wall quilt won 3rd prize for its category, black & white with flowers won 2nd, and plaid circular flowers on navy background won 1st.



Row #2, Julie's quilt with print flowers won 1st, and her batik "scrap" quilt was stunning. To the right, Kate Lane made an English paper pieced quilt of stars in hexagons blocks with a scalloped binding winning 2nd prize.



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FREDERICK FAIR PHOTOS (Continued)... Olga Schriche's three entries are a wall quilt promoting "Love", a Celtic block quilt which one 1st prize in its category, and a mottled light blue background quilt with gold and other warm colored vertical strips that took 2nd prize.



Sharon Keller had 3 entries with an embroidered Zebra, a red brick building that took 1st place, and a quilt with a summer theme of bicycles, bikini, trees, and beach umbrellas.



Below, Darlene Morris's entries begin with a quilt of bold black and purple geometrics, a snowmaen reversible apron winning 1st place, and sampler in fall colors which took a 2nd prize.



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FREDERICK FAIR PHOTOS (Continued)... Finishing up with Darlene, she entered a bowl holder and red quilt with black and white squares. At right is a walker tote bag. Congratulations to everyone. Thanks to Julie Howell, Olga Schrichte, Sharon Keller, Robin Rippeon and Darlene Morris for providing photographs.



GUILD MEETING AND SHOW & TELL PHOTOS... A few photos of the speakers, Carrie Emerson (in the print blouse) and Rae Cumbie's trunk show. Patterns were for sale at the meeting and online at www.fitforartpatterns.com...



more photos on Page 15.

Olga Schrichte shared with us one of her quilts for Stockman, a 3 yard quilt pattern called "Landslides" with some custom variation, along with a matching bag. Olga also showed us her adorable project from Charlotte's "Clam Up" class.



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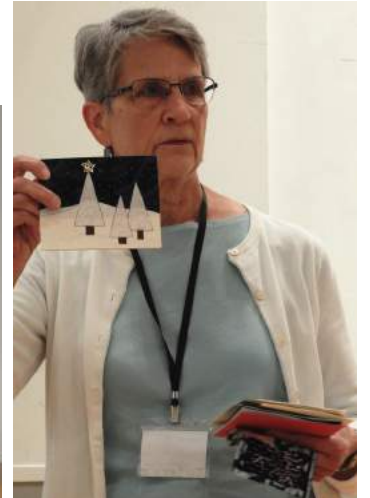




SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Barbara Ogden brought two lovely wall hangings she made some time ago. Barbara also showed us stockings she made for fundraising from kits she got from our July sit and sew.



Julie Howell shared her wonderful and considerate handmade cards she has made over the years for loved ones that have gone through tough times. What a beautiful idea!



Cindy Shugars showed her stunning finish of "Sunday Best", a 2020 Block Of The Month. She also shared two quilts made for Quilts For Kids. Lastly, she shared her "Easy Does It" bag from By Annie. Continued on Page 13





THE COMMON THREAD

SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... The participants of Helen Wasserman's mandala quilt class shared their beautiful creations. Helen, for Peggy Haser who was absent, Sandy Dunning, Dot White and Fran Scher showed their works.



Below, Fran showed a gorgeous galaxy inspired improv piece created during a workshop from Julia Graves called "Amazing Abstracts" -- some of you may remember Julia as one of our speakers last year.

Dot shared her lovely Stockman quilt and matching bag. Sandy also showed her two magnificent Stockman quilts.



Below, Sandy Dunning and Mary Pauley shared their absolutely charming vintage quilt



sheep made in a class at Capital Quilts. Darlene Morris her show-stopping center applique block.

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SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Darlene also displayed the progress so far on the Block of the Month. Nancy Orzechowski wowed us with her fantastic twister Jack -o'-lantern. She has also made a queen size bed quilt using the same technique and an Easter bunny. Jane Hammond shared a sweet and simple baby quilt, made to be used and not tucked away for safe keeping!



Sue Heslin showed us her beautiful donations for Stockman, quilts and bags made almost entirely from her stash. Dawn Worley shared her lovely strip quilt made for Stockman. Another wonderful quilt for Stockman, MJ Greer made this quilt using leftover airplane fabrics from a quilt made for her son who works in aeronautics.



Thanks to Jessica for Show & Tell explanations.



MJ also showed a gorgeous wool applique piece reminiscent of her former garden in New York that is greatly missed.

Finally, Sue Kemp turned in a Stockman quilt but did not display at Show & Tell.





2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
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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Extra photos from Carrie and Rae's trunk show since we have extra space...



Mark your calendars now!

Worman's Mill Community

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 18th, 2023

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Worman's Mill Clubhouse - 2470 Stony Creek Road, Frederick



20+ Local Artists & Crafters

Find one of a kind, hand crafted gifts for everyone on your list!

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