



## President's Notes



As 2024 begins, let us all take a moment to reflect on all of our amazing accomplishments as a guild in 2023! I am so proud of all the various efforts we had, from Community Service to Fundraising to Sit-and-Sew. We were so lucky to grow and have many wonderful additions to our committees and Board.

Our holiday banquet was a wonderful success due to the hard work and commitment of all those involved in planning. A special thanks to Jenny Chua for everything she did in organizing such a beautiful party for us to celebrate! I also want to send special acknowledgment to Mary Pauley and Fran Scher for taking over many of my duties for the banquet when I could not attend, and thank you so much for all the wonderful well wishes from all of you. Astra has recovered fully and had a great Christmas.

Here's to another year of joy, sewing, and unforgettable quilts with an unforgettable guild!

Cheers,  
Jessica



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## January 2024 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**  
Thursday, January 11, 2024

### 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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**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  
December 14, 2023

1. Fran Scher led the meeting in Jessica's absence due to illness.
2. One guest - Kathy ? and Aynex Mercado, a former guild member, who sold her calendars.
3. Business Topics:
  - A. Treasurer's Report
  - B. Gift Baskets
  - C. Kate Lane has offered to chair 2 raffle quilts for fundraising in 2024. One will be a t-shirt quilt with a breweries theme, and the other based on the new Frederick logo.
  - D. Community Service - Marty Simmons will start out the year as chair.
4. Game playing ensued.
5. Trish Bodine has offered to Co-Chair the 2024 Holiday Banquet with Jennifer Chua.
6. Show & Tell came next.
7. Gift basket winners were Dot White, Barbara Ogden, Barbara Scuderi and Fran Scher.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Brenda Barnhardt

### December Holiday Banquet

Thank you to all the members who attended the December banquet. I had a lot of fun but that is only possible because I was able to share it with you.

I want to express my appreciation to the members who volunteered and to those who took on tasks when others were unwell: Lisa Huffman, Julia Triman, Helen Wasserman, Kathy Cramer, Jessica Halpin, Kelly Bauer, Mary Pauley and Fran Scher.

I would like to thank Trish Bodine, who has volunteered to co-chair Holiday Banquet 2024 with me.

If you liked a particular aspect of this year's holiday banquet and would like it to continue or have any suggestions for improvement, please tell or email me or Trish Bodine.

Happy holidays and stay safe out there!

Jenny Chua, December Banquet Chair





FUNDRAISING

We are already starting to gear up for 2024 fundraising efforts! Don't forget that we have our 2023 Thank You raffle at the January meeting. Everyone who volunteered or contributed throughout 2023 was given an entry for each effort. Please see below for upcoming events.



**Sunday, January 21, 1-4pm | Kid's Charity Sewing @ Frederick MADE**

Jessica Halpin and Joan Watkins to bring hand crank machines and man the event. Lisa Huffman volunteered to help precut fabrics.

**Saturday, January 27, 12-2 | Sit and Quilt @ Frederick MADE**

Julia Triman, Sally Fink, and Jessica Halpin will be volunteering for the event. We have space for one more volunteer.



**Sunday, February 4, 1pm | Churn Dash Pillow Cover @ Frederick MADE**

Jessica Halpin and Sally Fink will be volunteering for the event. We have space for two more volunteers. Sally Fink and Kasey Channell have volunteered to help precut fabrics for kits.

**Saturday, March 16 & March 23, 12-4 | Cherry Blossom Fusible Applique Landscape @ Frederick MADE**

A two part workshop. I could use 2-3 volunteers for each class. I am also looking for volunteers who have pink scraps that are pink on both sides to cut "confetti" for this. Please reach out to me for details!



Jessica Halpin, Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

In January we will begin a new BOM. The book is Arcadia Avenue, a BOM quilt pattern. These are hexagon paper-pieced blocks. I purchased the book at Patches in Mt. Airy. Cost was \$24.95.

I will check to see if there is an alternate pp hexagon in Quilters Cache for those who may not want to purchase the book. Hope you will join us in 2024.

Darlene Morris, Chair

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE



I have confirmed our use of the conference room at LSWG for these dates in 2024 for our Board Meetings at 7pm: March 7, June 6, Sept 4, Nov 7.

Robin Rippeon, Treasurer



## LAST CHANCE STASH

Happy New Year!

We will be starting back with a clean Last Chance Stash table for our January guild meeting. Everything that was left from 2023 has made it into members' projects, Community Service quilts, supplies for guild taught sewing classes, or made into items for fundraising, sold at craft flea market sales, and finally, donated materials to charity organizations to make other items for those in need.

Let's all get a fresh new year start. Clear out any fabrics, notions, patterns, or books that you no longer love, want, or need. Donate them to the Last Chance Stash table for other members to purchase, love, spark ideas, and to make something new. Plus we all have fun mingling over all the treasures.

Mary Pauley, Chair

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We supported 6 charitable organizations for 2023 and I would like to continue that tradition to provide different ways our members could get be involved and help our Frederick community at large. We are currently soliciting suggestions.

Marty Simmons has kindly offered to get our Community Service project up and running for 2024 and I have accepted gladly to give me some time off. If you have a charitable organization you would like to see supported, please email her. Please include: (1) name of the organization, (2) why you like them, (3) organization's contact information, (4) their needs, and (5) any other relevant information that the Community Service committee can use to make its decision.

Happy Holidays!  
Jenny Chua, Chair

## PROGRAMS



Join us at the Delaplaine on January 11th to see Kristin Echols present her virtual lecture "A Lesson in Every Quilt." She will show over 40 of her quilts and describe the lessons learned in making each quilt. Over half the quilts were made using the Quilt-As-You-Go method. She will also show the ugliest quilt she ever made and tell us about the lessons she learned! To learn more, visit her website at <https://kristinlaura.com>.

Also in January, plan to view "Quilting Frederick", an exhibit of quilts by local Frederick artist Aynex Mercado, We will ask the Delaplaine to have the gallery open for us during social time starting at 6 pm. The exhibit runs from January 6 to February 25.

Fran Scher, Co-Chair





Here are some of the responses we've received for the Stockman Cancer Center quilts our guild donated...

Mary Alice Garst Cutshall  
I received this quilt made by [Clustered Spires Quilt Guild](#) 3 weeks ago. This is me today receiving dose #5 of 12 chemotherapy. Thank you to the angel that made it. I treasure it. ❤️



16h Like Reply Message



Author

Clusted Spires Quilt Guild

❤️ Thank you Mary for sharing this with us! We hope the quilt keeps you warm and wish you the best in your treatment!

From: "Gerber, Jodi A." <[JGerber@Frederick.health](mailto:JGerber@Frederick.health)>

To: "Jennifer Chua" <[jennchua@yahoo.com](mailto:jennchua@yahoo.com)>

Cc:

Sent: Wed, Dec 20, 2023

Subject: Another picture and write up from patient at JMCSI who received a quilt

This is Donovan, who has been getting cancer treatment at James M. Stockman Cancer Institute for over 2 years. He was overjoyed to get this quilt. He verbalized, "I just love this quilt with its beautiful colors and animals! I am going to put it under my Christmas tree and wrap it around me Christmas Eve and every night on. It is so special, so I want to recognize that and save it for Christmas to start using it."

Donovan received this quilt the end of November. He is choosing to wait until Christmas Eve to use it to recognize how very special it is to him and has kept it under his Christmas tree this whole time!!

Jodi Gerber, OSW-C, LCSW-C  
Oncology Social Worker, JMCSI



Donovan enjoying his quilt.





Hello quilters,

Sandy emailed me to let me know that Renee Kirschner has reached out looking for someone who will help restore or repair a quilt. I unfortunately don't have details of the project, but if you are interested, please reach out using the information below.

Renee Kirschner  
[dkirsch1234@aol.com](mailto:dkirsch1234@aol.com)

Thank you!  
Jessica

### MEMBERSHIP

We had two new members join in December. Please welcome Carol Morrell (photo at right). She has been quilting for over 10 years but has not belonged to any previous guilds. Interested in learning and improving free motion quilting and heard about us through Kate Lane. Welcome Carol and thank you for joining our guild.



Patricia Boggs is new to the area and has not belonged to a guild for several years. She loves unusual and bright fabrics and has made several Kaffe quilts. She had a stroke in 2017 and has lingering left hand disability. Patricia is hoping belonging to an active guild will inspire her to adapt her sewing to her limitations. She heard about us through the "Everything Frederick" Facebook group. Welcome Patricia and we hope you will enjoy the programs coming in 2024.

Thank you to all our members for your support, joining or renewing your memberships. We all are looking forward to the Programs planned for 2024. Happy New Year and Happy Quilting!

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair



Art Quilts

Nancy Galloway · Just now · 🌐



A girl and a glue gun

1d · 🌐

How fabric is really organized





### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Dawn Worley	19	Nancy Pedersen
3	Becky Swift	19	Denise Wagenaar
10	Marcia Walker	26	Nancy Orzechowski
12	Jennifer Reckley	26	Fran Scher
14	Frances Shearer	27	Barbara Ogden
15	Eleanor Weitzel	27	Marianne Szuberla
17	Sandy Dunning	31	Carol Morrell

Highlights from the December meeting and Show & Tell... We had food catered by Wegman's and a cookie exchange for the holiday banquet. Jennifer Chua, who chaired the program for the evening, showed drawing baskets with items donated by guild members and one by Jennifer to thank the guild for all the support of Community Projects this year. Lucky winners were Dot White, Barbara Ogden, Barbara Scuderi and Fran Scher. Attendees donated food for the Frederick Community Fridge. Three photos of the pot-holders and holiday postcards that were



Danita Frisby made a wall hanging of a buffalo from a Laura Heine workshop.

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Show & Tell (Continued)... Sheila Peters made a quilt for her brother.

Dot White gifted her daughter-in-law with a pink and green quilt.

Olga Schrichte showed three things: a tote bag made with felted hand dyed yarn (front and back), a Christmas tree layered and folded, and a clever fabric magic wallet made with cork fabric.



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
January 11	Kristin Echols, "A Lesson in Every Quilt"	Virtual
Jan 6-Feb 25	Aynex Mercado - Quilting Frederick Exhibition - Delaplaine Center	
February 8	Member Trunk Show	
March 7	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
March 14	"Tips, Tricks and Demos - Let's Learn from Each Other"	
April 11	Jane Haworth "Fabric Collage: What's It All About?"	Virtual
April 12 - 24	Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show, Berryville, VA	
April 27	Jane Haworth's Fabric Collage On-Demand Workshop	
May 9	Lisa Ellis - "Personal Journey as an Art Quilter"	
May 27	Jane Haworth's Fabric Collage Q&A and Show & Tell	
June 6	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
June 13	Carol Lyles Shaw - "What Makes a Quilt Modern"	Virtual
July 11	Community Service Sew Along	
August 8	Member Trunk Show	
September 4	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
September 12	Lesley Riley - "Seduced by Fabric: A Quilter's Story"	
October 10	2024 Guild Challenge	
November 4	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
November 8 - 9	Lancaster - Lebanon Quilt Show, Lebanon, PA	
November 14	Community Service Presentations	
December 12	Annual Holiday Party	

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