



President's Notes



Love is in the air — love for quilting, that is! February brings lots of exciting things to the quilting community. Not only is it the start of our guild's fiscal year and membership renewal, but it also kicks off many of the major quilt shows close to us starting with QuiltCon and Mancuso in Hampton, VA. QuiltCon will be in Raleigh, NC, and we are so lucky to have not one but two talented members with quilts hanging this year! If you are heading down, make sure to check out the beautiful quilts made by Fran Scher and Julie Triman (a team effort with local quilter Aynex Mercado).

Lastly, I'm excited to announce that our guild library will open up this month! You can sign up to check out items via Sign Up Genius. Links are available in the Member's section of the website. There is a truly wonderful collection of books, tools, and notions — including an AccuQuilt GO! If you have items you would like to donate to the library, please contact Danita Frisby, our guild librarian.

I can't sign off without a couple of sewing themed Valentine's greetings, so take your pick:

- My love for you is like my fabric collection — always growing.
- Don't be spoolish! Be my Valentine.
- We go together like a needle and thread, sew won't you be mine?

Happy sewing!
Jessica



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February 2024 Newsletter

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

OFFICERS

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Vice-President: Sandy Dunning
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PayPal Adm: Sandy Dunning
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Programs: Sandy Dunning & Fran Scher
Quilt Show: Joan Watkins
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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. Thank you.

FEBRUARY





CSQG January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The business meeting began at 6:45 with the approval of the December minutes.

Jessica Halpin, President, announced that Sandy Dunning, Membership Co-Chair, was resigning from the committee. However, three members stepped up and volunteered to join the committee and assume the responsibilities required. Kasey Channell, Sally Fink, and Dawn Worley all agreed to work together on the Membership Committee. Thanks goes to these three new members!

Brenda Barnhardt also is stepping down from her years of work as the chair of the Challenge Quilt Committee. Julie Howell and Olga Schrichte volunteered to co-chair this committee. Appreciation and thanks are extended to Brenda for her years of work and to Olga and Julie for assuming the responsibilities of this committee.

Jessica next reviewed the notes and updates that committee members sent to her regarding the activities and status of all the guild committees.

There have been some issues with Comcast regarding email for some members who have a Comcast email account. Jessica indicated that the problem is on the Comcast end, not the guild's email account. Comcast has been working to resolve this issue. Jessica reminded members who do have a Comcast account to check their Spam box. If an email is in their Spam box, they should move it to their Inbox. This will also help resolve the issue.

There were three guests: Judy Goodyear, Shari Wastler and Tessa Gordon.

Guild membership renewals will begin on February 1. There will be a raffle incentive as well. Any member joining by March 1 will be entered into a raffle to win a basket of sewing goodies.

A raffle drawing was then held for all members who had volunteered their time and talents this current guild year. The winner of this raffle was Jenny Chua.

The program began with Fran Scher introducing the guest speaker, Kristin Echols, of Kristen Laura Designs. Her lecture was entitled, "A Lesson in Every Quilt."

Show and Tell followed after a brief break when the program ended.

Door prize winners were Julie Howell, Judy Goodyear, Kasey Channell and Joan Watkins.

Julie Howell also won the Fat Quarter drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Dunning,
Substitute Secretary



COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service Committee is hard at work trying to select a primary charitable activity for 2024. We've gotten a few suggestions from the guild membership, and we'd love to receive more. If we don't use your suggestions this year, we'll save them for next year which will help us kick off our 2025 work! We're hoping to make our final selection and present it to the membership in February.

Marty Simmons, Chair



PROGRAMS

February Meeting - Happy Valentine's Day!

For our February meeting we invite you to join in the festivities and bring a 5 inch square of pink, red, heart, or Valentine's fabric! All squares will be put together and drawn for as a special door prize. Receive one red ticket for each square you bring. A regular door prize will also be drawn.



We also would love to see your Valentine's quilts for Show and Tell! Red, pink, heart, and general love inspired pieces are all welcome.

Notice: Email issues with Comcast addresses... We have been having some issues with emails not being received by members with @comcast.net email addresses. If you are not receiving emails, please send an email to my personal email address: barksdalejessica@gmail.com. Be sure to check Spam folders and add the guild's email to your address book/known addresses. The guild email is csqg@clusteredspiresquiltguild.org. We have sent a ticket into Comcast but it would help more for someone with a Comcast email to submit a ticket.

Jessica Halpin



The February Program will feature four of our guild members. Sue Richter, new guild member and owner of Charlotte's Cottage, will begin the program. She will tell us about her own quilting journey and show some of her own quilts. Susan Gnatt will assist her by showing some of the shop quilts, as well as some of her own. She is a fairly new long arm quilter and will also show some of her lovely quilting work. Two of our new guild members who have also joined the Program Committee, Kelly Bauer and Sheila Peters, will then tell us about their quilting journeys. Each will bring some of their work to share with us. The program will then be followed up with our Show & Tell. Don't miss our February meeting where we will celebrate the talent of our own members!

Sandy Dunning, 978-806-7894, sdunning0117@gmail.com, Co-chair



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE - CORRECTION

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, **September 4 (NOTE CORRECTION)**, November 7.

MEMBERSHIP

February starts our new year and we are encouraging everyone to get their memberships payments (\$35) in early. Use our website to pay by PayPal or you can bring a check/cash with you at our next meeting. Prizes will be given away as an incentive for early sign-ups. Thank you for supporting our guild.

We have a new member to welcome. Laurie Gelb is new to the area, living in Gettysburg and found our

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MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

guild on the internet. She's been quilting over 30 years and is interested in wool embellishment. Laurie also says "I love color, batiks, Kaffe Fassett fabrics and always to learn new techniques and ways to use fabric. I am excited to join to make quilting friends and for inspiration!" We'll catch up with her at this month's meeting for a photo.



We also have another new member who's probably been helping behind the scenes... Sean Halpin. He lives in Frederick with his wife, our President, Jessica. He says he's been quilting less than a year and the following: "...I hear about CSQG quite a bit. :) I am horribly uncreative. I just want to make some cool stuff for my daughters and get involved in crafty things that my wife enjoys!" We'll include his picture next issue too.

Darlene Morris, Chair and Brenda Barnhardt

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE



The committee has determined a theme for the December exhibit: "Inspired by...". There are so many possibilities for this one!

Since we will have the larger gallery this year, we should be able to hang lots more quilts than last time, including some

larger quilts.

The next committee meeting will be February 12 at 7 pm by Zoom.

Joan Watkins, joanspatches@gmail.com, Chair

LAST CHANCE STASH

Yes, we will have Last Chance Stash tables set up for the February guild meeting. Looking forward to another successful sale. Arrive early and shop for the best items.

Mary Pauley, Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Fly Away is the name of our block for January. It is from **Arcadia Avenue** by Sassafra Lane Designs. I spoke with Jackie at Patches and she is willing to order the pattern for you. Just drop by and let her know, or you can check on-line. I think the first block was a bit of a challenge to get the points to line up. I completed mine this week.

The block for February is called Peacock Feathers. This one is much easier and will go much quicker.

For those who do not want to purchase the book, we have an alternative for you from Quilter's Cache web site. The pattern is called **Hexed Stars** and is a 6 inch pattern. You will only need to sew two halves together for one block. This will give you some practice on paper piecing. The web site is: <http://www.quilterscache.com>.

Darlene Morris, Chair



Thank you to Sally Fink, Julie Triman, and Danita Frisby for helping with our Sit and Quilt at Frederick MADE, to Sally Fink and Kasey Channell for cutting fabric for our Churn Dash pillow cover class, and to Sally Fink and Brenda Barnhardt for volunteering for the upcoming Churn Dash pillow cover class. Here is what we have up and coming:

Sat, Mar 16, 12-4 | Cherry Blossom Landscape Part 1 | Frederick MADE
Jessica Halpin, Trish Bodine, Cindy Shugars

Sat, Mar 23, 12-4 | Cherry Blossom Landscape Part 2 | Frederick MADE
Jessica Halpin, Brenda Barnhardt, Kelly Bauer

Saturday, April 6, 1-2:30 | No Sew Super Hero Capes | Brunswick Library
Jessica Halpin, Barbara Scuderi, Pat James (1 more volunteer needed, but the more the merrier)

Saturday, April 6, 3-4:30 | Embroidered Magnets | Brunswick Library
Jessica Halpin and Barbara Scuderi (2 more volunteers needed, but the more the merrier)

If you are able to fill any of these spots, please send me an email. Thank you!

Jessica Halpin, Chair



SUNSHINE NEWS

Lisa Huffman's brother passed away recently. Please take the time to let Lisa know that you're thinking about her and her family at this sad time. Here's Lisa's contact information:

Lisa Huffman
501 Schley Avenue
Frederick, MD 21702
Email: lisadhuffman@yahoo.com

One of our newer members, Joan Quinlan, had a freak accident getting out of her car in her garage a couple of weeks ago. As a result, she broke a femur, ulna, and radius. She was in Shock Trauma and had to undergo surgery. Now, she is recovering in a rehabilitation center in Silver Spring. Joan could use some cards to cheer her up as she recuperates. Here's her contact information:

Joan Quinlan
2947 Mill Island Pkwy
Frederick, MD 21701
Email: joan@heartcentredgrowth.com

Please include a 5-inch swatch of fabric so our friends can make something special when they're up to sewing again.

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SUNSHINE NEWS (Continued)

Thanks again for being part of our caring, creative community.

Olga Schrichte, Chair

W H A P L Y S

Here's a little something to brighten a gloomy Tuesday night! Check out this really cool quilt exhibit at the SAQA (Studio Art Quilts Associates) website.

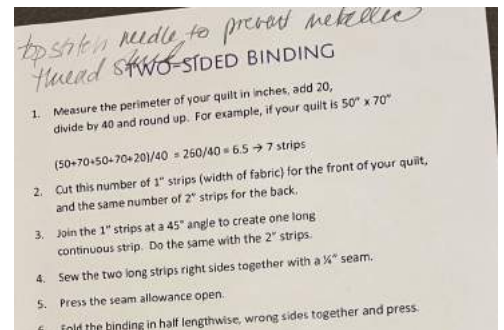
<https://www.saga.com/art/online-galleries/geometric-expressions-saga-virtual-gallery>

Geometric Expressions (SAQA Virtual Gallery)

Scroll down to view the image gallery. Click on any square image to launch the slideshow. Be sure to click See Details under each image to find out more about each piece, including additional images, videos, and statements.

Walk through the gallery or enjoy the guided tour in Geometric Expressions' Virtual Tour!

If you missed the January meeting with Kristin Echols or her handout about binding, here's information...



EVERYBODY'S QUILT GUILD Annual Charity Quilt Bingo

Fri. April 12, 2024

Pleasant Valley Fire Co.
2030 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Westminster, MD 21158

BINGO: 6:30PM
(Doors open at 5:00PM)

Assorted Sizes of Quilts & Bags
Raffles and Door Prizes
Food/Drinks Available

\$25.00 per ticket (\$20.00 in advance)

For Tickets in Advance, Please Call:
Francine Hahn @ 443-756-7451

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7. Leaving a 10" tail, place the binding on the front of your quilt with the 1" strip facing down.
8. Sew with 1/4" seam allowance, mitering corners.
9. Join the ends of the binding using your favorite method.
10. Fold the binding on the seam line and press.
11. Blind stitch to the back of the quilt.

Watch my free binding class to get more tips on binding your quilts
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SHOW & TELL... Darlene Morris shared many of her beautiful finishes from last year's Block Of The Month, The Schoolgirl Sampler.

Kathy Cramer created some truly special pieces for family members utilizing artwork from her great grandchildren.

Denise Wagenaar stunned us with a gorgeous handmade needlebook she made for the Nimble Fingers holiday gift exchange (see close-up at right).



Julie Howell delighted with her adorable wall hanging featuring a Swedish Tomte, or little person/gnome. Quilting was done by Olga Schrichte.

Kasey Channell's amazing square in a square quilt came from lovely collection of fabrics from her mother, Sally Fink, featuring the state flowers in an art deco style.



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Sandy Dunning scored some sweet kitty fabrics from a sewing and shopping trip in Deep Creek Lake and used them to create some adorable mug rugs.

Judy Goodyear, a guest, wowed us with a beautiful unfinished quilt from her late best friend — this quilt was adopted by Jessica Halpin to finish the quilting in exchange for a donation to the guild.



Finally, Barbara Scuderi made a Civil War colors 9-patch bed quilt for her grandson.



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6 - February 25	Aynex Mercado - Quilting Frederick Exhibition - Delaplaine Center	
February 8	Member Trunk Show	
February 22-25	QuiltCon - Raleigh, NC	
February 29-March 3	Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - Hampton, VA	
March 7	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
March 14	"Tips, Tricks and Demos - Let's Learn from Each Other"	
April 10 - 13	Lebanon Valley Quilt Show - Lebanon, Pa	
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 2 - 4	Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show - Columbia, MD	
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"	
September 19 - 22	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - Oaks, PA	
September 25 - 27	Original Sewing and Quilt Expo - Fredericksburg, VA	
October 10	2024 Guild Challenge	
November 7	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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February Birthdays:

- 4 Jacque Janss
- 22 Sean Halpin
- 25 Dot White
- 27 Jane Hammond

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