A Publication of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild

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#### President's Notes

Last month's meeting was such a blast! First and foremost, thank you so much for the warm welcome to Sean and my younger girls. It made a lasting positive impression on them, and I was so excited to watch them find a love for



creating with our

demonstrations. I was so inspired by all the techniques shared by our wonderful volunteers. Thank you again to Danita Frisby, Denise Wagenaar, Mary Pauley, and Kate Lane.

Warmer weather, spring rain, and longer days have returned! We had a great time celebrating the blooming season at our Blossoming at Baker Park work-

shop, with students ranging from their first quilt to experienced quilters. Check out their beautiful pieces just before being mounted to canvas.

Speaking of workshops, don't forget that registration is open for the ondemand pet collage workshop! Jane Haworth is also our speaker this month and will be joining us via Zoom. The Zoom will be available to join from home if you are unable to make it in person.

Happy quilting! Jessica



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#### **April 2024 Newsletter**

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month Thursday, April 11, 2024

#### **Guild Meetings:**

Second Thursday of the Month 6:00pm Social Time 6:30pm Meeting Begins

Delaplaine Visual Arts Center 40 South Carroll Street Frederick, MD 21701

#### **OFFICERS**

**President:** Jessica Halpin **Vice-President:** Sandy Dunning

Secretary: Sue Heslin Treasurer: Robin Rippeon

#### **CONTACTS**

**BOM:** Darlene Morris

Challenge: Julie Howell and Olga Schrichte

**Community Service:** Marty Simmons

Facebook Adm: Kara Jones

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Instagram Adm: Jessica Halpin

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**Marketing/Fundraising:** Jessica Halpin **Nominating Committee:** Marty Simmons

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Programs: Fran Scher & Kelly Bauer

Quilt Show: Joan Watkins Retreats: Marty Simmons 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.





Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 by Jessica Halpin, President with 43 members and 4 guests present.

Jessica reminded the group that much of the business for this month was shared in an email to members this week in order to have time for our hands-on program. Four of our members shared their expertise with guild members in four stations. Everyone had the opportunity to practice what they learned. The demonstrators were Mary Pauley: Greeting Cards, Kate Lane: Paper Piecing, Danita Frisby: Applique, and Denise Wagenaar: Embellishments. Special thanks to Denise who agreed to fill in at the last minute due to Helen Wasserman being unable to participate due to illness.

Jessica covered a few items of business, the first being the fact that the loan closet is going away. Some items were brought out to the meeting for members to take back and others that were free to a good home. Jessica asked that members take back any items belonging to them.

The Nominating Committee has candidates for each of the open offices. The committee members are Sandy Dunning, Pam Lloyd, Karen Smith and MJ Greer.

Kate Lane discussed the 2024 Raffle Quilt and shared the top she has created. She has visited every brewery and distillery in Frederick County in order to obtain tee shirts for the quilt. She is expecting to sell tickets for \$10.00 each and has a goal of making \$3,000.00-5,000 on the quilt.

Mary Simmons, Community Service Co-Chair, talked with the group about the charities the Community Service group has chosen for the year. We will partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to make twin size quilts. Marty passed around a sign-up sheet for members to sign up to have their 70x90 inch quilt ready for July, August or September. The quilts need to be able to be put in the washer and dryer and they would like to have photos of the finished quilts. She suggested that the quilt as you go method of construction eliminates the need to have the quilt quilted at the end of the piecing process. We will also be making fidget mats for Rock Creek School but that will be the focus at the April meeting and she asked that everyone hold off on starting those until then.

Julie Howell provided information on this year's Challenge "Everything Old is New Again." Members are not to buy anything for their quilt unless it is second hand. The quilt must be 30 x 30 inches and have three layers. Entries are to be brought to the October 10 meeting for judging.

The membership drive was a success. Thirty people had joined by February 29. One of our new members in Sean Halpin, Jessica's husband who will now be known as the "First Gentlemen"! Welcome Sean! Winners of the membership drawing were Celeste LaJoie and Denise Wagenaar.

Kelly Bauer has agreed to be our new Program Chairman and her term of service starts in July but she has already jumped in, planning tonight's program with the current Program Committee. Fran Scher and Sandy Dunning will be stepping away from Programs and Jessica thanked them for their service.

Kelly and Sandy opened the program and members had fun moving from station to station for the next hour, learning from their fellow quilters.

The group came back together for Show and Tell, and the drawing of the door prizes, Charmaine Richmond and Kara Jones won. Winner of the FQ's was Cindy Shugers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Sue Heslin, Secretary



Clustered Spires Quilters Guild Board Meeting Minutes - March 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Jessica Halpin, President.

Members in attendance: Jessica Halpin, Sandy Dunning, Darlene Morris, Marty Simmons, Kara Jones, Joan Watkins, Kelly Bauer, Fran Scher, Robin Rippeon, and Sue Heslin.

Google Workspace - The first item for discussion was the move from Outlook to Google Workplace. There are many positives to be gained through Google Workspace and it is free. The guild will be able to set up email addresses for the officers and committee chairs so that these can move from one person to another as people holding these positions change making transitions smoother and increasing information sharing.



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

Program Committee - Kelly Bauer has agreed to chair the Program Committee in the new year but she has already started working with Sandy on our upcoming programs. Sandy will continue to stay on the committee and assist with Zoom. The purchase of a Zoom account for the guild is planned. We have been using Sandy's account up until now but with her account expiring it was agreed that the guild should purchase an account. Fran is also retiring from the Program Committee but will stay on until mid-June.

Nominating Committee - We have four volunteers to work on the Nominating Committee: Pam Lloyd, Becky Swift, Sandy Dunning and MJ Greer.

Delaplaine - The Delaplaine is doing away with all of the storage closets for their associate groups. Everything must be removed by April 15. Arrangements were discussed concerning how to have items that belong to members or that they are responsible for picked up. Robin Rippeon shared information from the new contract that has just been signed for our use of the Delaplaine in the coming year. She has scheduled all of our meeting dates as per their requirement. The time we are allotted for our meetings is 3 hours, which includes set-up and break-down.

By-laws - A number of items have come up that indicate that there needs to be a review of the By-laws. There will be a meeting set up to do this.

Retreats - Marty Simmons reported on her research into locations for retreats. There are many options locally which would allow for quilters to come for the day or stay overnight. It was decided that a temporary committee will be formed which Marty has agreed to chair.

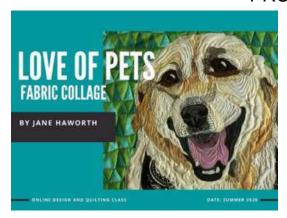
Collage Workshop - Fran Scher provided information on the collage workshop, "Love of Pets", that is planned to kick-off on Zoom on April 27 with an additional session of 2 hours on May 27.

Quilt Show - Joan Watkins shared information on plans for our December quilt show. After the next committee meeting she will share more details of their plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Sue Heslin, Secretary

#### **PROGRAMS**





Our speaker on April 11, 2024 is Jane Haworth, who will present "Fabric Collage: What's It All About?" to us via Zoom. Join us at the Delaplaine to see Jane's presentation on the big screen or join remotely via Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us/i/8356517915?pwd=U3hkM2huemtJRFloR0J6b2Z3ZkdiUT09">https://zoom.us/i/8356517915?pwd=U3hkM2huemtJRFloR0J6b2Z3ZkdiUT09</a>.

Jane is a British-born quilt artist and teacher living in Auburn, California. She has been sewing and crafting all her life, has been making fabric collage for over 15 years, and is inspired by photos from nature. Her work has won her awards at many major quilt shows and has been featured on Quilting Arts TV, and on the cover of Quilting Arts magazine.



#### PROGRAMS (Continued)

If you'd like to learn collage "hands-on," sign up for our first "On-Demand" workshop "Love of Pets Fabric Collage" taught by Jane. You can enroll at http://janehaworth.podia.com. Use the discount code "CSQG" and the total cost is \$45.50. Jane has pre-recorded the class, so you can enroll anytime and work at your own pace, creating a collage of a pet from a photograph. Jane will give an introduction (via Zoom) to us on April 27 from 10 am to 12 pm, followed by another 2-hour Zoom on May 27 where she will check in, answer questions, and give us a chance to show our progress. Attendance is optional, but should be a fun time to sew together!

More information on the course, including the supply list, can be found in the Members' section of the website. Email me at fmkess@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanks, Fran Scher, Co-chair

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hello, fellow guild members!

I've heard that some of you were a little uncomfortable with the 70" wide and 90" long size requirement that's posted on the website, and that I talked about at the last guild meeting, for the twin-sized quilts we're making for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Some people have said that it's really difficult to meet an exact number for a quilt size because its hard to predict how much a quilt will shrink after it's washed. That's a pretty valid argument. Because the Community Service Committee really appreciates all of the feedback that you provide us, the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization was consulted, and we will now be asking for quilts that fall within a range of 65-72" wide and 88-92" long. I hope this makes it easier for you to make your quilts for this worthy charity.

So we're updating the website to reflect those new numbers, and I apologize if anything that I said made any of you feel uncomfortable.

Please remember to contact me, Jenny Chua, or any of the Community Service Committee members if you have any more recommendations or questions.

Marty Simmons, Chair

#### Hello Quilters!

Just a quick reminder that our membership period for 2024 started at the beginning of March and on April 1st our email directory will be updated to current membership with the password changing for the year. If you haven't renewed, please be sure to do so before then to avoid missing any emails or website access.

You can renew online using PayPal here: https://clusteredspiresquiltguild.org/membership/. Even if you do not have a PayPal account, it is still possible to pay by card using the PayPal interface. Simply click through the information (membership is \$35) and when asked to log in, click the "Pay By Credit/Debit Card" below the "Log In" button. PayPal is more secure than sending credit card information via email.

Thank you, and happy sewing! Jessica

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards and a fabric square all wishing me the best after my freak traumatic incident. I can't thank you enough for your kindness and care! I put the cards on shelves in my bedroom and looking at them always made me smile and feel good. The fabric squares I'll make into a Recovery Quilt that I'm itching to start. Looking forward to attending a meeting in the near future. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.



Joan Quinlan

CSQG Quilt Show at the Delaplaine Center - December 2024.



The Quilt Show Committee has met twice to start preparations for our show. The show will run from December 7 through the end of the month. We will have the large exhibit room which will allow expanded participation and display some larger quilts.

The theme of the show is. "Inspired by...". Quilters will be asked to complete the phrase with one to three additional words that describe the inspiration for their quilt. Were you inspired by a color, a person, event or place, a memory...? You decide.

We plan to display the Challenge Quilts from the Embellishment Challenge in 2023 and our current "Old is New" challenge for 2024.

Members are invited to submit quilts to be hung in the show. The committee will then select quilts based on space available and the presentation of a broad variety of quilts.

The timing and format for submitting quilts will be published soon. The committee will also publish hanging sleeve requirements, etc.

This is a very popular community event. We look forward to "showing off" our beautiful quilts.

Joan Watkins, Chair

#### SUNSHINE

One of our new members, Pam Lloyd, lost her husband, Chris, to cancer in January of this year at the young age of 58.



The following is what she asked me to share with you.

"When we took a trip, Chris loved to research nearby quilt shops and take me to them.

In place of a card and fabric square, email me a favorite quilt shop to visit anywhere in the U.S. I would like to keep this tradition going the next time I travel."

Pam

#### SUNSHINE (Continued)

Isn't this a lovely request?

Please be sure to share your favorite shops with Pam. Her email address is: sdtlloyd@gmail.com.

I shared one of my favorites with her. It's The Stitchin' Post in Little Rock, Arkansas https://www.stitchinpostinc.com/. Check it out.

Please let me know if you know anyone who could use a little sunshine.

Thank you very kindly for being part of our caring, creative community.

Olga Schrichte Sunshine Committee Chair

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Four new members joined in March. Please welcome Kerry Berrier, Eleanor Radune, Faye Meyers and Sheila Barron to our guild.



Kerry has been quilting for 4 years. She leans toward traditional piecing for her tops but is not opposed to trying more modern styles. She just purchased a longarm quilting machine and needs lots of practice with setting up digital patterns, ruler work, tension settings and getting more comfortable with free motion quilting, especially feathers. Kerry heard about us through her co-worker, Jennifer Chua.

Eleanor, at right, is new to the area and has been quilting since 1979. She is interested in all areas but enjoys paper piecing the most. (Check out our BOM). She heard about us through Brenda Barnhardt.



Faye is a beginner quilter and this is the first time she has belonged to a guild. She asked at a local quilt store about local guilds.

Sheila Barron (photo pending) is also new to the area and has been quilting for years. This is her first guild but she found us on the internet and attended as a guest a few months ago. Sheila likes scrappy quilts, quilt blocks, baby blankets and working on her first English paper piecing quilt project. She'd like to learn more about color, texture and machine quilting.

Welcome all to our group. There is something here for everyone. Thanks to our members for recommending our guild to your friends.

Also, to catch up, here are three new members' photos that weren't available for the last issue: Laurie Gelb, Kimberley Feys and Sean Halpin.

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair & Brenda Barnhardt











#### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

It was sew exciting to see everyone's BOM and your choice of fabrics. April's BOM is called Spiderweb. This one is the easiest one so far and should go together quickly. The alternative block for April is called Cactus Star: <a href="https://www.quilterscache.com/C/CactusStarBlock.html">https://www.quilterscache.com/C/CactusStarBlock.html</a>.

This is a 9 inch block. Happy piecing and sewing. Bring your blocks for Show and Tell.

Darlene Morris, Chair

#### LAST CHANCE STASH

We hope that all the guild members are still enjoying Last Chance Stash during our monthly meetings. It's such a great opportunity for members to donate any fabrics, notions, patterns, and books that you no longer need or love AND it's also a great opportunity to purchase items for very low prices.

Remember the criteria for the October "Everything Old is New Again" Challenge is that everything in your quilt must not be new... Shop the Stash!

Mary Pauley, Chair

We received confirmation of the guild meeting dates for the Delaplaine for the Alliance period July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Our guild meeting dates are: 1/9/25 4/10/25

2/13/25 5/8/25

3/13/25 6/12/25

Robin Rippeon, Treasurer



#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Linda McNey
- Charmaine Richman
- Laurie Gelb
- Mary Pauley
- 14 Pam Lloyd
- 15 Robin Rippeon
- 18 Marty Simmons
- Jessica Halpin
- Kelly Bauer
- 30 Kate Lane





March 2024

Faithful Circle Quilters
Columbia, Maryland
quiltshow@faithfulcirclequilters.com
https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/2024-quilt-show/

#### Rhapsody of Color Quilt Show 2024

May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th First Presbyterian Church of Howard County 9325 Presbyterian Circle Columbia, MD



Color Me Happy Raffle Quilt 2024 Quilt Size 83" x 90"

On May 2, 3, and 4, Rhapsody of Color Quilt Show will be in full swing. Join us for an amazing show, highlighting over 300 quilts. You will see quilts of all sizes ranging in a variety of quilting techniques such as modern, traditional, art, pieced, and appliqued. There will be special quilts areas for our challenge quilts and a memorial section honor those we have lost.

Stay for the day and enjoy the quilting technique demonstrations, and special presentations about art and historical quilts throughout the three days of the quilt show. Do not forget to shop at our quilting vendors, the Unique Boutique of handmade items and our famous peddler's table. There will be some fantastic raffle baskets and silent auction items to win.

The show also features the guild's award-winning raffle quilt, Color Me Happy, which placed second at the 2023 Maryland State Fair. The drawing will be held on May 4th. The winner need not be present to win.

The Rhapsody of Color Quilt Show hours are Thursday and Friday, May 2nd and 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$10.00, which covers entry for all three days and children 10 and under are free.

For more information about the show or the guild and membership, visit the guild's website at www. faithfulcirclequilters.com





## **OPEN SEW RETREAT**

hosted by

## Brimfield Awakening JULY 11 - 14, 2024

NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, LEESBURG, VA

#### Room Accommodations

- · Queen size bed + private bath
- · Complimentary Wi-Fi + high-speed internet
- · Flat screen cable television
- Alarm clock with USB connection
- · Coffee maker, hairdryer, iron + ironing board
- ADA-compliant guest rooms available upon request
- These are single occupancy rooms only.
- If you are traveling with a partner (not attending the retreat), please let us know so we may upgrade you to a suite. Sew Brimfield attendees cannot share rooms.

#### Food + Beverage

Your stay includes 9 (10 - Sewlebrity) full meals, access to continuous non-alcoholic beverage center next to the sewing space & mid-morning + afternoon snacks each day.

#### **Event Swag**

All attendees receive a Sew Brimfield Swag gift valued at \$50. Sewlebrity attendees receive a swag bag valued at \$150.

#### Complimentary Classes

We offer a variety of quilting related classes in a no-pressure separate classroom space. Classes vary, but we always have an intro to EPP + Intermediate EPP skills class.

## Sewing Space

Your own sewing table with a 5' x 18" deep work surface, ergonomic chair with arm rests, and electrical outlet. Multiple cutting stations with rotary cutters + rulers as well as pressing stations with Oliso irons. There are windows with natural light.

# Sewlebrity Pricing

A limited amount of "Sewlebrity" tickets will be available. Sewlebrity attendees are offered early admission (noon Thursday 7.11.24) and lunch on opening day. They also get first dibs on their seat in the open sew space. Sewlebrity attendees receive additional swag valued at \$150.

\$1050 Thursday 5pm - Sunday 12pm \$1500 Sewlebrity Thursday noon - Sunday 12pm

Registration for our Summer Sew Brimfield Open-Sew retreat will open to the general public on 2.28.24. Set a reminder on your phone! Please see our Frequently Asked Questions page for more information.





# OPEN SEW RETREAT Brimfield Awakening

JULY 11 - 14, 2024

CONFERENCE CENTER, LEESBURG, VA

### Frequently asked questions

Can I attend but sleep at home?

Sew Brimfield is only available for those to stay on property. No day passes are offered.

What are the open sew hours?

The open sew studio is open from 7am - midnight. It will be locked from midnight to 7am.

Can I room with my bestie who is attending is also attending Sew Brimfield?

Single occupancy rooms are for one person. If you are traveling with a partner who will not be attending Sew Brimfield, you are required to upgrade to a suite (per the National Conference Center's policy.) Your partner will be entitled to the same meals as you, however, they will not be able to participate in the open sew space.

What type of classes are offered?

This is an open sew retreat. Classes we offer will be determined in the weeks leading up to Sew Brimfield. They are not mandatory. We will always offer an intro to EPP class and an advanced /intermediate EPP class. Additional classes we have offered: Intro to Foundation Paper Piecing, How to Make a Hexiform leave-in EPP pin cushion, Cleaning vintage fabric, Sashiko machine demo.

Will there be additional Sew Brimfields in the future?

Yes! Sew Brimfield has been steadily growing with return guilters thus we have discovered the necessity of offering a second retreat. Our next Sew Brimfield (beyond the Summer '24 retreat) will be in November 2024. Prior retreat attendees get first dibs on registration before registration opens to the general public.

Will there be a pop up shop?

Yes! The Sew Brimfield Pop Up Shop will be open daily.

Which airport should I fly into & how close is it to the retreat? The National Conference Center is closest to Dulles International Airport (IAD) serving the greater Washington DC metro area. It is 13 miles (~21 minutes) away. Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) is 40 miles away (~47 minutes depending on traffic.)

Is there sewing machine rental?

In the past we have worked with a local quilt shop that offers sewing machine rentals. We will try to do so again.

The ticket is non refundable -

Tickets are non refundable, but they can be transferred. what do I do if I need to cancel? Sometimes we have a waitlist. In the past we have helped people transfer their tickets to folks on the waitlist.

Is there a Sew Brimfield Swap?

Yes! Once registration closes, attendees will be given a google form which addresses the swap and optional participation.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

Thank you so much to Cindy Shugars, Brenda Barnhardt, and Kelly Bauer for volunteering at our Blossoming at Baker Park workshop.

Kate Lane is finishing up the Brewery and Distillery Raffle Quilt and we have tickets ready to go. Sales should start this month. If you are able to help Kate, please reach out to her directly. She will have sign ups available soon.

We have lots more classes coming up, so please see the schedule below for volunteering opportunities!

Classes and Workshops:

Saturday, April 6, 1-2:30 | No Sew Super Hero Capes (ages 6-8) | Brunswick Library for the Delaplaine

Jessica Halpin, Barbara Scuderi, Pat James, Lisa Huffman -- one more volunteers needed

- Saturday, April 6, 3-4:30 | Embroidered Magnets (ages 9-12) | Brunswick Library for the Delaplaine Jessica Halpin, Barbara Scuderi, Lisa Huffman, Pat James -- one more volunteer needed
- Saturday, May 25, 12-4 | Flora and Fauna Art Quilts (ages 16+, part 1) | Delaplaine

  Jessica Halpin, Brenda Barnhardt -- one more volunteer needed
- Sunday, May 26, 12-4 | Flora and Fauna Art Quilts (ages 16+, part 2) | Delaplaine Jessica Halpin, Fran Scher -- one more volunteer needed
- Saturday, June 1, 1-3 | Patchwork Placemats (ages 6-8) | Delaplaine
  Jessica Halpin, Brenda Barnhardt -- 4 more volunteers needed
- Saturday, June 8, 1-4 | Patchwork Scrunchies for Teens (ages 13-18) | Delaplaine Jessica Halpin, Fran Scher -- one more volunteer needed
- Tuesdays, 7/9/24-7/30/24 (4 weeks), 6:00-9:00pm | Patchwork Pixels | Delaplaine, Classroom: 2A

7/9 - Jessica Halpin -- one more volunteer needed

7/16 - Jessica Halpin -- -- one more volunteer needed

7/23 - Jessica Halpin -- one more volunteer needed

7/30- Jessica Halpin -- one more volunteer needed

Sunday, July 14th, 12:00-4:00pm | Embellished Twinchies with Denise Wagenaar (adult) | Delaplaine, Classroom 2B

Denise Wagenaar, Jessica Halpin

Saturday, July 20th and Sunday, July 21st, 12:00-4:00pm | Art Quilts: Flora and Fauna Applique | Delaplaine, Classroom: 3BC

Saturday: Jessica Halpin -- 1-2 volunteers needed Sunday: Jessica Halpin -- 1-2 volunteers needed

Sunday, August 11th, 1:00-4:00pm | Fiber Fundamentals: Fabric Notebook Covers (kids) | Delaplaine, Classroom: 2A

Jessica Halpin -- 1-2 volunteers needed

Saturday, August 24th, 1:00-4:00pm | Aesthetic Bows And Scrunchies (teens) | Delaplaine, Classroom: 2B

Jessica Halpin -- 1-2 volunteers needed

Sunday, June 30th, 12-4pm | Quilted Frederick Flag Tote Bag | Delaplaine, Classroom: 2B Jessica Halpin -- 1-2 volunteers needed

Jessica Halpin, Chair



SHOW & TELL PHOTOS... Mary Kuruppu amazed us all with her fantastic first quilt, which she created with the guidance of Denise Wagenaar.

Fran Scher brought her gorgeous Einstein Tessellation quilt that was featured at QuiltCon, with her pattern published for the occasion. Congratulations, Fran! The quilt is based on an aperiodic monotile and is foundation paper pieced.

Julie Howell shared a stunning quilt made from fabrics all snagged at the Last Chance Stash table. It was quilted by Olga Schrichte using a seagrass design and fin-





retired dairy-farmer friend.

\*udderly moo-tiful\* table runner made from cow print



ished with a flanged binding.

She also shared an neckties for her

Kara Jones showed an absolutely awesome tote created from a pattern and kit she picked up at QuiltCon. The kit was from Sewtopia and the bag is a birthday gift for her sister-in-law.

Darlene Morris wowed us with her progress on the Block of the Month. She also brought examples of the alternate BOM using free paper piecing patterns from Quilter's Cache.















SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Susan Gnatt also showed her first two blocks from the BOM and they are stunning!

Robin Rippeon had January and February's BOM blocks as well. Robin impressed us all with her alternative color choices that really popped.







Olga Schrichte brought a lovely St. Patrick's day wall hanging, a whole cloth piece colored with Inktense pencils and aloe vera. She also brought an inspiring example of old becoming new to match our challenge called *What a Waste*. It is made up of unusual items ranging from denim to a chewing gum wrapper and even a champagne cork, all initially headed for the trash!







Astra Halpin shared her first quilt, a handkerchief quilt made with her mom, Jessica Halpin, as a sample for one of our children's workshops last year.

Ember Halpin shared a miniquilt she made for her doll, Sparkle.

Sean Halpin shared his first sweet little quilt, a Christmas inspired oversized mug rug with walking foot quilting.







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SHOW & TELL PHOTOS (Continued)... Jessica Halpin shared a mid-century modern piece initially created in response to a prompt for Mancuso, but not entered. It was inspired by mid-century artists Joan Miró and Victor Vasarely and created using paper piecing, inset circles, improv curves, and bias tape applique.

Charmaine Richman shared a set of sweet children's quilts with a lovely fairy fabric that were heading to their new home shortly, where they are sure to be cherished.





2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
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"	
Septenber 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	

Updated 2/2/24

The Common Thread is published monthly by the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild of Frederick, MD. Subscription to the newsletter is included in the annual membership fee. Articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 25th of each month by postal mail, e-mail or written message given at the quilt guild meeting. The newsletter is posted on the guild's website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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