



President's Notes

Perfectly timed with the explosion of color of May's flowers, our May meeting will be a hands-on color lecture and mini workshop with local Stacy Lute. Make sure to check out all the details on what to bring to get the most out of this special meeting, and remember Stacy will be with us in person!



I'm so excited to see so many people stepping up and volunteering for various committees and events, as well as submitting ideas and suggestions! The more we have for our guild, the better we are. We have had several wonderful ideas and additions, from Fran Scher launching our long arm bee to Kate Lane's local brewery and distillery raffle quilt. Speaking of which, Jenny Chua's idea to do a fabric yard sale was a smashing success! See down in the fundraising update for more details. Keep the ideas coming!

Happy Quilting,
Jessica



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May 2024 Newsletter

Next Meeting: **2nd Thursday each Month**
Thursday, May 9, 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

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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 Spire Quilt Guild Meeting Notes - April 11, 2024

Jessica Halpin opened the meeting at 6:45pm.

New members and guests, including two students from the Baker Park Cherry Blossom Confetti quilt class, Angela Papillo and Kerry Berrier, were introduced.

The guild's income of the fiscal year to date is \$2,673.75 and expense is \$1,546.19, with a net income of \$1,127.56. Checking account balance as of March 31 is \$17,951.67.

For the May election, Robin Rippeon is running for Treasurer and Becky Swift for Vice President.

Jessica discussed the speaker, Stacy Lute, and her color program for the May meeting. Stacy will be bringing color swatches but if members would like to deepen their understanding of color, value, and saturation, they could also cut out 2 inch squares of fabrics in a wide range of colors from their stash.

Jessica also discussed current fundraising efforts. Volunteers are needed for the classes and sale of raffle tickets for the Frederick beer and distillery quilt being run by Kate Lane. In addition, the accumulated leftovers from Last Chance Stash will be for sale on Saturday, April 13 at Jenny Chua's house in Urbana from 8-12PM.

Laurel Manthey Silvio discussed the 2nd Community Service project, the fidget/sensory mats for students at Rock Creek School. Sign ups for the fidget mat began and accessories for the fidget mats were available for members to take. The July meeting will be devoted to fidget mat creation.

The guild library is up and running. It includes notions, rulers, an Accuquilt Go and dies, in addition to books. Members should contact Danita Frisby to borrow from the library or to go and browse the library at her house.

The speaker of the evening, Jane Haworth, was available through Zoom and discussed her work.

Show and Tell ensued, and the drawing for the door prize and fat quarter basket followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Chua
For Sue Heslin, secretary


Color Confidence for Quilters

Our May program will feature Stacy Lute, Certified Color Confidence for Quilters Presenter. Stacy has been sewing and quilting for more than 30 years. Many of you may know Stacy from The Sew N Place where she works.

Stacy will present a "hands on" lecture and mini-workshop. In this program we will learn more about hue, color, harmony and balance. Stacy will engage us in some exercises that will help train our eyes to distinguish differences in color, value, and saturation. The program will be practical, concrete and fun. It is appropriate for all levels of quilters, from the new quilter who is just beginning to explore color to the more advanced quilter who is looking to create more interesting, dynamic palettes and develop a signature style.

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Color swatches will be provided for the hands on part of the program. However, if you wish to fully engage and deepen your own understanding of color, you should bring several 2 inch squares of fabric in a wide range of colors. Although the program is in May, you may want to get a head start on finding and preparing your 2 inch squares by going through your stash now. Also, bring a pair of scissors  - any kind will do. If you have a color wheel, please bring one. Not necessarily, but helpful if you have one. Advance preparation is always better than a last minute rush!

Sandy Dunning

Fundraising

The yard sale at my house was a success! Jessica Halpin and I advertised on Facebook and Reddit; most quilters who came saw our posts at these social media outlets. We had several quilters travel from Gaithersburg to attend the yard sale. It was an enjoyable 4 hours talking to the quilters and inviting many to join the guild. The guild made \$1,070+. Weighing and selling the fabrics at \$8 per pound was an easier process to sell fabrics in bulk. We plan to hold a spring yard sale at my house once a year during community yard sale day. If that day is rained out, we will plan for a fall yard sale. Jennifer Chua, for the Fundraising Committee

After our yard sale, some gift shop items, and our first workshops of the year, we are over halfway to our fundraising goal! Thank you so much to Jenny Chua for hosting and organizing our incredibly successful yard sale. Another huge thank you to Barbara Scuderi, Lisa Huffman, Pat James, Dot White, Kara Jones. On that note, we are excited to welcome Barbara Scuderi to fundraising!

We still have several workshops that need volunteers -- please see our current openings below. The full schedule can be found in the Members section of the website. These workshops are always so fun are such a fun way to meet new and experienced quilters outside of our guild, as well as spend some more time with other guild members.

Lastly, we still have blocks left to sell for our Heartly House sponsor-a-block initiative. While we are waiting to hear back on some possible opportunities to set up, we welcome any ideas or events you may have for this. Please email me [at *csqq@clusteredspiresquiltguild.org*](mailto:atcsqq@clusteredspiresquiltguild.org) if you have suggestions!

Jessica Halpin, Fundraising Chair

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

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

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Fundraising (Continued)

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

Saturday: Jessica Halpin, Barbara Scuderi -- one more volunteer needed

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

Jessica Halpin, Kasey Channell, Sally Fink -- 1 volunteer 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

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

The Quilt Show Committee is currently working on a Google form for quilt entry. They will be accepted once the form is ready. It will include all the details you need.

It looks like we can accept about 6 large quilts this year since we have the larger gallery. We are looking forward to grouping challenge quilts together this year. We will keep you updated as December gets closer—faster than you think!

Joan Watkins, Chair



LAST CHANCE STASH



It's wonderful to see that so many of our members contribute to Last Chance Stash every month and that some of our newer quilters are really enjoying the bargain prices on quilting necessities (cutting mats, rotary cutter, rulers, and many fun notions). Of course **EVERY-ONE** loves all the beautiful fabric donations. Thank you to all who donate items, and especially to those who make purchases.

Mary Pauley, Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We are now on Block 5 for May called "Blooming" for our BOM. The alternative block is a 6 inch block called "Cock's Comb" located at <https://quilterscache.com/C/CocksCombBlock.html>. Hope you are enjoying the paper piecing process.

Darlene Morris, Chair



MEMBERSHIP



We had four new members join and 7 renewals. Please welcome: Karen Gregg, Angela Papillo, Nancy Hambright and Kerry Pierce.

Karen Gregg is new to the area and has been quilting for 20 years (photo pending). She is interested in improvisation, collage, modern quilts and techniques, wall quilts and art quilting. She is always looking for new and better ways to use her love of quilting to connect with others and contribute to the community. A neighbor invited her to a 4 County Quilt Guild meeting and told her about us. She was a guest last month of Libi Driggers.



Angela Papillo (at left) is a beginner and took the covered bridge class with Jessica at Frederick Made. Angela says she doesn't even know what she needs or wants to learn,



Nancy Hambright (right) has been quilting for 30+ years. She does not belong to other guilds. She's interested in everything - learning and gleaning knowledge from other quilters. She also teaches at Charlottes Cottage.



Kerry Pierce (left) has been quilting for 25 years and does not belong to another guild. She is interested in collage and landscape quilts, longarm and free motion quilting. She heard about us from the Frederick Made class.

Welcome ladies to our guild. We have something for everyone. Looking forward to seeing your projects we've already seen Angela's and Kerry's from their covered bridge collages in Show & Tell.

Darlene Morris, Chair

We also have two new members' photographs to catch up on who were featured in a previous issue: Patricia Boggs - January and Sheila Barron - April.

Brenda Barnhardt, Editor



Watch out for ducks and geese families crossing the roads now.



Wanna Bees Sit and Sew

Wanna Bees Sit and Sew Group

The next meeting of the Wanna Bees Sit and Sew group will be from 3:00pm until 5:00pm on Thursday May 23, at the Rockwell Brewery at Riverside.

Please remember that this is an open sit and sew, meaning everyone in the guild is invited. And sewing projects are optional, it's perfectly fine to just come and chat.

See you next month!

Mid Appalachian Quilters

35th Annual Summer Quilting Seminar

June 27-30, 2024

Held at Gettysburg College

Register Online at:

www.maqonline.org

Pre-Registration Is Required- Hurry Registration Ends May 27, 2024 at 10:00am

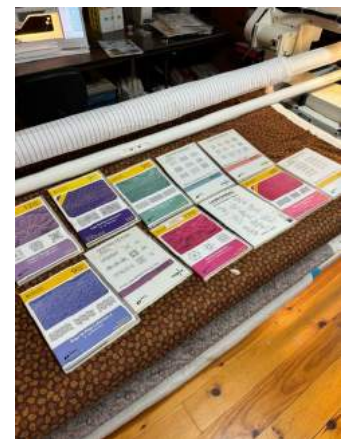
Psst...MAQ is the region's best kept secret. Did you see the incredible classes open for registration?

Here is a Link to the Complete Listing of all of 2024 MAQ Classes!

<https://maqonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/MAQ-Schedule.pdf>

This is the most current, most complete list of classes.

The Nimble Fingers Quilters Group is sponsoring "O Happy Day", a Zoom workshop with Timna Tarr on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 1-4pm. Non members may register and the cost is \$30. Email programs@nimblefingers.org for more information or to sign up. The Zoom link will be sent to registered students by the Nimble Fingers Quilters Group prior to the class. Visit www.timnatarr.com for more information about this workshop.



Hello quilters! Sharon Keller let us know that her friend is selling her long arm. It looks like a spectacular deal, so please see below for details and contact info.

Happy sewing!
Jessica

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(Continued from Page 6... Jody Barker, is moving and selling her long arm machine. She is actually one of the founding people of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild. I got to see a lot of her quilts and they are beautiful!

She's asking ~~\$6,500~~ (reduced to \$5,000) for it. The computer part is a Butler and is only 2 years old. The rest is older. She just had someone look at it from Stitch In Time in PA and they said it is in excellent shape and adjusted the tension.

Attached are a couple pictures of the machine and the manuals she has. I looked at it and got a demo and it looks great.

Also she has a display board that she would like to sell too. She has a lot of other quilting supplies and books, and will be having a yard sale May 3-4 everyone's invited to.

Jody's phone number is 301-293-3685 if you want to contact her.

Thanks,
Sharon Keller

Hi Karen and Fran—

I spoke to your guild in April 2021 during the pandemic. I am forwarding info about upcoming tours to Japan that may be of interest to your members.

Best,
Patricia Belyea

Japan Tours with Patricia Belyea

Quilter and teacher Patricia Belyea is co-leading four tours to Japan in late Fall 2024 and early Spring 2025. The tours focus on quilting and textiles with insider visits, hands-on workshops, celebrity meet-ups, special meals, and more.

The NOV 2024 tour will be co-led by Jane Sassaman and features the Yokohama Quilt Show. The MAR 2025 tour will be based in Kyoto during Cherry Blossom season!

Each tour is limited to 16 participants. All places are Single Occupancy in 4-star hotels.

For the trip of a lifetime, check out itineraries and pricing at <https://okanarts.com/pages/tours>.

Submitted by Fran Scher





MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Olga Schrichte
- 10 Danita Frisby
- 11 Laurel Manthey-Silvio
- 17 Stella Peñalver
- 26 Kimberly Feys
- 31 Kara Jones

Contact information from the April guild meeting with Jane Haworth ----->

Resources

- www.janehaworth.com
- @Janequilter Instagram
- Facebook as Jane Z Haworth
- FB Group: Fabric Collage School

Pixabay.com for copyright free images
 Blockposters.com for enlarging images
 Terial Magic Stiffening spray
 Jacquard Fabric Sheets for printing
<http://janehaworth.podia.com>



APRIL SHOW & TELL... Attendees of our Blossoming at Baker Park workshop, Kerry Pierce and Angela Papillo, shared their beautiful confetti cherry blossom art quilts. This was Angela's first quilt and she fell in love with the process, while Kerry is excited to apply some of Jane Haworth's tips to the same type of quilt.

Kara Jones (right) showed a very sweet and classic quilt top for her nephew with his name strikingly paper pieced.



(Below) Olga Schrichte stunned as always with a beautiful finish called Lattice Layers, a skill builder that was both a pattern and digital quilting designs. She made some changes to fit her vision, and when her borders did not come together as planned, she added corner pockets. It's not a mistake, it's a feature!

Eleanor Radune blew us away with a beautiful butterfly wall hanging, which she uses to camouflage an electrical box in her home. The applique blocks were created in the hoop, including the quilting, and joined using a quilt-as-you-go method.

Darlene Morris shared the beautiful beginnings of May's BOM block, Blooming, as well as the templates for the free alternate block.



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APRIL SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Danita Frisby showed her masterfully pieced BOM progress on two blocks. She also had a lovely hand applique wool pillow case with flowers - cozy as a posie!



Kelly Bauer very cleverly made a batting sampler, using digital quilting to do the same motif in each square to compare battings and layered battings. She said her favorite was wool on top of 80/20, which Olga Schrichte had recommended during our long arm bee.



Julie Howell wowed with beautiful crazy quilt blocks that a friend had and Julie put together into a top. She is waiting for her to come up to Charlotte's to pick a backing, in which Susan Gnatt kindly helped curate a selection of coordinating fabrics for.



Below, Lidia Borquez shared an absolutely gorgeous applique piece of spool of thread, using a pattern from Laura Heine. Lidia used Steam-A-Seam, as recommended by Laura Heine, and collaged numerous small French inspired elements.

Fran Scher shared a fun and modern design she created for a pattern design class titled "Square Dance", and she generously made this twin pattern available for free on our website as an option for our Sleep in Heavenly Peace Community Service initiative.

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APRIL SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Sally Fink had our jaws dropping at the bright and beautiful quilt pieced by her friend from African fabrics. Sally stunned us again with an incredible one block wonder quilt with gorgeous quilting.

Finally, Kate Lane had to leave the meeting early, but brought the finished breweries t-shirt quilt that's to be raffled as a fundraiser. Very stunning and sure to be greatly in demand. Thank you Kate.



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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