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President's Notes

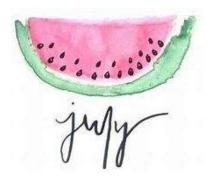
I hope everyone is getting some time in to sew between fireworks and BBQ! I know while my basement sewing room seems awfully cold in winter, it is a welcome reprieve from the heat during waves like we have been experiencing.



Speaking of reprieves and summer breaks, our July Sew-In is a wonderful way to break up our usual formal meetings with a more casual way to get together and socialize. While we will have much focus on our Community Service project of Sensory Mats, personal projects are welcome! The guild will have cutting mats, rulers, rotary cutters, mini irons, and various patches and pieces for mats available! Feel free to bring your machine and extension cord, and stitch with friends, or simply come to socialize and share snacks.

Be sure to keep cool, drink water, and stay in the shade -- and remember, you can always use the excessive heat as an excuse to stay home and sew!

Happy Quilting, Jessica



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July 2024 Newsletter

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday each Month Thursday, July 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: Becky Swift
Secretary: Sue Heslin
Treasurer: Robin Rippeon

CONTACTS

BOM: Darlene Morris

Challenge: Julie Howell, Olga Schrichte Community Service: Jenny Chua

Facebook Adm: Kara Jones

Holiday Banquet: Jennifer Chua, Trish Bodine

Instagram Adm: Jessica Halpin

Membership: Darlene Morris, Kasey Channell

Last Chance Stash: Mary Pauley **Newsletter:** Brenda Barnhardt

Marketing/Fundraising: Jessica Halpin Nominating Committee: Sandy Dunning

Public Relations: Kara Jones Programs: 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 June 13, 2024

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

Fifty-three members and three guests were present.

Fundraising: Kate Lane has donated the Brewery Raffle Quilt she constructed to the guild along with the tickets sold and to be sold due to a change in her personal life. We are looking for volunteers to go to local breweries to continue to sell tickets for the quilt which has the prospect of being a very profitable fundraising project for the guild.

Jessica will be stepping down as chair of Fundraising as she has a graduating senior to prepare for college this year. She will continue to organize classes at the Delaplaine and varies other locations.

Longarm Bee: Fran Scher reported that the longarm bee will be taking a break until September but members who are interested in joining should let her know of their interest. Members who don't currently have a longarm but have an interest are welcome to join to gain more knowledge that could be helpful prior to making a purchase.

Board Meeting: Jessica shared some information from the June Board meeting. We are due for a review of the By-laws and this activity is open to the whole guild. Members were asked for their preference of August or September for a Zoom meeting. Members responded with a preference for September so Jessica will schedule it in the last two weeks of that month.

Community Service: Marty Simmons reported that she has labels for anyone who needs them for their Sleep In Heavenly Peace quilts. She also said that there is a list of quilters on the website who are willing to longarm these quilts. If anyone wants to use their services, they are asked to talk to the quilter prior to starting to work on their quilt. Cindy Sugars brought a beautiful quilt to share as a sample of her longarm work for members to see.

Retreats: A team is looking for retreat locations that will be open to the whole guild. They are seeking locations that are close enough for quilters who would like to come for the day, rather than spending the night. The team is comprised of Marty Simmons, Jennifer Reckey, Pat James and Kara Jones. Marty asked for a show of hands for those preferring local, local distance and day tripper locations.

Donated Antique Quilts: Jessica shared two antique quilts that have been donated to the guild and will be offered for sale in a silent auction here and on Facebook. Bids will be set to start at \$50.00 and will be accepted via email to Jessica until June 21. If bids are not received, the quilts will be donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

New members introduced themselves and told a bit about their quilting experience.

The Program, "What Makes a Modern Quilt Modern", was presented by Carol Lyles Shaw via Zoom.

After a short break, the meeting concluded with Show and Tell and the FQ raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Sue Heslin, Secretary



CSQG Board Meeting Minutes - June 6, 22024

Members present: Jessica Halpin, Robin Rippeon, Fran Scher, Joan Watkins, Kara Jones, Kasey Channell, Brenda Barnhardt, Darlene Morris, Kelly Bauer and Sue Heslin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jessica Halpin, President.

Financial Report was provided by Robin Rippeon. For the period February through May 24, 2024:

Total Income \$4,901.03 Total General Expenses \$2,557.46 Net Income \$2,343.57

Program Update: Kelly Bauer reported that the Program Committee has some new members and now consists of Kelly as Chair with Sheila Peters, Kara Jones, Lisa Huffman, Susan Gnatt, and Sandy Dunning. They are planning for six speakers in 2025.

Google Emails and Contact Lists: Jessica and Fran are continuing to work on setting up Google Email to make communication between committee members more efficient. Jessica provided a demonstration to those present on how this system will work once it is up and running.

Fundraising: Our fundraising is going well. Kate Lane has sold 21 tickets over budget. Having the shirts donated, Kate making the quilt and having Susan Gnatt donate her long-arming services kept the cost of the quilt very low. Options as to locations for selling tickets were discussed and the group agreed that having a few volunteers to spend a couple of hours at a brewery would provide the perfect opportunity to sell tickets.

Jessica reported that the classes that the guild has provided have been going well, especially those at the Delaplaine. She has more classes scheduled there for the Summer and Fall. Jessica will step back as Chair of fundraising in the Fall due to family obligations.

At Large Board Members: According to our by-laws we can/should have one to two At Large Members. Several names were shared of members who might be willing to serve in this capacity.

Review of By-laws: We are due to review the Bylaws and this will be scheduled shortly. There are several items to be discussed for inclusion such as the addition of new committees, conflict resolution and any needed revision of our non-discrimination policy, as well as additional items identified by the membership.

Open Floor: Kasey determined an easier way to upload a file of new members to the directory has saved some steps in the process. We are lucky to have a "computer wiz" in our group!

Retreats: Kara reported that Mary has checked out some options for retreats in Gaithersburg. Most places want a deposit in order to secure their facility for a retreat. Jessica made a motion that the guild provide the money needed for a deposit to secure a location. Fran seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Quilt Show: Joan reported that we are close to being ready for our show at the Delaplaine. Pictures to go the Delaplaine for advertising were discussed.

501 Account: Kara is using Canva, a platform that can be used to create graphic designs, to create our Instagram posts and flyers. She is also applying for a 501(c) account for the guild.

The meeting was adjourned. Sue Heslin, Secretary

PROGRAMS

Please join us at the July 11th guild meeting for Community Service Night where the meeting will be focused on making fidget mats for Rock Creek School. We encourage you to bring your SEWING MACHINE, FIDGET BLOCKS, and SNACKS to share. You can create blocks ahead of time and swap at the meeting or we will have more supplies at the July meeting for you to create or complete them at home. Cutting tools and cutting mats will be provided. We have some extension cords, but please bring one if you have it. If you don't want to bring your machine or make blocks, feel free to come to the meeting anyway and socialize with other members. Please see the June newsletter for more details on the fidget mats.



In addition, \$10 raffle tickets are available for purchase for the Frederick Brewery and Distillery Quilt and \$10 blocks are available for the Heartly House Quilt block fundraiser.

We hope to see you in July!

Kelly Bauer, Programs Chair Jenny Chua, Community Service Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest committee member, Sally Fink, who recently joined our committee.

Let's all thank Marty Simmons for her work in coordinating our meetings, getting our CS organizations squared away, and serving as my co-chair. Marty has stepped down as co-chair as of the June meeting.

Laurel Manthey-Silvio, our fidget mat liaison/coordinator, will begin collecting fidget mats during the September, October and November meetings, and she will coordinate with Rock Creek School to bring an admin or teacher to our November meeting.

The SHP quilt collection has began in June with Marty collecting quilts. Trish Bodine, our SHP liaison/coordinator, will be collecting quilts throughout our meetings in July to November.

Last year, we determined that it is important to take pictures of all the quilts the guild makes for charity. It would serve to document our efforts as well as showcase to the public the good things we do. I asked quilt makers last year to send pictures, but we only received 25% of the quilts made. To improve this, I have asked Trish to ensure she gets a picture or takes one when the quilts are being turned in. Also, although there are a few members who have had experience with fidget mats, I found that a majority of members did not. So, I think that it is also important to take pictures of the fidget mats. Does anyone disagree with this??? Let us know. If you agree, let us know too. Is this too much work?

COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)

We need volunteers for:

- (1) To be in charge of the SHP quilt collection during August or September meeting or both. Trish is traveling during those months.
- (2) As we approach the end of the year, a volunteer to help Laurel collect, take pictures, and send them to the Community Service email so I can collate them at the end of the year.
- (3) A volunteer to help Trish do the same.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the July meeting, Jenny Chua, Chair

FUNDRAISING



during the July meeting.

Jenny Chua For the Fundraising Committee On Saturday, June 8, Jessica and I set up a table in front of Giant supermarket on New Design Road to sell quilt blocks that benefit our guild and Heartly House. Heartly House is an organization that provides to men and women who are experiencing power-based violence. Quilt blocks, made by CSQG members, are sponsored for \$10 and sponsors can then write messages of encouragement and support to domestic and sexual abuse survivors. Once all blocks are sold, these blocks will be sewn into a quilt that Heartly House will display in the foyer of their permanent building. In addition to the quilt, half of the proceeds will be donated to Heartly House.

We still have about 30 unsold blocks. If you would like to support Heartly House, the Fundraising Committee will be selling blocks

FUNDRAISING - JESSICA HALPIN

Unfortunately, our June workshop for the Frederick Quilted Totes was cancelled due to low sign up. If you have social media and are able, we can always use a little boost in visibility of these endeavors!

We are still looking for those who want to help sell the beer quilt. Some of the breweries and distilleries on the quilt are: Idiom Brewing, Olde Mother, Attaboy, Rockwell Brewery, Smoketown Beer, Tenth Ward Distillery, and more. If you are interested in one of these, please contact me and we can try to hammer out details. As of now, we are not scheduled to go anywhere but would like to base on ability and preference of volunteers.



FUNDRAISING - JESSICA HALPIN (Continued)

Fall Workshop schedules will be available by the July meeting update. We are also evaluating our holiday merchandise inventory and will send out information as soon as possible for what needs refreshing!

Heartly House blocks will be available for sale at the July Sit and Sew meeting. These blocks were created by our members, and are available to "Buy" for \$10 -these funds will be split 50/50 between us and Heartly House. You are able to sign and write a message on the block, which will be sewn into a final quilt. This quilt will then be hung at the Heartly House permanent building.

Finally, I am still looking for a replacement for Fundraising Chair. Please reach out to me if this is something you are interested in. Remember, Fundraising is what allows our guild to continue to function and pay for space and speakers, as dues do not cover all costs. It is an especially wonderful way to get out into the community and help spread a love and education of the fiber arts.

Jessica Halpin, Chair

LAST CHANCE STASH

We will not have Last Chance Stash tables set up for the July guild meeting in order to allow members plenty of space and tables for sewing. Please hold on to all your donations until our August meeting.

Mary Pauley, Chair

SUNSHINE

One of our newest members, Nancy Hambright, had shoulder surgery recently (you may know her from Charlotte's Cottage). She's recovering at home, but I'm sure she'd love to receive some cards and fabric swatches (5") from her newest quilting buddies. Here's Nancy's contact information.

Nancy Hambright 8076 Greaslin Drive Middletown, MD 21769

Email: nhambright@comcast.net

Also, Stella Penalver's brother passed away. Please let her know you're thinking about her at this sad time. Stella's contact information is:

Stella Penalver 9008 McPherson Street Frederick, MD 21704 Email: penalver@comcast.net

If you know of anyone else who could use a little sunshine, please don't hesitate to let me know. Thank you in advance for being part of our caring, creative community.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

After several years of service, Olga Schrichte is stepping down from the Sunshine Committee. We are looking for a replacement. The Sunshine Committee sends out email notifications about members who could use a little cheering up, giving information for other members to send cards and a 5 inch square of floral fabric. I know many members who have received these have gone on to turn them into very special quilts that bring them a lot of comfort, so please consider signing up to help with this meaningful mission!

Jessica Halpin

MEMBERSHIP

We have three new members. Please welcome Bethany Crowe, Christiana Swanson, and Tessa Gordon.

Bethany Crowe who joined in May, has been quilting for 8 years. She does not belong to other quilds. She is interested in learning about different techniques and charity quilts. Any way she can quilt and help the community is a win win! Heard about us in Instagram.

Tessa Gordon is Linda Beaver's daughter. Welcome Tessa (no photo). We love mothers and daughters involved in quilting. She has been quilting off and on for 25 years. She also belongs to Four County Quilters. She heard about us through her Mom. Thanks Mom.



Christina Swanson has been quilting for 3 years. She's planning on joining Bethany Crowe Valley Quilters in Jefferson but hasn't made it to their meetings yet. She is interested in "Quilt as you go" and free motion quilting. She visited our fabric sale in April.

Thank you all for joining and we hope you will enjoy all the benefits of our membership.

Darlene Morris, Co-Chair

Christina Swanson

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The BOM for July is Constellation. This block will go faster than some previous ones. Can't wait to see your blocks.



The alternative block for July is Crazy Amish Quilt. These smaller blocks are a great way to use up your scraps.

https://www.quilterscache.com/C/CrazyAmishQuiltBlock.html

Darlene Morris, Chair

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

From Sandy Dunning... I am writing on behalf of Four County Quilters Guild in Frederick, MD. We are privileged to host well-known quilter and fabric artist, Teresa Fusco on July 9 and July 10. Due to some of the previously registered participants experiencing health issues, we now have four open spots in Teresa's workshop on July 10. The information is below. Also, anyone who may wish to attend Teresa's lecture and trunk show the prior evening on Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 PM may attend as our guest that evening.

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD WORKSHOP (Continued)

More detailed information below. Interested members may contact me, Sandy Dunning, at my email, text or telephone referenced in the below signature.

Payment should be by check for \$45 written to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed to Sandy at her home address.

Further information is on our website, <u>fourcountyquilters.org</u>. Select the tab for Programs and Events, then select Teresa Fusco Workshop to find out more details about her workshop. Anyone wishing to attend should sign up using SignUpGenius connected to this site. Or, simply contact Sandy and let her know you wish to attend.

As we anticipate that this will be a fun and creative workshop, we will be providing a few edible treats to inspire our creative juices!

Although we are disappointed that we have members who cannot attend, we are pleased to open up our last four spots for other guild members.

The program will be on July 9 at 7:00 at Calvary United Methodist Church on Main Street in Mt. Airy, MD. The workshop the following day, July 10, is at the same location.

The workshop will allow participants to explore their own creativity by incorporating some of Teresa's techniques and suggestions. Although the photo on the document is one of grapes, many of us are choosing to include other trellis flowers or vines to personalize the quilt to our own preferences.

Workshop Opportunity

Four County Quilters Guild is hosting a Teresa Fusco workshop on July 10 in Mt. Airy, MD. Members of Clustered Spires are also invited to attend Teresa's workshop entitled, "Trellis at Sunset."

Teresa is an outgoing artist with a passion for quilting and creating! She is an exceptionally talented quilter and a well-known teacher in the quilting industry. Many of you may remember her from her popular workshops at MAQ.



"Trellis at Sunset"
July 10, 2024
Calvary Methodist Church
403 S. Main
Mt. Airy, MD
10 – 4
Cost: \$45

Brunch Snacks, Dessert and Beverages (coffee, tea, juice and water) will be served.



About the workshop: Participants bring backing fabric and their own fabric – designs emerge as Teresa encourages quilters to "play" with fabric and different placement and discover "what happens." Participants may choose their own designs for the trellis and/or vines. Teresa will teach her method of applique and construction, and participants are then able make the quilt "their" own.

Please bring a bag lunch.



Workshop Opportunity (Continued)

To register

Go to the website for Four County Quilters Guild, fourcountyquiltersguild.org From the drop down menu select Programs and Committees Scroll down to Teresa Fusco Workshop Select Find Out More Select Sign Up Now

Or

Simply contact Sandy to let her know you want to attend and she will register you. Checks should be made out to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed or given to Sandy Dunning.

Sandy's Contact Information: 2520 Waterside Dr. #302 Frederick, MD 21701

sdunning0117@gmail.com 978-806-7894

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD



SUNDAY OCT. 27



DOORS OPEN **12 NOON**

LUNCH SERVED 12:30 -1:30 PM

BINGO 2 PM

(Lunch includes Choice of Sandwich, 2 Sides & Beverage)

Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company Reception Hall 1008 Twin Arch Rd., Mt. Airy, MD

MORE GAMES & PURCHASES AVAILABLE!

4 SPECIALS / JACKPOT 50/50 RAFFLE * DOOR PRIZES RAFFLE BASKETS * DAUBERS DESSERTS & SNACKS

TICKETS ON SALE TO PUBLIC **AUGUST 14**

Cash, Check or Pay Pal (Add \$1 if tickets are to be mailed) Bingo@fourcountyquilters.org 301-363-5419

RESERVED SEATING FOR PARTIES OF 8+ AT TIME OF TICKET PURCHASE RESERVE EARLY!







PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE MEETING... Carol Lyles Shaw spoke about modern quilting via Zoom. SHOW & TELL... Jessica Halpin held up a small quilt that Olga Schrichte designed as a sample for an upcoming workshop in partnership with the Delaplaine with storyteller Adam Booth that will take place September 12. Olga also had a quilt showing her progress in free motion feathers in Bethanne Nemesh's Feather Fiesta course. Last but not least, Olga shared her incredible challenge collage style quilt featuring snow dyed fabrics and inktense pencils to create her take on "Rise and Shine" -- to learn more on snow dyeing, check out this free tutorial from Colorways by Vicki: https://www.colorwaysbyvicki.com/snow-dyeing-basics-tutorial.html.

Darlene Morris, our Block of the Month Chair, shared her absolutely stunning block for May, Circling Geese, as well as the beginning's of June's block.















SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Darlene also had a lovely sample of the alternative block, Dark and Light, which she says is a great practice to work up to the larger paper pieced blocks.

Robin Rippeon has been busy with her Block of the Month, after not being able to share for a couple months! She shared her beautiful renditions on her blocks from March through June.

Susan Gnatt shared her gorgeous Porch Quilt using Liberty fabrics for a perfectly charming look. Now we all know we need porch quilts, too!

















SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Danita Frisby had us gasping in amazement at her incredible finish after 10 years! She explained she only worked on the EPP when traveling, which came to a halt during COVID, but she finally was able to finish. It was appliqued to the background and then hand guilted.













Fran Scher, Lidia Borquez, and Sue Heslin all shared their amazing pet collage quilts. Fran's piece was of her daughter's goat, Thistle, that even featured a sweet thistle fabric for the background. Lidia also chose her daughter's pet, a lovely gray cat, with an amazing cat shaped label on the back! Sue's collage was of Milo, the sweet pup she shares with her daughter. All of these animals look like they could hop off the quilt! The discount code for this ondemand workshop is good through the end of the year and the content is available forever, so don't hesitate to purchase it for later use. More information is in the member's section of the website.

Sue Heslin also shared her Four County challenge, an incredible geometric rooster! The guilt was guilted by Susan Gnatt.

Sheila Barron awed us all with her beautiful guilt from Capital Quilt's Second Saturday Club. The guilt was created for her husband, using fabrics he picked based on his interests -- everything from hiking to aerospace!

SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Kasey Channell also completed an a-maze-ing quilt for her husband, a labyrinth quilt using a grayscale color scheme instead of her usual florals. She longarmed it using quilting density to give it dimension.

Kathy Cramer finished her first challenge quilt in all her years being in guilds, using gold and basing it on the eclipse -- unfortunately, she was unable to attend the meeting and it wasn't entered, but it was a winner for us! Kathy also has started the Block of the Month and is working her way to catching up -- it's never too late to start!







Sandy Dunning shared a beautiful quilt that was made by her friend Andrea from Four County, but quilted by Sandy. This quilt was donated for us toward our Sleep in Heavenly Peace Community Service project. Thank you Andrea for your generous donation! Sandy also had her Four County challenge, called "Entangled Sunrise" using a pattern called "Entangled Sky" by Krista Moser.







SHOW & TELL (Continued)... Sandy also shared her breathtaking kaleidoscope quilt from David Sirota's workshop last year, using a layer cake of William Morris fabric.

Jenny Chua also had her gorgeous and cheerful quilt for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, quilted by Sandy. Jenny created this quilt all from finds from the Last Chance Stash table! Jenny also finished a striking and modern grayscale quilt using







color to add dimension for a colleague.



Message: Good Afternoon,

I am trying to sell a Bernina 790 Plus and a Handi Quilter Amara on behalf of my mother and was wondering if anyone in your guild would be interested. She has been an avid quilter for years but is now relocating back to the UK and sadly cannot take these particular machines with her.

The Bernina was bought in 2021 and has never been used. It comes with the SDT embroidery module, a wheeled travel case and has all its original packaging. Price: \$8,500. Condition: unused, like new.

The Handi Quilter Amara was bought in 2018 and has the 12ft frame and a set of 2 separately purchased lights (value \$440). It has only been used for about 6 quilts and is in excellent condition with original packaging. Price \$9,000. She is also willing to consider selling her pro-stitcher to go with it if

a purchaser is particular interested in that, though it can also be bought separately from Handi Quilter.

We live in Herndon, VA.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Hannah Williford Email: hmhargrave@mygrande.net

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
July 11	Community Service Sew Along	
August 8	Member Trunk Show	
September 4	Board Meeting - Linton Shafer Warfield & Garrett, 7pm	
September 11-14	AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA	
September 12	Lesley Riley - "Seduced by Fabric: A Quilter's Story"	
Septenber 12-15	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - Oaks, PA	
September 26-28	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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