

Circle in the Square Quilters

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July 16 Meeting - Operation Shower Sew-In starting at 4:00 p.m. - U. City Library

For our July meeting, we will be having a "sew-in" to make baby quilts for Operation Shower. We have 13 kits available for stitching from simple to intermediate. The elevator is working and the library will be available to us beginning at 4:00 p.m. on July 16. We need people to bring a sewing machine, or iron/ironing board and/or extension cords. Please contact Lou Kaufmann at mlkaufmann@prodigy.net if you are planning to bring any of these items.



You are also encouraged to bring a sack lunch or snack. Please remember not to bring nuts or seeds or nut butters of any kind due to a member's allergies.

Last year's sew-in was a huge success and everyone had a great time. We look forward to another fun evening.

Circle in the Square 2025 Challenge

CSQ will continue celebrating its 40th Anniversary through May, 2025. In honor of this, we are announcing a new challenge for our members. It's a play on our name Circle in the Square.

There will be two categories with a small prize awarded for each.

- 1) Charity Quilts for Operation Shower
- 2) Other quilted items including quilted clothing, bags, book covers or personal quilts not intended for donation. Members may submit a maximum of two items, one item for each category.

Rules:

1. The item must allude to circles and squares. It can be fabric with squares or circles, pieced items featuring circles and squares or quilting in circles or squares.
2. It can be any color combination.
3. The item must be complete for the May 2025 meeting.
4. The item must include some machine and/or hand quilting.

Challenge items will be viewed and voted on during the May 2025 meeting. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Raphael at 314-956-9037 or Marilyn.raphael@yahoo.com

From the Prez

Happy summer to all our guild members.

How are you spending your time this summer? Are you enjoying the hot, humid days of the St. Louis summer, or prefer the comfort of air conditioning? Are you able to schedule an escape or two to see different parts of our country or our world? Whatever you are doing, I hope that you are finding inspiration and time for creativity and expression.

I will share one of my strategies for staying engaged in my quilting journey. I currently have four projects in progress: one hand piecing queen-sized quilt, one machine piecing project, one quilt on my longarm quilt frame nearly finished, and a small quilt that I am hand quilting. With so many projects in the works, I can pick and choose which project I feel like working on at any time or which one might need a break. This keeps me from getting bored with any of them, but helps me finish all of them. I bet I am not alone - how many projects do you have going on at a time? I also find that when I have multiple projects in the works, they each have a different character to them. Right now, one is a very traditional sampler, one is all hexies in contemporary fabrics, another is all curves in muted greens, and one is a cacophony of bright colors. There are no excuses - at least one of them draws me in for a little time each day. They always seem to be staggered on their finishes, which gives me a little opportunity to decide on my next project. That's when I get to go shopping - and the fabric stores always give me inspiration. I know many of you love the candy-store feeling of a good fabric shop.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming sew-in on July 16. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter for date, time, and location. Perhaps we can share stories about what inspires each of us to start — *and finish!* — our fabulous quilts. Our families and friends depend upon us to keep them supplied with warm, comfortable, and beautiful creations. Don't let them down!

Joyce

CSQ Council 2023-2025

Joyce Starr Johnson,
President

Marilyn Raphael,
Vice-President

Mary Carr, Treasurer
Rachel Shapiro, Secretary
Ruth Hanson, Membership

Lou Kaufman, Charity Quilts
Gwen Clopton, Website &
Quintessential Quilt Show
Joyce Johnson, Raffle Quilt
Laura Falk, Newsletter
Nancy Kollmar, Historian

How quilters cut cake



For Your Calendar

Sept. 22 - Afternoon Tea Celebration - U. City Library

Oct. 15 - Nancy Dlugosz - Precision Piecing - U. City Library

Our guild is participating once again in the Global Quilt Connection All-Star Sampler Platter. There will be 18 quilt instructors demonstrating quilting techniques in 15-minute intervals over two days. Mark down September 28-29, 2024 for this event. Links to this online event will be emailed to members about one week before the demos. The links will be live for 72 hours following the event.

Guild Leadership

It is time to begin considering a new slate of leaders for the guild. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact Joyce Johnson at joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com or 636-288-3681. One of the benefits of serving on the nominating committee is that you become ineligible to serve on the council. 😊 Also, if you wish to serve as an officer (president, vice president, secretary, membership chair, or treasurer), or in one of the other leadership roles (newsletter, fundraising quilts, challenges, service quilts, etc.), please contact Joyce so she can pass along this information to members of the nominating committee.

Local Quilting News

There is a new quilt shop coming to our region. The Quilted Cow (<https://thequiltedcow.com/pages/st-charles-mo>) will be opening a shop on September 9 on Mexico Road in St. Peters. It is just west of Mid-Rivers Drive. This will be the fifth location for the Quilted Cow.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming quilt shows:

- Booneslick Trail Quilters Guild, September 20 and 21, 3301 West Broadway, Columbia Missouri at the Community United Methodist Church. \$5 entry fee.
- Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild, September 26-28, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, 3001 N. Grant Avenue, Spring, Missouri. \$10 entry fee.
- Pieces of the Heart 2024 Quilt Show presented by the Crossroads Arts Council, October 17-19th, Wentzville Community Club, 500 W. Main St., Wentzville, Missouri. The theme will be redwork and there is a challenge project that is open to everyone. You may pick up a redwork challenge kit at the Gallery for \$5 or by contacting laurabirkann@gmail.com, and complete/submit by September 15. Other quilt entries are also welcome. <https://www.crossroadsartscouncil.org/2024-quilt-show/> for more information.

Quilt Basting Service

The Monday Quilters are now offering basting services for those who finish their quilts by hand or domestic machine. Prices range from \$25-\$35. If you are interested in this service, please contact one of the Monday Quilters (Nancy Kollmar, Ruth Hanson, Pat Owoc, Suzanne Skelley, Robin Osborn, Lou Kaufman, Joyce Johnson, Carol Peck, Betsy Sweeney or Ramona Dunlap).

CSQ History Flashback

Back in 2015, we mentioned in each CSQ newsletter that we had a permanent design wall at the meetings. Anyone know where that is? Ironically, we also had a Round Robin going on, rules were completely different from this year's rules (we have no rules). When we have our grand reveal it might be fun to bring any previous Round Robins. Our big workshop was Bonnie Hunter; for the workshop back then we charged \$75. We also had two charity projects, small quilts for the U City Police Department and fidget quilts for Hidden Lake Memory Care Unit.

CSQ Guild Meeting - May 21, 2024 - Minutes

- Ruby Challenge:
 - Projects were displayed and members voted on their favorites in each category. Kim and Marilyn tallied the votes while the business meeting was in progress.
 - 40 years ago in May, guild meetings began. We will be celebrating the 40th anniversary throughout the year.
- Membership
 - 49 renewed. The number continues to grow.
- Treasurer
 - Healthy bank balance.
- Newsletter
 - Next newsletter deadline July 3rd.

- Service Projects
 - Quilts do not need to be “neutral” colors. Make quilts however you want them.
 - Last meeting we had a donation of 2 vintage quilts, but Operation Shower cannot take used quilts. We can try to find a place, but Operation Shower wants new.
 - Suzanne Marshall’s 85th birthday is today.
 - Lou has many labels if you have your baby quilts here tonight. Take some home if you need.
 - July meeting will be a sew-in. Sign-up sheet is available tonight. Last time we tried to make 10 quilts. There was a lot of interest and this time we will try to make 12. Lou is in the process of making the kits now (will include fabric, batting, binding). Won’t have extra batting for other projects. If you are bringing your own, bring all your supplies. Hoping to get in at 5:00 pm. Can bring your dinner. Food and fabric don’t always mix so be careful. We have someone highly allergic to nuts, so don’t bring nuts or peanut butter.
- Historian
 - As Nancy was looking at her notes, it struck her that many friends from early days can no longer participate. She proposed emeriti membership, so we changed the bylaws to include this.
 - Qualifications to be an emeriti member:
 - Must have been an active participant for a good number of years, contributed to guild activities but can no longer participate.
 - Four names proposed last council meeting and all 4 were approved – Carolyn Birge, Marilyn Ulrich, Mary, and Joy Stinger. Joyce will notify each of them that we have chosen to honor them in this way.
 - This does not have to be once a year. If you know of anyone, please contact a council member and we will include the name at the next council meeting for a vote.
- We have 3 active members who were original members – Marilyn Ulrich, Betsey Sweeney and Pat Owoc. Betsy prepared comments and shared her thoughts with the group.
 - Betsy: Moved here in 1983. Walked into the Loop and came into the library. The quilt show was on, and she was inspired. Knew she found a group she would like. Joined the piecing group. Betsey brought with her today a small quilt from 1989 made by Janice Friedman and the group. Has original guild member names on the quilt. CSQ has been a nice organization. She said she could always ask questions or learn something new. “It helped me learn who I am,” she said. Had good times, fun events, workshops, and quilt shows. Similar to as it is now. Size has stayed pretty much the same.
- Election of officers
 - The next election will be in October. Offices will be in effect January. Elected positions available are: President, Vice President/Programming, Treasurer, Membership, and Secretary. Other positions on the council are newsletter, historian, service quilts, and quilt show. Work is relatively evenly distributed. Bylaws state we need a nominating committee (at least 2 people). Asking for volunteers (would not be eligible to serve on the council). If you are interested in serving, let Joyce know. Between now and September need to form a slate.
- Next challenge (Marilyn)
 - Continuing to celebrate through May of 2025. 2nd challenge will be a play on the name “Circle in the Square”. Two categories (small charity and everything else).
 - Rules: Must allude to circles and squares. Any color. Must be completed by May of 2025. Call Marilyn Raphael with questions. Passed out flyer with ideas. Rachel will send out.
 - 36 x 36 is a good size for a baby quilt. 40 x 50 max (think 1 yard). Will be eligible for the quilt show unless given away.
 - September meeting – potluck dinner will now be an open house tea on the Sunday afternoon (22nd) at the library, 2:00-4:00.
- Announcement of Winners (Kim).
 - Thank you to Kim. Entrants described their works. Thanks to Joyce’s daughter for creating the ribbons.
 - A category: Lou Kaufman (1st), Suzanne Marshall (2nd), Vivienne Mazzotta (3rd)
 - B category: Laura Falk (1st), Joyce Johnson (2nd), and Betsy Sweeney (3rd).
- Show and Tell
- Adjourned 8:00 pm

CSQ Council Meeting - May 14, 2024 - Minutes

1. Treasurer's Report (Mary)
 - a. We have a healthy sum of money in the bank at the end of April.
 - b. We would like to plan how to spend some of that money.
2. Membership Report (Ruth) - absent
3. Newsletter Report - absent
4. Historian's Report – no report
5. Service Quilts Update (Lou)
 - a. We have 29 quilts now. Lou has several panels that just need quilting. More people may want to sew in July so we will include those. She also has many drunkard's path blocks that we will use. There is a lot of fabric to cut out. We have a lot of backing and batting. Nancy and Joyce will quilt some if we need.
6. Fundraising Quilt Update (Joyce)
 - a. It is all put together. Had donation of batting. Rachel and Joyce will go to City Sewing Room to get it quilted. We should have it by September or October. Will then figure out the ticket-selling schedule.
7. Upcoming Guild Meetings
 - a. Tuesday, May 21: Ruby Challenge, Kim Donermeyer
 - i. Announcement of May 2025 End-of-Ruby Year Challenge (Marilyn)
 1. Kim contacted the library, and we will be able to use the makers' space.
 2. People will drop off their projects and we will put numbers on them (blind judging).
 3. Kim will send Rachel an email to send out letting people know how the competition will work. Entries should be brought in an unmarked bag. Gift cards to Quilted Fox and Jackman's will be presented to the winners. Will not need a speaker for that meeting. The competition is the event.
 4. After voting, quilters will talk about their quilts and votes will be tallied at this time. Prizes will be presented after quilts are described and votes are tallied. Kim will have cards for voting.
 5. Show and tell will follow announcement of the winners.
 6. Marilyn will prepare for next year's challenge – she has all the fabric. Theme will be "Circle in the Square". Marilyn has 2 ½ inch strips all in red, which will be presented to a lucky winner. This will also be a nice replacement of the reds people have used in this year's challenge.
 - ii. Announcement of first class of emeriti members
 1. The following people were nominated to be emeriti members:
Carolyn Birge, Marilyn Ulrich, Mary Allen, and Joy Stinger
 2. Mary Carr moved to approve the emeriti member nominees. Kim Donermeyer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. Emeriti members approved.
 - iii. Brief remarks from charter members (Pat Owoc, Betsy Sweeney, Marilyn Ulrich)
 - b. July 16: Operation Shower Sew-in (Lou)

Will be at the library. Around the 1st of July, Lou will put out the request to put out cutting mats. Lou will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting. Will request that people bring their own batting and backings but not prepare anything in advance. All fabric, and extra kits will be provided. Lou will announce at the meeting and send Rachel instructions to email out.
 - c. Sept 22: Annual potluck dinner will be an afternoon tea.
 - d. October 15: Mary Dlugosz Precision Piecing –
 - i. Precision Piecing presentation
 - ii. We will be voting on a new slate of leaders
 - e. January 2025
 - i. Possibilities Lou and Joyce scouted at Hannibal quilt show, who can do workshops or trunk shows. We can also open it to other guilds and charge them for the meeting. We also want to charge for the workshop. Need to find out if library will allow us to charge.
 - ii. Sticking with an online speaker for January. Will keep presenters in mind when we watch the next global quilt connection. Marilyn will look at her notes from last time.
 - f. March 2025
 - i. Possibly collage quilting (see Laura Heine patterns)
 - ii. One lady from the Quincy area gives workshops on constructing quilts to prepare them for long arming. She could do a trunk show too.
 - iii. Joyce will send Marilyn the contact information.

- g. April 2025 - swap
 - h. May 2025 – Challenge.
 - i. September potluck.
 - j. Summary of 2025 possibilities (New council would not have to do much until October).
 - i. January – someone from September global quilt connection
 - ii. March – collage quilter
 - iii. April – swap
 - iv. May – challenge
 - v. July – service quilts
 - vi. September – potluck
 - vii. October – needs to be planned.
8. Other Items
- a. Nominating committee for next 2-yr terms beginning in January 2025.
 - i. Mary and Joyce are stepping away. Rachel might continue. Marilyn might be treasurer.
 - ii. Joyce will announce it at the meeting. If people want to be on nominating committee or serve, they can tell Joyce.
 - iii. Need a President, Program Chair/Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Secretary.
Non-officer positions: Show chair – Gwen wants to do it. Historian - Nancy is fine to stay. Service quilts and Newsletter are also non-officer positions.
 - iv. Election is in October (last meeting of the year) – new people start in January.
 - b. Service Project – Operation Shower. Would like to call them service quilts or donation quilts while we work with Operation Shower. Would be helpful to announce their requirements (they don't want used quilts). Lou will include that information when she speaks next week.
 - c. Minutes - Used to be emailed separately. Perhaps newsletter should be on the website, and we would mail the link to the newsletter on the website. Will invite Gwen to the next meeting to see if she is willing to do it and discuss putting the newsletter on the website. More than one person should have the password to the website.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

May Guild Meeting Ruby Challenge Photos



**First Place - Operation Shower category
Lou Kaufman**



**Second Place - Operation Shower category
Suzanne Marshall**



Third Place - Operation Shower category
Vivienne Mazzotta



First Place - Other Quilted Item category
Laura Falk



Second Place - Other Quilted Item category
Joyce Johnson



Third Place - Other Quilted Item category
Betsy Sweeney



For Operation Shower by Carol Peck



For Operation Shower by Kim Donermeyer



For Operation Shower by Carolyn Stoll



For Operation Shower by Pat Owoc



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For Operation Shower by Peggy Harris



For Operation Shower by Marianne Whaley



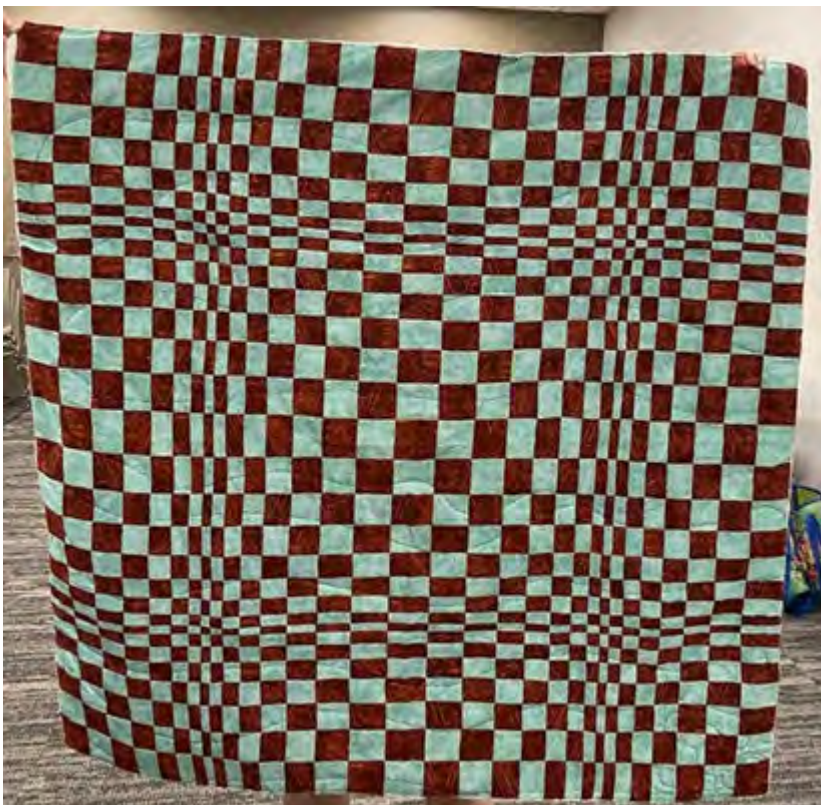
Peggy Harris



Dolores Keaton



Vivienne Mazzotta



Norma Silk

May Guild Meeting Show & Tell



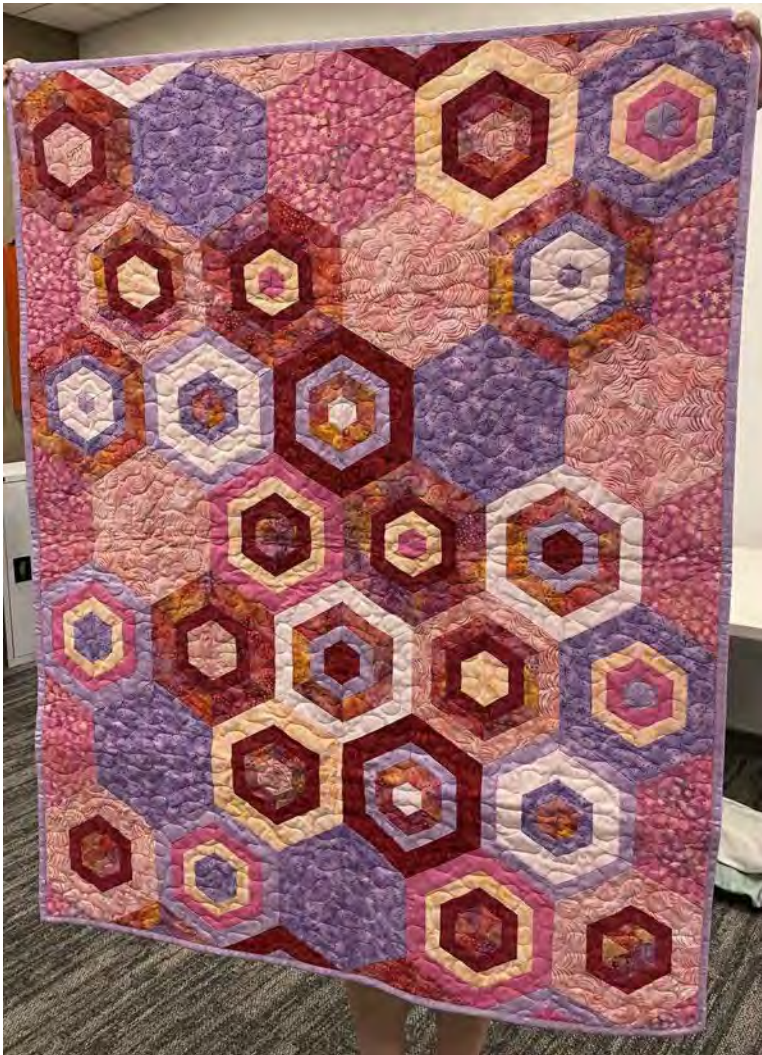
Suzanne Marshall for Operation Shower



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Suzanne Marshall for Operation Shower



Jan Ochterbeck



Joyce Johnson



Marianne Whaley



Carolyn Stoll



Laura Falk



Peggy Harris



Gwen Clopton for Operation Shower



Chris Pouyer

June Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Nancy Kollmar



Nancy Kollmar - Round Robin project

Finally, there were multiple requests for Terry Friedman's cookie recipe back during the Fabric Swap. Here it is!

Nonnie's Molasses cookies

1 1/2 sticks of salted butter
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup dark molasses (I use Brer Rabbit unsulphured)
1 egg
2 cup flour
2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp cloves
1/2 tsp ginger
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt

Melt butter in a pan. Cool to lukewarm. Using mixer add sugar, molasses, egg and beat well. Whisk together dry ingredients and gradually add to other mixture. Mix well. Chill for 1-2 hours. Form into 1 inch BALLS. Roll into granulated sugar. Place on a greased cookie sheet. 2 inches apart. Bake at 375* for 8 - 10 minutes.

NOTE: Chilling isn't necessary. You can make the cookies immediately if you need to. Chilling just makes the dough a bit easier to handle.

From Terry Friedman
CSQ Quilt Guild
April 17, 2024