

# Circle in the Square Quilters

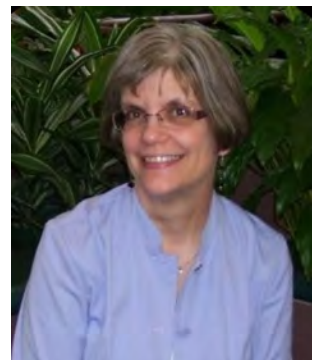
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## Oct. 15 Meeting - 6:30 pm - U. City Library Featuring Nancy Dlugosz

Looking for piecing perfection? Perfect may not be possible, but no matter your quilting skill, Nancy Dlugosz will share information to reinforce what you are already doing in your piecing and share tips that can improve your piecing to make creating a quilt a relaxing and enjoyable experience.



### 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.

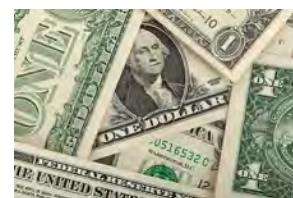
#### Rules:

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.raaphael@yahoo.com](mailto:Marilyn.raaphael@yahoo.com)

## Membership

This is our last regular meeting of the year and time to pay dues for next year! Membership Chair Ruth Hanson will be collecting your \$25 dues at this meeting. Bring your cash or checkbook!



## From the Prez

The crisp morning air reminds us all that fall is upon us. For me, that means dreaming about the pumpkin spice latte that I will forget to order and dreams of cuddly quilts to keep me warm. Gone are the bright colors of my summer quilting projects and in come the warm beiges and browns and oranges!

It was so lovely to see so many friendly faces at our 40th Anniversary Tea on September 22. Many of our former members were able to attend, and I know they enjoyed seeing some of their old friends at this event. Thank you to all who helped make that event so successful and special gratitude to the charter members who got this guild off to such a great start.

Our guild needs your help to prosper! Please consider volunteering for one of the elected or non-elected Council positions. Each term is only two years, and the workload is evenly distributed to ensure that no one is carrying too much work. If you are willing to help out, or want more information about the open positions, please contact me directly at [joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com). Just like Uncle Sam, we need you!

Do you like to listen to podcasts while you quilt, drive, or putter around the house? There are some really wonderful podcasts that you may find appealing. Here are two of my favorites that are available wherever you access your podcasts.

*Adventures in Quilting*, by Dalen Keys. Mr. Keys is married to a quilter and offers a folksy perspective on a (kind-of) fictional town filled with eccentric quilters. This serial series has four seasons, and is about to start its fifth. You will want to go back and start at the beginning, and try not to laugh too much. If you enjoyed the dry humor of Garrison Keillor and Lake Wobegon, you will love Dalen Keys.

*The Quilter on Fire*, by Brandy Maslowski. Ms. Maslowski is a quilter and teacher from Canada, and releases a new podcast each week. She interviews quilters, fabric designers, pattern designers, and show owners. Each podcast lasts about an hour, and is really informative.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October meeting on the 15th. Don't forget to bring your show and tell.

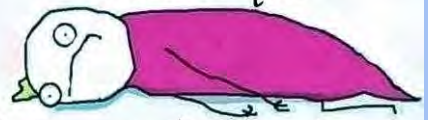
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## CSQ Council 2022-2024

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That moment when you  
finish a quilt



And just don't know what to  
do with your life anymore

## 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](mailto: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.

## Member News

Dolores Keaton, a long time CSQ member and quilter has passed away at age 94. Her memorial will be held October 12, 2024 at 11:00 am at: Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 W. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Dolores was a homemaker and artist, drawing, painting and quilting over a lifetime. She worked as a property manager for Conrad Properties in Clayton, MO for many years. Dolores was a master quilter. Her quilts hang in the Botanical Garden, the Butterfly House, and the Gateway Arch of St. Louis. She taught quilting for decades, and displayed her quilts in many competitions, including at the national level, and won many awards. Her greatest pride was in her family and friends, and she was greatly loved by them all and will be greatly missed.

## Service Quilts

Operation Shower is very thankful for our overwhelming support of baby quilts this year. With the 7 quilts we received at the September Tea, we have made a total of 86 quilts so far this year. Twelve of them came from the May Anniversary challenge, 31 have been made by Suzanne Marshall and so far, we have completed 11 from the July sew-in. If you still have one of the quilts from the sew-in, please bring it to the October meeting - even if it's not finished. Operation Shower will have hosted about 20 showers around the United States this year so every quilt is important. We can all be proud of this outstanding accomplishment in our 40th year.

## For Your Calendar

River Heritage Quilters Guild, Biennial Quilt Show, October 5 & 6. AC Brace Area, 410 Kiwanis Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. \$6 fee.

Pieces of the Heart, Wentzville Community Club, 500 West Main St. , Wentzville, Missouri, October 17-19. Free.

The Loose Threads Quilt Guild will be hosting their biannual quilt show on November 23 & 24 at The Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, Missouri. Park onsite in the city parking garage on 2nd Street or take the free city trolley from Main Street to the event. November 23 from 9-5 p.m. and November 24 from 10-4 p.m. It's always fun to visit Old Town St. Charles!

Fanfare of Quilts Biennial Quilt Show, March 15-16, 2025, sponsored by Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild. \$8 fee.

## Local Quilting News

There is a new quilt store in the St. Louis area (as if we needed more excuses to shop!). The Quilted Cow is located at 7477 Mexico Road, St. Peters, Missouri. They offer longarm services and a variety of classes, as well as cross stitch supplies. Their Facebook page seems quite active already. <https://thequiltedcow.com/pages/st-charles-mo>

## 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 Kaufmann, Joyce Johnson, Carol Peck, Betsy Sweeney or Ramona Dunlap).

## CSQ History Flashback

Originally the CSQ officers only held their position for 1 year, in 1990 the by-laws were amended to two years for each executive position. In 1987 we were ambitious and had three fund raising quilts: Log Cabin, May Basket and House blocks, the proceeds helped to pay for the next fund-raising quilt. We quilted them in the University City Library basement on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. One of the quilts generated \$315 with \$61 for expenses, leaving us with a \$253 profit. We also had a traveling group that involved trips to Grafton, Illinois and another trip to Boonville, Missouri.

## CSQ Guild Meeting - September 22, 2024 - Notes

Joyce welcomed our members and guests. Charter members Marilyn Ulrich, Jane Schaffer, Pat Owoc, Betsy Sweeney, and Nancy Kollmar were recognized. Marilyn and Jane shared guild memories with the group. Pat spoke about the piecing group. Nancy discussed her role as historian. Ruth reported that we have 50 members. Mary reported that we have a solid bank balance, primarily due to a successful raffle. We will be using a lot of the money to bring in interesting speakers. Lou reported that 79 baby quilts have been turned in so far, with a special thanks to Suzanne Marshall. We may reach 100 quilts this year. The next show will be held October 2025 at the University City library. Quilts will be exhibited for at least three weeks. Gwen will be teaching a quilting class over 8 weeks, beginning October 1, 10:00-11:30am. It is called "Creative Stitching". It is free and open to the public. Tell your friends. Round Robin quilts were presented. Excellent job by all who participated! We had a great Show and Tell to close out the meeting.