

Circle in the Square Quilters

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January Meeting - 6:30 pm - Annual Fabric Swap

Who knows what treasure waits to be created following the annual fabric swap? Please bring quilting fabric which has lived too long at your house. It can be bits and pieces or yards and yards. Sewing books, patterns, notions and miscellaneous items are welcome. Bring the fabric you want to swap and come ready to bring home some new treasures. Also, **please bring a nut-free snack** to share with the group.

Mary Carr will again be our hostess on Jan 21 at 6:30 pm.

(If the weather is problematic, we will move our swap to February 11th.)



The picture at right was made by Marilyn Raphael from fabric swap materials last year! What will you find this year?

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

From the Prez

Where has the time gone? October and November skipped by and I am just as far behind on holiday preparation as I normally am.

As we close out 2024, smile thinking about all we accomplished in 2024. I think our fabric swap was one of the biggest ever – so big that we had to set aside some of the fabric for 2025. We had great participation and amazing quilts at our May challenge kicking off our 40th anniversary year. Despite a flooding rainstorm on the evening of our July sew-in, we had a wonderful turnout and managed to make great strides completing 13 baby quilts. Switching our September pitch-in to a Sunday afternoon tea and sharing it with old friends and former members made for a wonderful party. And on Monday, November 25, I delivered baby quilt number 103 to Operation Shower for 2024. What a generous and dedicated group of creators we have in CSQ.

As our out-going president said in the last newsletter – “Our guild needs your help to prosper!” Our October election was short one officer – namely Secretary. Please consider volunteering for this position. Rachel Shapiro has done an expert job for the last 2 years and would be happy to ease any hesitation you may have about the job. Plus, you get to hang out for an hour or so on meeting months with some fun ladies. Email me at mlkaufmann@prodigy.net or call me if you would like to volunteer or get more information.

Mary Carr is graciously hosting our January 21, 2025 meeting - the much-anticipated fabric swap. Bring your fabric for the swap and one or two large bags to take home some new treasures. We look forward to seeing your show-and-tell projects, too.

I listened to a radio interview last weekend with Ayelet Waldman about her essay in the March 30, 2024 issue of the New Yorker titled “Piecing for Cover” where she details her discovery of quilting and the mental health benefits she has reaped from quilting. I know I have said many times that I kept my sanity during the COVID shutdown because of my sewing machine. You can find her article at:

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-weekend-essay/piecing-for-cover>

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2025 Dates to Know

March 18 Meeting - Redwork Trunk Show presented by Helen Blanton. Please bring any Redwork in your personal collections to show.

May 20 Meeting - 40th Anniversary Celebration conclusion. 2025 Challenge judged.

July 15 Meeting - Operation Shower Sew In

September 21 Meeting - Annual potluck/tea

Membership

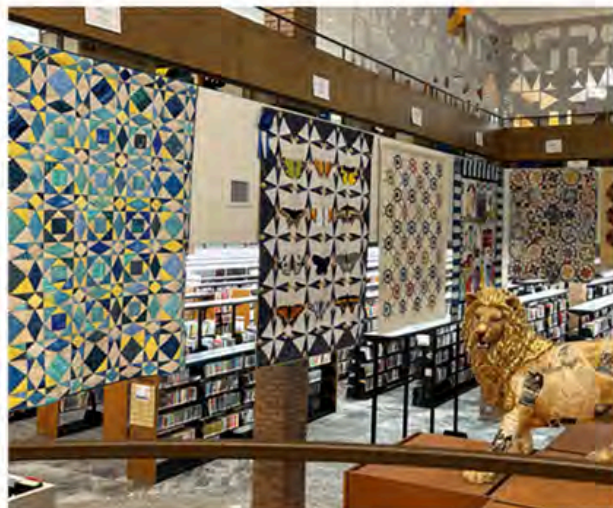
Bring your cash or checkbook to the Fabric Swap to pay your \$25 dues! Membership cards will be available for those who have already paid.

Announcing...

QUINTESSENTIAL QUILT 2025

At the University City Public Library in October 2025.

Get those beautiful quilts ready to hang in the gallery and off the balcony. More details to come.



Service Quilts

CSQ members provided 103 baby quilts for Operation Shower in 2024. As Lou and I witnessed on November 4th, the military families who received quilts were delighted!

The shower held then at the Enterprise Center gifted 30 ladies a beautiful assortment of baby gifts. Thanks you to you all!



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>

For Your Calendar

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

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).

October Guild Meeting Show and Tell Photos



Ruth Hanson



Marianne Whaley



When a winter storm warning hits, and you're not worried about groceries—but you start panicking about whether you've got enough fabric to quilt through the chaos. Priorities, right? 🧵 ❄️

More quilts below. . . keep scrolling!



Nancy Kollmar



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