

# Circle in the Square

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Circle in the Square meetings are held on the second floor at: University United Methodist Church 6901 Washington Ave.

Use the red door on the east side of the church. Ring the bell if the door is locked. An elevator is available.

## Dates to Remember:

### Program Meetings

- January 18, 2011
- March 15, 2011
- May 17, 2011
- July 19, 2011
- September 20, 2011
- October 18, 2011

### Social Meetings

- February 15, 2011
- April 19, 2011
- June 21, 2011
- August 16, 2011
- November 15, 2011

### Council Meetings

- Jan 11, 2011
- March 8, 2011  
(C. Birge's home)
- May 10, 2011

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## March 15 CSQ Meeting Program by Clara Asnes and Suzanne Marshall

Clara's first visit to Japan was just for a few days in 1974. She was on a tour with her family and came away with a profound admiration of Japanese design and attention to detail, especially in their gardens. Years later she found those same qualities in Japanese textiles and quilts.

She has made additional trips with her husband, Marcus Berliant. He has collaborated with an American trained Japanese economist in Kyoto for the past eight years. Their visits have given her many great opportunities as a quilter and developed her appreciation of the efforts that go into Japanese textiles. She will share her experiences with us at our next meeting including adventures in shopping for fabrics and watching her stash grow, attending classes at the home of Mrs. Kimie Anzai an accomplished "sensei," or expert teacher, and her love of Japanese design, textiles and quilts.

Suzanne will share her quilts made of Japanese yukata fabric.

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Remember to bring canned food for the food pantry at the church. Membership Rosters will be distributed and kits at the March meeting. Kits for



Hand tied and dyed Shibori fabric

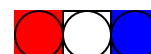


Quilt by Mrs Kimie Anzai



Clara and her husband

making QQ2011 ribbons will be available. If you can't be there, have someone get one for you or call a CSQ Council member.



## From the Prez – Kathleen

This has been a great winter for quilting, but I am ready for spring! The crocus and jonquil are lifting their lazy heads....March is coming in like a lamb.....so you know what that means! I am hoping that in three weeks, the weather will turn around for us.



The Raffle Quilt Committee came up with a great name for our raffle quilt—“**Rhythm in Blues**”. **Jane Coons** may have the quilting finished by our meeting this month!

With the quilt show only a few months away, our guild will be making the award ribbons for our show again this year. **Sharon Marley** will be handing out ‘ribbon packets’ at our March meeting. Please consider signing up to make a ribbon or two. They will be due at our July meeting, at which time we will hold a fun contest and award prizes to the ribbon makers. So much to do; make show ribbons and Alzheimer’s quilts, sell raffle tickets, and work on our own quilts for the show. It will be here before you know it!

I hope you will join us for our March meeting (3/15 at 7:00pm). **Clara Asnes** will be our presenter. She is going to share her love of Japanese design, textiles and quilts. **Suzanne Marshall** will also share some quilts with us that she has made with Japanese fabrics. Don’t forget to bring your ‘show-and-tell’ quilts and, if you remember, please bring a can of food to drop in the donation box on the membership table.

Until then, Keep quilting,

~Kathleen



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## Minutes -- Circle in the Square Quilt Guild January 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by president Kathleen Carlson. Reports were as follows:

- Membership chair Jan Ochterbeck announced new members Mary Ellen Adams, Ramona Dunlap, Suzanne Mullaney, Elizabeth Coffey and Kelsey Coffey.
- Membership renewals are now due and ten profile books are available for new members. Guests Marilyn Raphael, Joy Ellen Kauffman and Pat Cole were introduced.
- Quilt show chair Cherie Moore updated the guild on progress for Quintessential Quilt 2011, our quilt show in October 2011. The lecture and workshop will be given by Laura Wasilowski. Alzheimer's Priority quilts (no larger than 9" x 12") by CSQ members will be on display for QQ2011 and then donated for Alzheimer's disease research, are due by our September pot luck meeting.
- Sharon Marley will serve as coordinator of our ribbon challenge for the quilt show. Kits will be distributed at the March meeting and should be completed in July. Twenty-six ribbons will be needed and prizes will be awarded for the ribbons.
- Corresponding secretary Vivienne Mazzotta is recovering from a broken arm and a broken leg suffered during a recent skiing accident. Our best to her.
- Betsy Sweeney, recording secretary, shared that we recently received 8 complimentary tickets to the National Quilt Museum. The tickets were distributed by drawing names of those present at this meeting.

Kathleen introduced our speaker for the evening as VP Carolyn Birge was unable to attend. Jane Coons, a 30 year quilt veteran, detailed her journey from baby quilts and hand quilting to the expert long arm quilter she is today. Her blue ribbon quilt was one of the many examples shown. Quilt guild members learned about custom and overall quilt designs in this enlightening presentation.

After a refreshment break, the meeting continued with the drawing for the NQA museum tickets, the door prize and followed by show and tell. In addition, Christine Pouyer, raffle quilt chair showed the recently completed Storm At Sea quilt top, ready for machine quilting by Jane Coons.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The Social meeting will be February 15 at Darlene Schoon's home. The next regular meeting will be March 15.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Sweeney.



Jane Coons and just a few of the many quilts she displayed in her presentation.



## Opening in the Piecing Group

There is currently one opening in the Piecing Group. If you are interested, call Laura Falk, coordinator, at 314-727-3602 or by email at [L\\_falk@communityschool.com](mailto:L_falk@communityschool.com)

The Piecing Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month except January, in homes of the members. The Piecing Group is limited to 18 members of Circle in the Square Quilt Guild and a waiting list is maintained. Once every 18 months each member prepares a block, or partial block, for members to hand piece and then hosts the meeting the following month and collects the completed blocks.

This group has been meeting for 25 years and Joan Fick has a notebook of all the projects undertaken.

This is a great way to get to know members better, eat luscious desserts and do more quilting. (See page 7 for current projects)

## Circle in the Square Council Minutes

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Present: Carolyn Birge, Kathleen Carlson, Jane Coons, Deb Lewis, Sharon Marley, Cherie Moore, Jan Ochterbeck, Darlene Schoon and Betsy Sweeney.

Kathleen Carlson, president, called the meeting to order after eating pizza, salad and desserts. She noted that Sandy Etheridge was ill and Vivienne Mazzotta was out of town and unable to attend. She told us that we had received 8 tickets to the National Quilt Museum in Paducah after CSQ became a member of the Museum. It was decided to have a drawing at the January meeting to determine who should use them.

Kathleen suggested that we make a more determined effort to show our appreciation to the Methodist Church (where we meet in University City) with their food pantry and clothing drive. The Council also voted to make a donation to the church of \$250.

Carolyn B. presented program ideas for the remainder of the year.

Cherie M. discussed the QQ2011 grant and announced that Laura Wasilowski would lecture and conduct the workshop at the Quilt Show. Deb L. noted that the Newsletter was on the website. Kathleen introduced Sharon M. who has agreed to head the Ribbon Making Committee for the Quilt Show. She and Cherie will have the kits available to distribute at the March meeting, to be completed by July 19—our regular July meeting—and there will be fun prizes for the ribbon makers.

Jane Coons discussed the quilting for the raffle quilt. When completed the quilt will be photographed, prints made and tickets printed and distributed.

The schedule for future Social Meetings was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



## News from our Out-of-Town Members

When you receive your Membership Roster in March, you will note that there are two of our members highlighted in green (representing out-of-town members) and if you check back older rosters, you will note that they have been members for many years. When renewing their dues this year both included notes that we would like to share. Some follow-up questions provided additional information.

**From Kathy Monroe in Sterling, VA (near Washington, DC)**

*Give my love to all--I will be in St. Louis in early May (first time since I left!) so I hope there is a chance to see some of the gang.*

[Kathy was a member of the Piecing Group which meets on May 3. Hope you can make the meeting.]

**From Kay Moir in Seminole, Florida:**

*I would love to get back to St. Louis sometime this year and come to one of the meetings, but maybe not during an ice storm though...that is one of the reasons that my husband insisted on moving to Florida. I am taking an applique class with Edyta Sitar this Friday and am excited about that. Please tell everyone I said hello. CSQ is such a wonderful group of people and I still miss everyone.*

**And in a follow-up letter from Kay:**

I also will never forget the generosity of the [anonymous] members of the group who donated blood during the transplant surgery for my brother in 2002.

I belonged to the group from approximately 1992 until we moved to Florida in 1999. I have been a member ever since. I have not found a group to join here because they all meet during the day. When I do finally retire, I plan to join one of the groups. The applique workshop with Edyta Sitar was cancelled as she came back from a cruise with the flu. I was disappointed as I had booked a day off of work and had everything organized. I really enjoy the camaraderie of being in a group of quilters as so much of the time I am working alone in my sewing room. I love stenciling and stamping so my next project is going to include a bit of both.

At the moment, I am working on a friendship triangle quilt from Edyta Sitar's book. It goes together quickly and I've enjoyed working on it.

**I did volunteer 2 years ago in the summer** to work at a girl's summer camp teaching quilting when the teacher they had planned to have moved out of state. It was a day camp that included ages 8 through 14. I had 4 classes a day with **15** students in each class and one teenager, 19, who was my assistant and who arrived everyday sleepy and with little enthusiasm. I had dutifully read Alex Anderson's book on teaching quilting to children and she recommended 1 staff member for 4 children. At the end of the first day, I arrived home and sat down on the sofa and fell asleep sitting up. I was too tired to eat dinner so I went straight to bed. My husband said just quit this summer job but I have to admit I really enjoyed the children.

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Kay in her studio.





# THE QUILTED FOX



**Travel with The Quilted Fox  
to the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah  
April 27 – 30, 2011**

The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day of the show. Sign up now to hold your seat! Let us do all the driving for only \$46 per person!

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Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

Find our newsletter on our web page: [www.quiltedfox.com](http://www.quiltedfox.com)

## The Piecing Group

The February meeting was postponed one week to Feb. 8, due to the big snow and ice storm on the first. Fifteen members gathered at Sandy Etheridge's home and returned the completed signature blocks to her.



January Block



February Block

Mary Allen handed out the new project—frogie blocks (above).

At the March meeting at Mary's home, Jan Ochterbeck distributed her project—seven three piece units.

This is the third time she has handed out this block and when we return the completed units in April, Jan promised a preview of the entire quilt layout.

See Page 4 for information about membership in the Piecing Group.



March Block

**Out-of-Town Member (Continued from page 5)**

Having always sewn on my wonderful Bernina, I was unaware of the huge variety of low cost machines that can be purchased. I had to become proficient at repairing them as they frequently jammed. The 8 year old students were so energetic and excited but there were just too many in the class. We had huge volumes of fabric that had been donated and I found the youngest group were the most adventurous in their combination of colors and design. In the class of 12 year olds, I had two sisters who liked to sit opposite each other and try to floor the presser foot on each other's machine. Despite their tearful promises to treat each other better, I separated them and put them in different classes and then briefly considered the possibility of moving out of state like the previous teacher. There were a few students who finished some beautiful quilts but mostly everyone had fun even if it was a bit slap dash at times. I declined the opportunity to do this the next summer as I did have some other commitments on my time. I have to say though that I missed the children when the summer ended.

All the best to everyone at CSQ.

Kay

**CSQ Members invited . . .**

The Flower Valley Quilt Guild would like to invite members of the Circle in the Square Quilters to our April 14th meeting. We are hosting Mildred Sorrells, an award winning hand and machine quilter to speak at our meeting. You can look at Mildred's biography and pictures of her quilts at [sorrells@macomb.com](mailto:sorrells@macomb.com). Mildred Sorrells is also featured in an article in the latest AQS magazine.

Our guild meets at 7:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 123 Carson, in Ferguson, MO. Tickets are \$5 and we are requesting an RSVP by March 15th. We hope you and some of your members can join us to listen to this national speaker.

If you have any questions, please contact me. You can reach me at [vlunger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vlunger@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 314-374-4028. Hope to see you there!

Vickie Unger

Treasurer

Flower Valley Quilt Guild

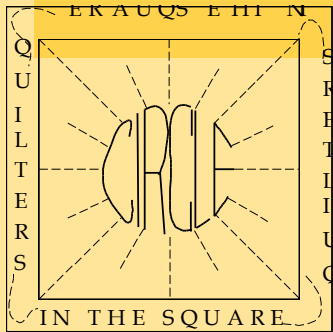
Note: The deadline for reservations is the day of our March meeting. Don't wait.

**Due to this event there will not be a social meeting in April.**

**February 15 Social Meeting**

Fourteen members met at the home of Darlene Schoon. Some worked on their own projects but most of us were just "social." Darlene briefly demonstrated how she made the "fireworks" in last year's Challenge quilt.





## NEWSLETTER

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.circleinthesquare.org](http://www.circleinthesquare.org)

Newsletters and more

### Interesting Quilting Websites

<http://utahquiltappraiser.blogspot.com/>

Sandra Starley, a quilt appraiser, keeps a blog, Textile Time Travels, with lots of antique quilt pictures & information. Currently she is re-creating a darling antique appliqued crib quilt.

<http://erinrussek.typepad.com/one-piece-at-a-time/>

Erin Russek's blog featuring her applique. Many, many tips and free patterns.

<http://civilwarquilts.blogspot.com/> Barbara Brackman's Block-of-the-week civil war quilt & stories.

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Quilters

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### About Our Organization...

Circle in the Square Quilters is a quilting group. We invite everyone, quilters and non-quilters alike to join us on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church in University City. Program meetings alternate with Social Meetings, (see page one for specific dates.)

### Upcoming Events

**AQS Quilt Show & Contest - Lancaster, Pennsylvania**  
**Lancaster County Convention Center**  
**March 16 - 19, 2011. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show in Lancaster**

**Lifeblood, Gallery Visio, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO**  
Feb. 24, 2011 - March 24, 2011. [www.galvisio@umsl.edu](http://www.galvisio@umsl.edu)

**Flower Valley Quilt Guild - April 14 featuring Mildred Sorrells -**  
**See page 7 for details**

**27th Annual AQS Quilt Show & Contest - Paducah, KY**  
**April 27-30, 2011**

**Three in a Row, Art Saint Louis curated exhibit presented at**  
three locations: Arts in Transit, February 4 - April 1; St. Louis  
Development Corporation, April 8 - June 3; and Hudson Legal  
Group, June 17 - August 26, 2011 [www.artstlouis.org](http://www.artstlouis.org)