

# Circle in the Square Quilters

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## May Meeting - Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at The Heights Community Center

8001 Dale Ave, Richmond Heights, MO 63117

### Inspirations, Reflections & Creations Trunk Show

Join us for a trunk show of traditional and non-traditional quilts to inspire and motivate you. Participants will follow the process of this art quilter to reflect on personal stories and then interpret those experiences to create artful quilts.

We will also make-and-take a quick folded flower as shown in several of the quilts.

#### About Sharon

After retirement as a professional educator and facilitator of learning for 37 years, Sharon now focuses on creative quilting. She values quilts as an art and craft that connects and inspires generations to continue quilting traditions. She lives in Hannibal, MO. View her website at [Something Stitched](http://SomethingStitched.com).



Remember to bring YOUR quilts for Show and Tell!

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**Next Meeting** - Mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 19! We'll have a representative from Operation Shower coming to tell us a little more about the organization and where ALL THOSE baby quilts we've made have gone!

### Next Raffle Quilt

Please be on the lookout for a separate email which will have a poll for the next CSQ raffle quilt design. Although we've already tried to solicit opinions a couple of times, we want to make sure everyone has a chance to weigh in. So even if you've voted before, please re-cast your vote so we have solid results! The winner will be announced soon!



## From the Prez

It was wonderful to see so many of you, **in person**, at our fabric swap meeting. I want to extend many thanks to Mary Carr for volunteering her home for our gathering. We will have another opportunity to gather in person for our May meeting, this time at the Richmond Heights Community Center. Details on the speaker are featured in this newsletter. Hopefully, we are now at a point where we will have more opportunities to gather in person. If you need to wear a mask to protect your health or that of your family, please do so. We hope to maintain our connections to you.

Planning ahead, we will need to elect new officers for the 2023-2024 guild years. All of the current officers are serving a third year and we need new ideas. Personally, I will need to step back as president because of family responsibilities. If we do not have volunteers to fill the positions of president, vice president, treasurer, corresponding secretary and recording secretary, we will need to form a nominating committee to solicit nominations. Those who volunteer for the nominating committee would not be candidates to be officers. Please think about helping us with these requests so that we can continue to have a vibrant guild.

Hoping to see you in May,

Carol

## CSQ Council 2020-2022

**Carol Peck**, President

**Gwen Clopton**,

Vice-President

**Betsy Sweeney**, Treasurer

**Peggy Harris**, Recording  
Secretary

**Joyce Johnson**,

Corresponding Secretary

**Lou Kaufman**, Membership

**Marilyn Raphael**, Program  
Chair

**Betsy Sweeney**, Charity  
Quilts

**Gwen Clopton**, Website &  
Quintessential Quilt Show

**Joyce Johnson**, Raffle Quilt

**Laura Falk**, Newsletter

## Council Positions

We're looking for a few good women to volunteer for CSQ Council. While it sounds like a lot of work, it's actually not, AND it's a great way to get more involved with the group and get to know people a little better. There are both elected and appointed positions, and generally the terms are for two years. (We've run a bit long this time because of Covid.) Overall, the positions listed below are responsible for the direction and running of the guild.

**President:** Organizes and runs general meetings and council meetings

**Vice-President:** Assumes duties if President is unavailable; responsible for coordinating meeting programs/speakers

**Treasurer:** Handles the bank account and the checkbook; makes bank deposits and pays bills

**Recording Secretary:** Keeps minutes from Council and general meetings

**Corresponding Secretary:** Handles written and email correspondence with membership

**Membership:** Keeps membership records up to date; at in-person meetings keeps visitor log and sign-in table

**Program Chair:** Assists Vice-President with arranging meeting programs/speakers

**Charity Quilts:** Selects charity and organizes quilt drives for that charity

**Website:** Keeps website information up-to-date (some tech skill handy!)

**Quintessential Quilt Show:** Runs all aspects of the biennial show, with help from committee and volunteers

**Raffle Quilt:** Selects pattern and fabric for biennial raffle quilt; organizes block kits for members to work on; shepherds quilt through to completion

**Newsletter:** Creates bimonthly (more or less) digital newsletter for membership

## January 18, 2022 CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes

14 members and 3 guests attended in addition to Frances Arnold, our guest speaker.

Carol Peck opened the meeting. The three guests were introduced and welcomed. Gwen introduced our speaker.

Frances began quilting in 1985. When she travels, she takes plenty of photographs, looking for patterns in ventilation grills, doors, ceilings and floor tiles as well as the lines in architecture. She is looking for shapes and colors. Shapes and movements. Colors in balloons, hats, doors and windows.

She looks at the geometry of structures, always thinking in terms of quilting – will this design work as a quilt pattern? Can these colors be presented together in a quilt?

In situations where cameras are not allowed, she always carries a sketch book so that she can quickly sketch the important elements of a scene, or ceiling or tile. She makes her quilts using her photos as inspiration.

Frances noted that Susan Carlson hand cuts pieces of fabric then glues them down in art quilts. She found this to be faster than fussy cutting and sewing some pieces.

She uses Photoshop to make color gradations so that she can cut fabrics to look like a person's face when the piecing is completed.

[www.francesquilts.com](http://www.francesquilts.com) Frances posts a daily blog. She also has a free 10-week course about free motion quilting called *Move It*.

After the conclusion of the speaker's talk, Carol started the business portion of our meeting.

Carol indicated that we are looking for replacement officers for the guild. Gwen currently is managing two very time-consuming positions: she is Vice President of the guild and spends a lot of time finding and researching interesting speakers for our meetings. In addition, she is the Director of the Quilt Show, which requires thought and plenty of organization. If anyone is interested in either position and wants more information, please call Carol. We need to make this change soon!

The University City Library renovations will probably not be completed until very late in 2022 or early 2023. They too have been affected by supply chain issues. Therefore, our quilt show will be delayed until they have reopened. The library has offered us the opportunity to be the inaugural gallery show. We are hoping for February or March of 2022.

You should send your \$20 annual dues to Betsy Sweeney. Please note that her zip code that is listed in the email is incorrect. Her proper zip code is 63130.

We have planned a fabric swap at Mary Carr's home for our March meeting. Masks are required!!!

In May, we will have a speaker from Hannibal, MO. She promises to have a hands-on project for us to complete after her talk. If covid is still rampant in May, we will have a virtual lecture instead of an in-person meeting.

Marilyn Raphael noted that Robin James has quilting machines and multiple sewing machines plus big bolts of fabric that are good for backing. These precious items belonged to a friend who recently passed away. If you are willing to give any of these items a new home, please contact Marilyn Raphael.

Joyce showed us a long, lap quilt that she recently completed for her husband. This is the first quilt in 30+ years of marriage that she has made for him and he uses it regularly for reading and naps.

## CSQ Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2022

Attending: Carol, Gwen, Laura, Betsy, Joyce, Peggy

Carol opened meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Discussion about new slate of officers for 2022-2024. Difficult to get new officers, especially when we are not meeting in person. Gwen is organizing the Quilt Show. It is difficult for her to do the work required for that in addition to duties of Vice President, who selects speakers and organizes upcoming guild meetings. We need to find a new VP.



Joyce said that Mary Carr offered her home to hold a fabric swap on February 15. Discussion to see if we could hold the fabric swap in March instead in place of a regular meeting. If Mary cannot hold the swap at her home in March, we could hold a fabric swap at the Richmond Heights Center and pay a facility fee.

Gwen made a motion to move the time of our guild meetings from 7 pm to 9 pm up to 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Many members do not want to go out later in the evenings. An earlier start and finish time would give us extra time in the event the meeting is longer than planned so that we can still vacate the building (library) before the 9 pm closing. Carol seconded the motion. Carol called for a vote and the measure was unanimously passed.

The January meeting, however, will still begin at 7 pm since that is in the speaker's contract.

Discussion about things to do at meetings: (1) Joyce suggested that we have a round robin of 3 teachers, you spend 15 to 20 minutes learning a technique from a teacher, then move on to the next teacher. Our members have a great range of skills and could teach us new ideas. However, Gwen mentioned that our members are pretty skilled and feel that they have already mastered the skills they need. Betsy pointed out that when she viewed the online quilt sampler classes, she learned several new techniques and is always open to learning new things. (2) Laura suggested that we hold a half day or full day retreat. Bring a project to work on uninterrupted by work or family needs at home. Opportunity to walk around and see what others are doing and chat with other members. (3) Gwen suggested doing a social event outside this summer. We could reserve a pavilion outside at Forest Park or Tower Grove Park in the afternoon or early evening while it is light outside.

Laura asked if we wanted a newsletter to go out and when. Discussion that instead of a newsletter, to compose a one-page email to the members to include the following:

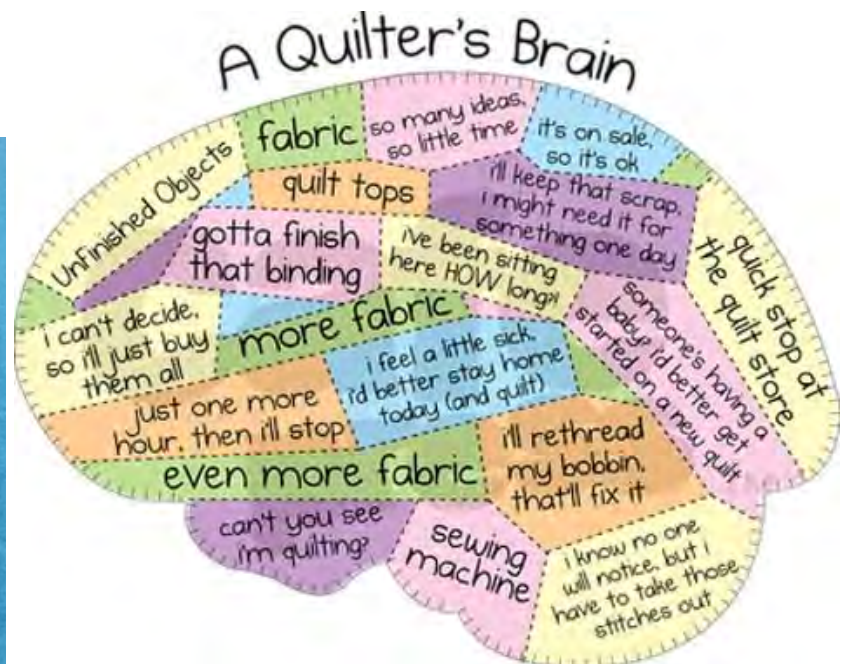
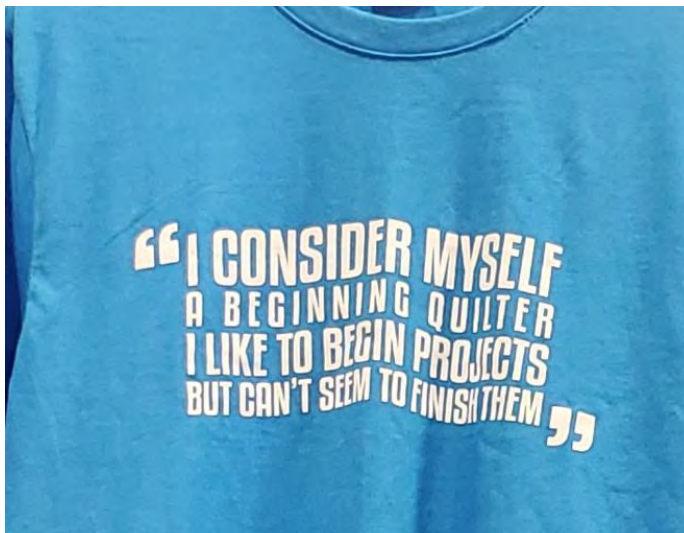
- Reminder of January guild meeting & speaker
- Send annual membership dues to Betsy Sweeney's home
- Ask for volunteers to be new slate of officers for 2022 to 2024
- Ask for ideas of guild events

Joyce offered to develop several ideas for the next guild quilt project and can share ideas with the membership at the next meeting. Gwen will take Dear Janequilt to be quilted in February if the number of covid cases come down and it is safe for her to travel.

Gwen will send council members an email with all of this year's council meetings so that we can add them to our calendars.

We all agreed it was great to see everyone again, even if it was only on Zoom. We have all been so isolated, it is nice to see friendly faces.

Carol adjourned the meeting around 7:20 pm





## Fabric Swap Show & Tell Photos



Carol Peck



Jeanne Wilton - Quilt of Valor



Kim Donermeyer's baby quilt



Lois Hays





**Mary Carr** (from a friend's storage stash of her mother's things - Mary bound it)



**Ruth Hanson's** Halloween quilt

### May Piecing Group Show & Tell



**Mary Carr** (also from a friend's storage stash of her mother's things - Mary is reworking it)



Wall hanging for a friend by **Laura Falk**

### Other Show & Tell





Ruth Hanson



Jan Ochterbeck & Sandy Etheridge with Jan's  
"How Many?" quilt at Paducah



Vivienne Mazzotta





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**Laura Falk** (I finished a UFO!!)

### [CSQ Throwback](#) (from Historian Nancy Kollmar)

The University City Historical Society sponsored 2 successful quilt shows which hung at the University City Public Library in 1981 & 1983. These two quilt shows were the momentum to organize a local quilting guild. The first organizational meeting was held on May 11, 1984 with 10 women on the steering committee, the decision was to have 4 meetings a year January, March, May, and October.