

Circle in the Square Quilters

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CSQ Guild Meeting - Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 p.m.



Our guest speaker will be **Judy Brinker**, and her topic will be "My Quilt Journey."

Judy Brinker has been quilting since 1988. Over the years, she has tried new ideas and techniques to stretch her quilting skills. Join us for a trunk show showcasing her Quilt Journey. She has numerous quilts showing where she started and continues to grow as a quilter.



Upcoming Program Meetings for 2020

All at 7:00 p.m. at University United Methodist Church
6901 Washington Ave. 63130 - 2nd Floor Enter by red door on east side of building. If locked, ring doorbell.

May 19th: Presentation by Christina McCourt

July 21st: Program to be determined

September 15th: Guild Potluck Dinner

October 20th: Guild Quilt Challenge

Circle in the Square 2020 Challenge Quilt

Create a small wall quilt (any size but no larger than 20" x 20") which represents your happy place. You must incorporate some of the fabric provided by the guild (if you missed the January meeting, you can pick a piece up in March or May) somewhere in the front of the quilt. The finished quilts will be displayed and voted on during the October guild meeting with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you have questions, please contact Kim Donermeyer at kdonermeyer@hotmail.com or 314-445-9482.

Message from the President

On wintry days, I take great comfort in the bright colors of my fabrics and truly enjoy every aspect of the quilting process. As spring progresses, garden tasks will beckon but, for now, it is still too cold and too wet to plant—and that gives me more time to plan quilts and to sew them. I hope each of you also finds great happiness in your quilting projects. If you can make it to the March meeting, I know we will have a wonderful time, not only seeing another quilter's work but being together and making plans for another guild year. Please let me know if there are things you would like to do this year and we can discuss how to make those ideas work for our group.

Your quilting friend and new (again!) CSQ president,

Carol Peck

P.S. We need several members to coordinate the Fundraising Quilt for QQ2021. This is determining a design, obtaining the fabric (purchase or donation), making kits for blocks, handing out the kits, gathering the finished block, and piecing the blocks for the top. Any costs are reimbursed. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Fundraising Quilt for QQ2021, contact Gwen. We're also looking for a "Quilt Show Apprentice," someone to basically shadow Gwen and learn all the tips & tricks of the quilt show.

CSQ Council 2020-2021

Carol Peck, President

Gwen Clopton,
Vice-President

Betsy Sweeney, Treasurer

Peggy Harris, Recording
Secretary

Joyce Johnson,
Corresponding Secretary

Lou Kaufman, Membership

Betsy Sweeney, Charity
Quilts

Gwen Clopton, Website &
Quintessential Quilt Show

Kim Donermeyer, 2020
Quilt Challenge

Laura Falk, Newsletter



Membership Renewals are Due!

It's March, and, if you haven't already, it's time to renew your Circle in the Square Quilters membership. Thank you for your past support of Circle in the Square Quilters. With your continued support and dedicated participation, we enjoy talented speakers who inspire our quilting lives. Dues are \$20 per year for 6 guild meetings a year. Your membership enables you to enjoy all guild meetings and social meetings, as well as participate in the biennial quilt show. Flashing that membership card also gets you a discount at some local quilt shops.

Elsewhere in St. Louis. . .

Bits n' Piece's Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show: March 21st (10am - 5pm) and 22nd (11am - 4pm), Queeny Park, 550 Weidman Rd. Admission: \$8, good for both days

National Speaker Paul Leger: Thimble & Thread Quilt Guild is sponsoring Paul Leger's trunk show "My Journey in Quilting," Friday April 17, 7 PM at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, 45 West Lockwood

CSQ Guild Council Meeting – January 14, 2020 – Minutes

Gwen Clopton hosted the potluck council meeting at her home. She called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. Introductions were made: outgoing and incoming board members spoke about their guild roles and quilting experiences.

Committee reports:

Membership – Debbie Carnes

We have 49 members. Membership dues will remain at \$20 per year, payable after January 1 each year. Members may pay by cash or check. There are CSQ pins which cost \$4 each. Make sure you take your guild membership card with you when you shop for quilt fabric. Many shops offer a 10% discount to guild members. This discount easily recovers your annual membership dues. We had been paying \$250 per year to use UUM's meeting facility. Fee increased to \$275.

Treasurer

We have a current balance of \$4,450.79. We earned between \$150 and \$200 from sales of tickets for the fundraising quilt at our fall quilt show. Speaker fees vary between \$100 and \$250. Corresponding Secretary picks up mail. Delivers checks to the Treasurer. We expect more checks to arrive during January/February/March.

2020 Quilt Challenge – Kim Donemeyer - Kim described 2020 challenge.

Quintessential Quilt Exhibit – Gwen Clopton

For years, the guild's Quintessential Quilt Exhibit was a juried show. Guild members wrote grants and there were entry fees, which helped to pay the judges. In the past, we had 85 to 100 members.

2019 quilt show – offered a design board for children next to the Children's section of the library. Librarians reported that the children enjoyed creating their own designs.

Board is open to receive ideas to improve the show.

Guild needs volunteers to work on and help run the show in the future. We also need volunteers to lead the effort to create the fundraising quilt – create design, select and cut fabric, assemble kits for members to piece.

Program – Gwen reviewed upcoming guild and social meetings.

Council members discussed possible ideas for future guild or social meetings. Hold UFO meetings? Another auction? Carol Peck said that she is open to new ideas to try.

Council meetings will take place a week before guild meetings. Meeting adjourned 8:19 pm.

CSQ Guild Meeting – January 21, 2020 – Minutes

Call Guild Meeting to Order. Gwen opened meeting.

Membership – Debbie Carnes

Introduce guests. No visitors. New member – Deb McGee who has been quilting 20+ years

Membership Drive. \$20 annual dues payable now. Show your membership card when buying fabric. Many quilt shops give discount. If shop doesn't, you may wish to say, "Well, the Quilted Fox does." And you may get a discount.

Introduction and Presentation -- Laura Falk, final presentation as VP

Madeline Woods Gieselman. From Cape Girardeau. Took a quilting class in the '70s. Used to do all hand quilting and finishing; now "get it done."

Installation of new Council and vote for official turnover

Gwen introduced the slate of officers. Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate. Gwen called for a vote and members voted unanimously to elect new slate.

Treasurer's report – Betsy Sweeney \$4,450.79

Charity – Operation Shower for Military families. Quilts can be any size or color. They are very appreciative of our donations. Betsy will see if a representative from Operation Shower can make a presentation at one of our guild meetings.

Upcoming Meetings – Gwen Clopton

Social meeting – fabric swap at Carolyn's. BYO cookies. Scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday. If bad weather, it will be postponed until the 4th Tuesday.

March 17	Judy Brinker trunk show & her personal journey
May 19	Christina McLord fabric & pattern combos. New London, MO
July	in works
September 15	Potluck
October 20	Quilt Challenge

Quilt Show – Gwen Clopton

Fundraising Quilt. We are \$250 in the black.

Gwen asked for volunteers to design and pick pattern, buy fabric, cut fabric, assemble kits, collect completed squares, quilt, bind. Sheri & Lois?

Co-lead for the quilt show? Need Volunteers

What went well/What to work on for the next exhibit

Attendance Prizes

Show and Tell - Gwen displayed 3 Quilts of Valor. Currently have requests for 58 quilts. 25 are in process.

Quilt Challenge 2020 – Kim Donemeyer

Kim had pieces of fabric from Batiks Plus. Pieces were drawn and distributed. You must make a small quilt – maximum size of 20" x 20" – to represent your happy place. Must incorporate the piece of fabric you received.

If you have any ideas for a fun activity for the guild, please let us know.

Adjourn at 9 pm

CSQ Show and Tell

January Guild Meeting



Jan Ochterbeck's "Checkerboards & Dresdens"



Quilt of Valor made by Delores Keaton



Quilt by Lois Hayes



Quilt by Lou Kaufman



Quilt by Cherie Moore



Four Quilts for "Operation Shower" made by Joyce Johnson

February Fabric Swap Social



Quilt made by Cherie Moore



Made by the Quilt of Valor group;
quilted by Joyce Johnson



Quilt of Valor made by Carolyn
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March Piecing Group Meeting

Jan Ochterbeck's "work in glacially slow progress" (her phrase) is finally pieced! She's entering "How Many?" into Paducah next year and needed a group picture of the people who worked on it.



Hand-dyed silk scarf by Terri Friedman



Kim Donermeyer's estate sale find. Hand quilted.



These 7 quilts were all donated by Jan Ochterbeck to Operation Shower. She said they had been in her closet a long time and she wasn't moving them!

February Piecing Group Meeting



Made by Carol Peck



Made by Jan Ochterbeck



Ruth Hanson's work in progress

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