

Circle in the Square Quilters

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October Meeting - Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church

6800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130

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Member Demonstrations

This month, we have four CSQ members demonstrating various techniques. Meeting attendees will rotate through each of the four stations to learn about:

- Ruth Hanson will be demonstrating hand quilting techniques
- Suzanne Marshall will demonstrate a quick and easy way to create bias trim and binding
- Delores Keaton will demonstrate paper piecing.
- Laura Falk will demonstrate Cynthia England's "picture piecing" technique

Remember to bring YOUR quilts for Show and Tell!

AND BRING A GUEST TO BE ENTERED INTO A SPECIAL RAFFLE!

Remember the New Guild Meeting Location!

We're meeting now at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 6800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63130. It's just around the corner from the church we met in for so many years.

We are now in the fellowship hall of the church. Enter at the door on Kingsland Ave – the door between the outside stairs and the bell tower. Inside, there are a few steps to go down into the room, but also a modern elevator if you need it. You can park on the street or in the free COCA parking lot across the street on Washington Ave.

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Upcoming Guild Meeting - Mark your calendars for our next guild in-person meetings.

- **Tuesday, October 18** - Demo Night! Members of our guild will present rotating demonstrations, showcasing different quilting techniques.
- **Tuesday, January 17** - We'll have a virtual (Zoom) meeting with the speaker to be announced - stay tuned!

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From the Prez

As our weather becomes increasingly autumnal, I am hoping to have more time to sew and quilt, and the colors of the trees are making my thoughts turn to new color ways. I suspect many of you are having these same experiences. Perhaps we will have time to talk about them at the October guild meeting! I am looking forward to seeing the skills that four of our members will share. Please look for the details in this newsletter.

If you are uneasy about meeting in person, our January 2023 meeting will be virtual again. This is planned, in part, because the weather might preclude an in-person meeting. We hope that the virus continues to abate enough that the remainder of the 2023 guild meetings can be in person. As always, please wear a mask if you choose to do so and maintain whatever distance from others is most comfortable for you.

All best wishes,

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

Here are the available council positions:

- **Secretary:** Keeps minutes from Council and general meetings; Handles written and email correspondence with membership

Out & About

- A Circle of Friends Art and Craft Show - Oct. 15 & 16, 2022 - 407 3rd St., Labadie, MO 63055
- Loose Threads Guild Quilt Show - Nov. 5 & 6, 2022 - St. Charles Community College, 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., Cottleville, MO 63376
- Ferguson Library Quilt Show - Feb. 9, 10, 11, 2023 - 35 N. Florissant, Ferguson, MO 63135

Raffle Quilt Update from Joyce Johnson

Our current Dear Jane raffle quilt has been quilted by Sandy Etheridge, and Betsy Sweeney & Marilyn Ulruch have bound all of those curvy edges! We will soon be ready to start selling the raffle tickets. Nancy Kollmar has agreed to get the quilt out in the community to help sell some of the tickets. Please be on the lookout for upcoming emails and announcements regarding these activities.

CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2022

Carol opened the meeting at 6:42 pm. Betsy introduced speaker from Operation Shower. Our guild has made baby quilts for them for the past four years and have donated about 100 quilts to date. Lindsay spoke about how military families are uprooted and sent to new communities and often the spouse is deployed right after the relocation. Operation Shower holds about 16 showers a year for 30 to 40 families all over the country. The young mothers treasure the handmade quilts that are included and are so touched that someone made the baby quilt just for them. To qualify, moms are either in the military themselves, have a spouse in the military or are a wounded warrior. They would be expecting their baby within three months of the shower. They include all branches of the service: Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Space Force.

Gwen introduced our second speaker, Linda Martien who is the Quilts of Valor State Coordinator in Missouri. Almost 20 Quilts of Valor quilting groups in Missouri. There is now a Quilts of Valor quilting group in every state. The first quilt was awarded in November of 2003. So far, 315,804 quilts have been awarded to veterans or active service members. All branches of the military are eligible. There are 7 to 9 board members and 15,000+ members across the country. \$40 fee to join or lifetime fee of \$1,000. Groups can pay \$75 + \$10 for each person in the group. There are specific requirements for the quilts that can be found on the QOV website. Red, white and blue patriotic colors are the most popular.

QOV has a subgroup called Under Our Wings which brings young people together to learn the art of quilting. Generations of Service is a creative way to honor and salute all veterans, living & deceased, for their service and sacrifice. Website has info how to nominate someone for a QOV. Everyone nominated eventually gets a quilt. Currently, there is a 15,000-request backlog nationwide. Gwen says that they have created 75 quilts and have a backlog of 46 locally. If you are interested in joining our Quilts of Valor group, please contact Gwen Clopton at gclipton@hotmail.com You can nominate someone you know and there is space in the comment section where you can indicate that you will make the Quilt of Valor for that person and request to be notified when a local presentation ceremony will take place and then you can bring the quilt and present it at that time.

Business portion of meeting:

Susan Carr is a new member. Welcome, Susan! Carol Peck won door prize for having a quilted nametag. Rachel Shapiro won a Cake Mix layer cake. Norma Silk won a piece of dyed fabric from the May speaker. Carol pointed out that the current group of officers/council members are now serving their third year in office. We are out of ideas and request volunteers to run for office. Some officers are willing to stay on or switch to a new role, but we still need help! Please consider volunteering.

January's meeting will be virtual since we have had to cancel meetings due to inclement weather in the past. Instead of watching on zoom alone, a small group can gather together at someone's home and watch together. We will continue to meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Washington until the University City library has reopened. Parking is available on the street or in the multi-story COCA garage. Do NOT Park in COCA's parking lot next to their building – you will be towed. Do NOT Park in Ames Place restricted parking areas. Watch for signs. The handicapped signs next to the church are for Sunday morning services only. You may park in these spots at our Tuesday evening meetings even if you don't have a handicapped permit.

Carol ended the meeting. Gwen requested everyone help to move chairs and tables and clean up after the meeting.

CSQ Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2022

Attended: Carol, Gwen, Joyce, Laura, Marilyn, Nancy, Lou, Peggy

Discussion about potluck supper on September 20:

- Nancy suggested a discussion question: what is the feature on your sewing machine that you can't live without?
- Gwen has leftover plates, napkins, plastic utensils and patchwork tablecloth.
- Marilyn will bring 3 large paper tablecloths
- Laura will bring paper napkins
- Bring your own beverage. No alcohol is allowed in the church.
- Nancy will bring the Native American prayer that we had said at multiple potluck suppers in the past.
- Joyce will send reminder announcement about the potluck including information about where to park.
- Remind people to bring their own serving utensils for their potluck dish.

Marilyn noted that the Repertory Theater will have some productions at COCA this year, so parking may be difficult at those meeting dates. The Rep will perform at COCA October 1 to 24 and February 11 to March 6. Therefore, only our October meeting will be affected.

Currently, we have about 41 or 42 members. About the same as last year.

Gwen said that the fundraising quilt is being quilted right now. Looks beautiful. She will pick up the quilt on Monday and bring to Betsy to have the binding completed.

Laura asked if we should send out a newsletter before the potluck or wait until October? All said to wait.

Discussion about next year's officers. Carol has talked with several possible candidates. Joyce said that she is willing to do whatever needs to be done. Gwen is willing to be Treasurer. Carol suggested possibly combining the newsletter with corresponding secretary into one position. Nancy is willing to do membership.

Library status. Gwen said that the UCity library's construction is scheduled to be completed by April to May of 2023. The library is still very interested in having our guild's quilt show be the inaugural show in the new gallery!

Next council meeting: Zoom on Tuesday, October 11.

October meeting will be a round robin of short, 15-minute lessons. Then we will have a 5-minute break to rotate to the next station. January will be a Zoom meeting for all since bad weather has forced us to cancel in the past.

Members should bring any photos or archive information about the Circle in the Square Quilt Guild to Nancy. Don't toss these items if you are cleaning out closets, but save for Nancy.

October Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



"Scrapped" by Pat Owoc



"Grand Tour: Places I Should Have Seen" by Pat Owoc

September Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



Mary Carr's Throw for her daughter



Bag made by Shelbe Bullock



Quilt of Valor by Nancy Duchesne



"No Apologies" by Joyce Johnson



Cleopatra's Fan by **Gwen Clopton**



Quilted and bound by **Gwen Clopton**

July Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



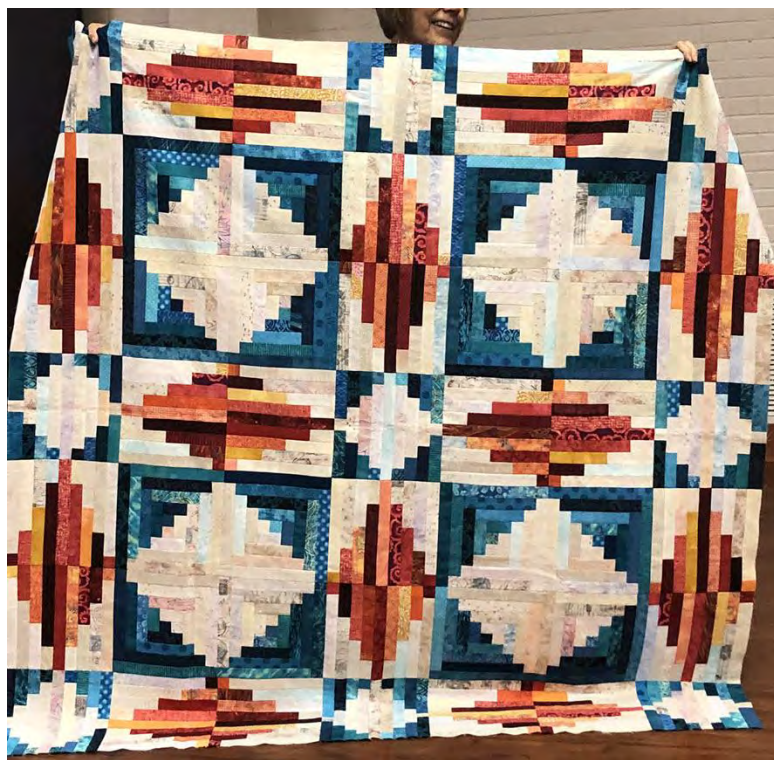
Delores Keaton



Delores Keaton



Joyce Johnson



Lois Hayes



Carolyn Stoll (front of quilt)



Carolyn Stoll (back of quilt)



Carolyn Stoll



Norma Silk



Norma Silk



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CSQ Flashback

June 2007 at Pat Owoc's house, it's nice to see missing faces long gone or moved out of town - some have lost weight or have more gray hair, but happy memories.



--Nancy Kollmar, CSQ Historian