

Circle in the Square Quilters

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January Meeting - Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Our speaker (via Zoom) is Elizabeth DeCroos from Ontario, Canada. She will share her presentation, *Pojagi* – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada. Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells her journey from Canada to Korea and back again.

Elizabeth started sewing as a child, and has always been interested in a variety of needlecrafts. In 2009, she took her young family to South Korea, where she had the opportunity to learn *pojagi* - a traditional Korean art form that goes back thousands of years. Upon returning to Canada, Elizabeth developed techniques for similar patchwork using a sewing machine and materials more readily available in the west. Her batik window hangings look like stained glass in the sun.

She works with this technique in her home base, Epida Studio. Her pattern line is called Epida Designs, and she publishes *pojagi* patterns as well as traditional quilting and embroidery patterns. She teaches live workshops, both in person and virtually, and has on-demand courses. Tutorials and inspirations at epidastudio.com

Information on the Zoom Meeting will be sent out before the meeting. If you'd like to skip technology at your house, Gwen is also hosting a watch party, so come over for popcorn and *pojagi*.

For the March meeting, we'll be having everyone's favorite -- the Fabric Swap! Mary Carr has graciously agreed to host at her house again this year More details to come, but start setting aside your unwanted fabric - one person's discards are another's treasure!



Council Election

We will also be voting and transitioning the current council to the new incoming council. The incoming council is:

- Joyce Johnson, President
- Marilyn Rafael, Vice-president
- Mary Carr, Treasurer
- Rachel Shapiro, Secretary
- Ruth Hanson, Membership

Additional leads are:

- Lou Kaufman, Charity Quilts
- Gwen Clopton, QQ2023
- Joyce Johnson, Raffle Quilt
- Laura Falk, Newsletter

From the Prez

I have greatly enjoyed serving as President for the last three years. Now it is time to turn over our guild to a group of officers. I hope to continue to participate in CSQ as much as family obligations allow, and I know that the new council will bring new ideas to our much-beloved guild.

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

Membership Renewal

Happy New Year to all our CSQ members! It's time to renew your membership to Circle in the Square Quilters. We will have interesting meetings this year, and we are all looking forward to our quilt show this year at the University City library.

For your convenience, we have three different options for you to renew – Online or by mail.

- Simply point your smart phone camera to this QR code, and a Square payment screen appears. This is a safe method to pay using your credit card, Google pay, or Apple pay. Several of our members have tested this out and found it works very well.
- You can also use this link to make a payment via Square: [Renew your CSQ membership](#)

Note: A 90-cent charge has been added for a credit card service charge (This is just 30 cents more than writing a check and mailing it).

- You can also renew your membership by mail: Send your \$20 check payable to Circle in the Square Quilters to: Betsy Sweeney, 7282 Maryland Ave, University City, MO 63130



QUINTESSENTIAL QUILT 2023

Quintessential Quilt Update from Gwen Clopton

We have a date for the quilt exhibit – June 2023! The University City Public Library is opening in late March/April. We are scheduled to use the newly renovated gallery and balconies to show our beautiful quilts.

More details to come, but for now I leave you with this...

“In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.”

--John Steinbeck

CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes - October 20, 2022

Carol Peck opened the meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City. Treasurer report: Paid Sandy Etheridge to quilt the raffle quilt. Balance is just under \$4,000. Time to start collecting membership renewals for 2023. \$20 each. Renew early. We have 42 members. Two guests attended tonight's demo night.

Programs. In January, we will hold a virtual meeting. Since January weather is unpredictable, a virtual meeting allows us to hold the meeting and not cancel at the last minute due to inclement weather.

Raffle quilt for 2025 quilt show. “Shakespeare in the Park” received the most votes from members. We are going to use Kaffe fabrics. There are 12” snails trails blocks and 6” star blocks. The Monday hand quilters are offering a new service: \$25 and they will baste your gorgeous quilt tops to batting and backing. You can then hand or machine quilt your quilt. No more being on your hands and knees pinning your quilt sandwich together. Proceeds will be donated to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Tentative slate of Officers for 2023-2024 was announced.

Gwen talked about how the demonstration meeting would proceed this evening. We are fortunate to have many talented quilters in our guild. Tonight four members volunteered to demonstrate a skill.

Laura Falk demonstrated Landscape picture piecing using the technique and pattern by Cynthia England. Ruth Hanson demonstrated hand quilting techniques, using a large quilt set up on a frame. Dolores Keaton demonstrated Paper Piecing. Suzanne Marshall demonstrated how to make bias stems for Applique.

Nancy Kollmar made large scrap bags for all in attendance and encouraged us to fill them with our quilting scraps, sew up the opening when full and drop it off at the Humane Society. Thank you for encouraging us to recycle, Nancy!

After the demonstrations, we enjoyed apple cider and cinnamon/brown sugar donut holes. Yum. Everyone helped to stow chairs and tables and clean up.

STONE SOUP

BY JAN ELIOT



November Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



"Scrapped" by Pat Owoc



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

December Piecing Group Meeting Show & Tell Photos



Teri Friedman's quilt for her grandson



Quilt for grandson Ben made by Suzanne Skelly



Tie Quilt by **Ruth Hanson**

October Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



Suzanne Marshall



Stockings by **Joyce Johnson**



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