

Circle in the Square Quilters

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March Meeting - Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

For this month's meeting, we'll be having everyone's favorite -- the Fabric Swap! Mary C. has graciously agreed to host at her house again this year.

Bring any fabric, notions or patterns that you would like to see go to a new home. And come prepared to take something back in place of what you brought. Mary's one rule is that we don't leave anything at her house!



To engage in the fabric swap fun:

1. Go through your stash and pull fabric you no longer want.
2. Bring it to the meeting.
3. Take a look at all the other fabric and pick something new for your creative quilting endeavors.

Bring a nut-free treat, such as cookies, to share with others. We'll have coffee, iced tea, and soft drinks.

QUINTESSENTIAL QUILT 2023 **UPDATE**

We have a NEW date for the quilt exhibit – October 2023.

In late February, a water main break outside the University City Public Library caused a great deal of damage in the building's basement. This situation is delaying their re-opening to June 2023, or possibly later. The CSQ Council decided that moving the exhibit to our traditional October was the best option for our group.

Again, more details to come.

From the Prez

This month finds our guild very busy! A quote from painter Henri Matisse seems strangely appropriate: "Don't wait for inspiration. It comes while working." We have so many projects to keep you busy that you are bound to become inspired! Please read the entire newsletter carefully to find a way to participate in all of the activities related to our upcoming Quintessential Quilt Show and the 2025 fundraising quilt.

Since our virtual meeting in January, I have been thinking of how many ways Elizabeth DeCroos integrated pojagi in her home and life. Did you hear her say that some women have hundreds of pojagi to use in all aspects of their lives? I know that the brightly colored quilts in my home make the gray days of winter seem a little less gloomy, but I've been considering other ways to use my favorite fabrics - both to be more environmentally friendly and aesthetically satisfying. I hope she encouraged you to expand how you can use beautiful textiles in your life.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual fabric swap on March 21 at Mary C's home. One woman's unfortunate fabric purchase in another's treasure! We will have packets for quilt show ribbon-making and 2025 fundraising quilt blocks, so come with your unwanted fabric and an eager spirit. We will also be distributing the tickets for the Joyful Jane fundraising quilt!

See you then,
Joyce

CSQ Council 2023-2025

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

Lou Kaufman, Charity Quilts
Gwen Clopton, Website &
Quintessential Quilt Show
Joyce Johnson, Raffle Quilt
Laura Falk, Newsletter
Nancy Kollmar, Historian

Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so now! For your convenience, we have 3 different options for you to renew – Online or by mail.

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).

- 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](#)
- You can also renew your membership by mail: Send your \$20 check payable to Circle in the Square Quilters to the membership chair.



2025 Fundraising Quilt

Even though we haven't yet had our raffle for our Joyful Jane quilt, it is time to get started on our 2025 fundraising quilt. In 2022, guild members voted to make the Shakespeare in the Park quilt by Judy Martin. A number of guild members have volunteered to make the 6" and 12" blocks, but there are still some packets that haven't been claimed. These packets will be available for adoption at the March meeting. If you want to volunteer, but can't make it to the meeting, please contact Joyce Johnson at joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com.

Quilt Basting Service

The Monday Quilters are now offering basting services for those who finish their quilts by hand or domestic machine. Prices range from \$25-\$35. If you are interested in this service, please contact one of the Monday Quilters (Nancy Kollmar, Ruth Hanson, Pat Owoc, Suzanne Skelley, Robin Osborn, Lou Kaufman, Joyce Johnson, Carol Peck, Betsy Sweeney, or Ramona Dunlap).

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for upcoming Global Quilt Connection events. CSQ will be enrolling its members in two upcoming All-Star Sampler Platters on May 6 & 7 and September 23 & 24. Emails with internet links will be sent with more information.

Local Quilt News

The **Bits'N' Pieces Quilt Guild** is having their Fanfare of Quilts show on March 18 & 19 at Queeny Park, 550 Weidman Road, Ballwin. Admission is \$8.00 and is good for both days of the show. For more information check out their website at bitsnpiecesguild.com or email bitsnpiecesguild@gmail.com.

Prairie Pine Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Friday, April 14, 2023, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM & Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM \$5.00 Admission

Audrain 4-H Center, 21509 Route D, Mexico, MO

[See their Facebook page](#) for more information

Member News

Suzanne Marshall Interview

Because Alex Anderson now has breast cancer, Ricky Tims is promoting awareness about breast cancer. Alex's husband, John, called Ricky and asked him to interview Suzanne about the Mastectomy Quilt. The video was posted on CSQ's Facebook page. You can find it there or look on Youtube. Search for Ricky Tims and Suzanne Marshall.

Pat Owoc Piece at Art Saint Louis

A quilted piece by Pat Owoc, *Grand Tour*, will show at Art Saint Louis in *Maturity and Its Muse: Celebrating Artistic Experience 2023*. Members of the Piecing Group helped with some of the strips of images. (Pat says "Thank you.")

April 15 through May 18, 2023 Reception: Saturday, April 22, 2023, 5-7 p.m.

Details on Art Saint Louis website: www.artsaintlouis.org

Art Saint Louis | 1223 Pine Street | St. Louis, MO | 63103 | p: 314-241-4810 |



CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2023

Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speaker (Carol Pack / Gwen Clopton)

- Guest speaker Elizabeth DeCroos, from Canada, was introduced. Elizabeth learned the traditional Korean art form called “Pojagi”, during her time in the country. This is a decorative form of sewing that uses visible stitching to piece fabric with no raw edges. The window hangings are reminiscent of cathedral windows. She shared photos of various projects, including pincushions, thimbles, bags, and wall hangings. She started Epida studios (www.epidastudio.com) and teaches this art form online.

Election of new board members (Carol)

- Joyce thanked Carol for her years of leadership. Gwen gave her a gift from the group and thanked her as well. Thanks to other officers who extended their time.
- New slate of officers was presented:
 - o President: Joyce Starr Johnson
 - o VP: Marilyn Raphael
 - o Secretary: Rachel Shapiro
 - o Treasurer: Mary Carr
 - o Membership: Ruth Hanson
 - o Newsletter: Laura Falk
 - o Charity quilts: Lou Kaufmann
 - o Quilt Show: Gwen Clopton
- Gwen Clopton moved to approve the new slate of officers. Betsy Sweeney seconded the motion. All voted in favor. None opposed. **Slate was approved.**
- Many thanks to outgoing board members from Joyce & Gwen.

Treasurer’ Report (Betsy)

- The latest bank statement shows our balance at \$3,367.17. A large deposit of membership payments has not yet made. If you paid through Square, it is already in the bank. Thanks, Gwen, for setting that up.

Membership Report (Lou and Ruth)

- Reminder to pay dues for the coming year. Alternative methods to pay were described in the recent newsletter. Lou is turning over the job to Ruth Hanson.
- Gwen and Lou will update the membership data on the spreadsheet.

Charity Quilts (Betsey)

- Lou would like to continue participating in Operation Shower. We have given over 100 quilts to this group since Betsy has been involved (5-6 years now). Lou intends to continue.

Raffle Quilt (Joyce)

- Raffle tickets/methods of purchase/Square – will get pre-printed raffle tickets for the same amount it costs us to make them ourselves. *Joyful Jane* is the name of the raffle quilt. Will have tickets for people to sell at the March meeting. Will publicize once we finalize the dates. Postponing drawing until July meeting. Would like to have the meeting there in the library. Will give us more time to sell tickets. Nancy heading up effort to sell the tickets (at quilt stores and quilt meetings). Can use Square to accept credit cards. Changing cost – now \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Quintessential Quilt Show (Gwen)

- Date and location – June 2023. Waiting to hear from gallery person to finalize the dates to install, formal dates for exhibit and taking down.
- Registration process for entering quilts – will start in March. Will be online. 3 sizes of quilts. We have more gallery space than we had in the past. Working on ribbons.
- Call for volunteers – start signing up March

Newsletter (Laura)

- Next deadline for submissions is Friday March 3rd. Send your photos.

March Guild Meeting (Marilyn)

- March guild meeting will be a fabric swap at Mary Carr's home. Start gathering the fabric you want to share. Will also be distributing the raffle tickets then. Gwen and Marilyn Raphael will have packets for making the prize ribbons. If you signed up, pick them up then or make arrangements. Will have packets for the Shakespeare in the Park quilt. If you want to make some blocks, contact Joyce or come to the March meeting to get a packet.

Other

- Nancy will have something for the March 3rd newsletter as historian.
- Transitions to note: Marilyn Raphael began working as program chair in the last year. She will assume the title of VP and Program Chair. New officer is Rachel Shapiro, serving as our secretary. Will receive emails from Rachel – make sure they don't go into your spam folder.
- Pat thanked Joyce and everyone who took on a new or old job to keep CSG going.
- Laura thanked Gwen for her work organizing over the past few years.
- Joyce thanked Elizabeth for joining us.
- Adjournment

CSQ Council Meeting – 1/10/23 7:00 pm

Attendees: Joyce Starr Johnson, Gwen Clopton, Mary Carr, Ruth Hanson, Marilyn Raphael, Lou Kaufmann, Betsy Sweeney, Laura Falk, Rachel Shapiro

Transition to new officers

President: Joyce Starr Johnson

VP: Marilyn Raphael

Secretary: Rachel Shapiro

Treasurer: Mary Carr

Membership: Ruth Hanson

Newsletter: Laura Falk

Charity quilts: Lou Kaufmann

Quilt Show: Gwen Clopton

Joyce will create a shared Google sheet with member information. Laura and Rachel will touch base about sending out the newsletter. Rachel will mail to the two members without email. Laura will move up the mail date so they will receive meeting information in time.

Square System- Discussed how the Square method of paying dues was working. Betsy will get the payment information to Lou. Payment information can be shared on the Google spreadsheet. Square provides an email verification when a payment is made. Gwen will turn Square ownership over to the new treasurer. Also need to transition who is on the account. Betsy will set it up and let everyone know when they will meet at the bank (Busey Bank). Anyone selling raffle tickets will now be able to take credit cards. Betsy sent the check to the speaker today.

Newsletter- Laura still needs a president's letter from Carol. She will include information about speaker, new council members, membership renewal and a QR code, Gwen's update about quilt show, minutes from last couple of meetings, December piecing group show and tell photos, October guild meeting show and tell photos Will add photo of raffle quilt in March newsletter. Will also have info for the next raffle quilt or people to sign up and pick up their kits.

Fabric Swap / Next Meetings- Mary Carr volunteered to host it. There is no speaker for March yet, so instead we will do a fabric swap. Will advertise in the newsletter that March meeting will be at Mary's house and will also be a fabric swap – March 21st .

Council meeting will be on March 14th (either zoom or in person – at someone's home). Joyce will revisit on March 1st and will decide where it will be held.

Treasurer's Report- Balance on account – below \$4,000, between \$3000 and \$3500 right now. Doing fine.

Quilt Show- Gwen confirmed with the library that we will do it in June. Meeting May and July. Will decide what we want to do in June. Lois Hayes was our viewer's choice 3 years ago. Will ask if we can use her quilt for a poster.

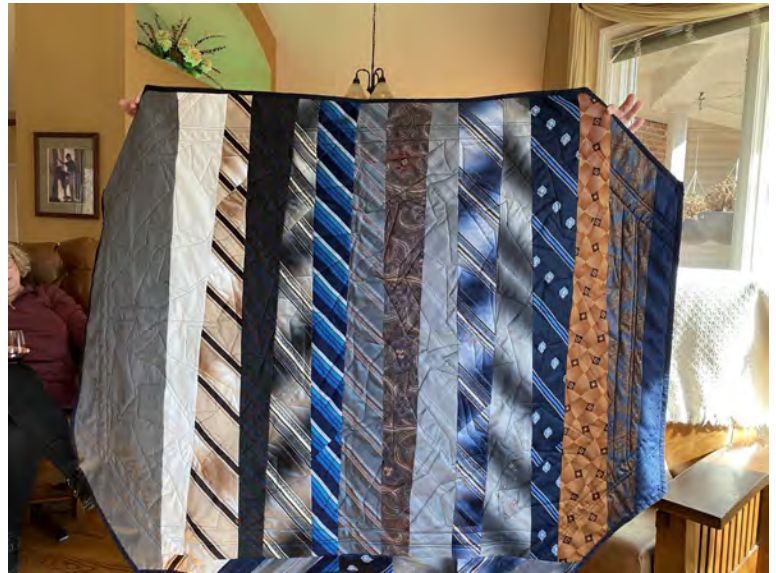
Raffle Quilt- Gwen will finalize dates with library (show opening and closing). Will also need to finalize where the fundraising quilt will be hanging. Gwen shared a mockup for the raffle ticket (using raffle.com). They will customize and print 3000 of them. Group agreed to raise the ticket prices this year: \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and print them through raffle.com (only \$30 more than last time and almost no work). Gwen will order once the data is finalized. Drawing will be done in the July meeting in case there are other sales we want to do, they can be done until the July meeting. In the process of designing bookmarks. Looking at purchasing online as well. Full color. Wants to put ice cream cone from Dear Jane as a graphic/design feature. Wants something striking to get out to the quilt shops and libraries (around April). Main activity will start 60 days out. Will start sending press releases to quilt magazines. Will need to call Jackman's to get a Saturday day to sell our tickets. Nancy has agreed to take the lead on that.

The fee on Square: for every 10 dollars it is about .40. The volume we would get is worth it. Square is set up to go directly into our bank account. We can get reports on our sales (single vs. multiple). If membership is done through Square, it asks for the payer's name, so we will know who paid.

Marilyn will take over the ribbons from Gwen. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and viewer's choice. Quilt show categories: small, medium, and large quilts. Gwen already bought ribbon. Marilyn will make the kits.

Next Meeting- Will be virtual. Presenter will be a guest from Canada. Gwen will have a viewing at her house. Handoff – Next week Carol or Gwen can start the meeting. Immediately after speaker will start the business meeting. 1st item will be voting in the new council. Joyce can take the agenda from there. If Carol prefers to do it she can, but Joyce will be prepared.

March Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos

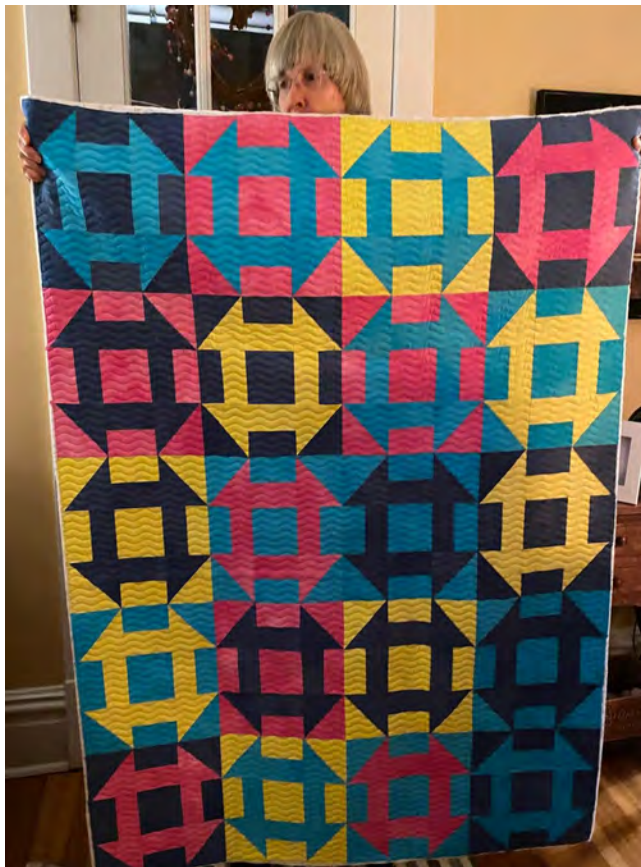


Tie quilt by **Ruth Hanson** (left: front right: back)

February Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Quilt of Valor by **Kim Donermeyer**



Churn Dash by **Carol Peck**



Pincushion by **Ruth Hanson**



Pillow by **Ruth Hanson**



Baby quilt by **Carol Peck**



Quilt for friend by **Carol Peck**



Quilt from Kim's "basement stash" by **Pat Owoc**



Bag by **Joyce Starr Johnson**



Quilt from CSQ auction blocks by **Mary Carr**



Diamond quilt by **Joy Stinger**



Fabric Rope Bowl by **Laura Falk**

Other Show & Tell Photos



Improv wall hanging by **Betsy Sweeney**