

Circle in the Square Quilters

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May Meeting - Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.

For this month's meeting, we'll be doing something a little different! Let's get hands on and learn some fabric-wrapped rope techniques. We definitely won't have time to make an entire bowl, but you'll be able to see/learn the basics and go home with at least the start of a fabric-wrapped coaster! (Or it could be a base for a larger bowl project.)

You'll see some examples, look at a variety of ways to finish off the end of the rope, and go home with a list of tips/resources. All materials will be provided, but if you would like to bring some scissors and a few straight pins, that would be helpful. Also, if you have specific fabric strips you'd like to practice with, bring those! (Strips can be ½" - 2".) Otherwise we'll have a variety on hand!

Meeting will be held in the basement of: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130



Upcoming Meetings

July 18, 2023: At our July meeting we will be holding a "sew-in" to make baby quilts for Operation Shower. We have 10 kits all cut and ready to sew. We'll need stitchers, pressers, pinner, etc. Please see the sign-up sheet at the May meeting to volunteer to help and possibly bring some needed items like sewing machines, ironing boards, etc.

September 19, 2023: Our yummiest meeting of the year - the annual potluck! This is a favorite social gathering with a focus on food and friendship. Bring your best recipe and get to know your fellow guild members a little better.

Longtime CSQ member Sandy Etheridge died on March 24. All of us who knew Sandy Etheridge mourn her passing. She was a happy, energetic person not just in her quilting expertise, but life in general. We all marveled at her long arm quilting ability to turn a plain quilt into something spectacular. She had been a member of CSQ for 22 years and a member of the hand piecing group for over 20 years, which meant the group has helped her piece over 13 quilts; my personal favorite was her embroidered Christmas quilt. Her home defined her. I loved all her pressed glass dishes and of course her quilts were all over the house. She had an infectious laugh and beautiful smile. All that knew Sandy have a special memory of her and will miss her. And she quilted our amazing "Joyful Jane" raffle quilt! - Nancy Kollman, CSQ Historian



From the Prez

"Spring is the time of plans and projects," said Leo Tolstoy, and I hope that your springtime projects are in full gear. You got rid of some of your old fabrics at our March meeting, and found some new ones that sparked your creative urges! I know I found a couple of small pieces that were perfect for a project I am starting this summer - so thank you to whomever brought those little treasures. I am so glad you had no further use for them.

The postponement of our Quintessential Quilt Show to October gives us all a little extra time to finish our special quilts. We will have more updates about the show at our next meeting, as well as updates on raffle tickets, prize ribbons, and the next fundraising quilt.

I hope to see you all at the next guild meeting on May 16. Perhaps some of you were able to travel to Branson or Paducah to view the AQS shows and can share some insight into trends or innovations in the quilt world? We would love to hear your thoughts. We will also be sharing results of the recent survey that was recently sent to members.

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

2025 Fundraising Quilt

If you "adopted" blocks for the 2025 quilt, remember they are due back in July!

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.

Save the Date

We hope you virtually attended the recent Global Quilt Connection event. The next event is September 23 & 24 and we should be receiving links for those dates in early September.

CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2023

Welcome, Introductions and Fabric Swap (Joyce Starr Johnson)

- The meeting was held at the home of Mary. Joyce thanked Mary for opening her home to our guild and for hosting the fabric swap.
- Fabric Swap - The group drew numbers to go into the dining room (fabric room) in 5-minute increments to make their first fabric selections. After all groups had a chance, then everyone went back as they pleased.

- Joyce introduced the new members and a guest.

AMIGA Charity (Margaret K)

- Margaret K talked about the charity AMIGA (*A Mission in God's Amour*), to which some of the day's remaining fabrics and threads would be donated. This group is building a school that teaches girls in Honduras how to sew and support themselves.
- The charity is also in need of sewing machines. If you have a portable machine you can donate, they would appreciate it. Please donate by the end of March.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report (Mary Carr)

- The latest bank statement shows our balance at \$3,390.00.
- Several people paid dues tonight. Reminder to pay dues if you have not paid yet.
- We have two new members. Welcome.

Charity Quilts (Lou Kauffman)

- Lou received three charity quilts from Gwen tonight. She visited Operation Baby Shower and was told they are completely out of quilts. They need more. She would like to put together some kits to make some more and perhaps sew them at a meeting. Quilts made by the guild should include a guild label.

Quilt Show (Gwen Clopton)

- The University City library had a water main break and it caused damage in the basement that had just been refinished. They will not reopen until around April and will not have an elevator until August. Therefore, we are returning to our usual show time of October.

Raffle Quilt (Gwen Clopton for Nancy Kollmar)

- Nancy is getting things together for the raffle. Tickets will be available in May.
- If you are working on ribbons, have them ready by the July meeting. Many people have already completed theirs.
- Quilt blocks for the next raffle quilt are due in July. We have ten 12" Snails Trail and two paper pieced Sawtooth Star blocks that need to be adopted and completed by July. See Joyce to sign up for those.

Programming (Joyce Starr Johnson)

- You will be getting an email survey within the month about what programming you would be interested in. If you have anything you want to include on the survey, let Joyce know.

Newsletter (Laura Falk)

- Next deadline for newsletter submissions is May 1st. Send your photos.

Other

- Ribbons - Quilt show ribbons are awarded in three categories: Small, Medium, and Large. Each category receives a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon as well as a "Viewer's Choice". Guild members vote for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; anyone can vote for Viewer's Choice. Ten ribbons total are awarded.
- Show and Tell
- Kim told the group about a quilt day through her sister's church (9-9 on a Friday) as well as a story about a signature quilt.
- Gwen told her bleeding dyed quilt story. Jeanne added that "Identipen" to sign quilts is safest.
- Adjournment

CSQ Council Meeting Minutes - March 14, 2023

Attendees:

Joyce Starr Johnson
Gwen Clopton
Mary Carr

Ruth Hanson
Marilyn Raphael
Lou Kaufmann

Nancy Kollmar
Rachel Shapiro

Welcome to New Council Members

- Joyce welcomed the new and returning Council members.

Treasurer's report (Mary Carr)

- We have \$3,390.11 in the bank account.
- Electronic payments have been going smoothly.
- Joyce talked with Mary about recording balances.

Membership report (Ruth Hanson)

- 42 members have paid. Mary will collect more payments at the fabric swap.
- Discussed ideas to attract new members.
- Series on Sunday afternoons a few weeks in a row? Two audiences: Perhaps a sew-in for current members and a series to attract new members.

Next Steps:

- We are comfortable raising membership \$5 next January.
- Will poll members about what activities they might be interested in (how-to, sew-in, changing to Saturdays or Sundays, etc.). Joyce will put together a questionnaire and Gwen will create an electronic form.
- Will talk about a recruitment event in October.

Historian's Report (Nancy Kollmar)

- Nancy brought something with her to send to Laura. Was out of town visiting the great grandkids and missed the deadline. Will have it for her next time.

Quilt Show update (Gwen Clopton)

- Changed the date to October 2023. Library was relieved. They won't have an elevator until August. Gwen will get the raffle tickets ordered. Would like to announce the raffle some time in November. Usually, winner selected when finished taking down all the quilts.
- Since quilt show is in October, ribbon makers have a little more time now.

Charity quilts (Lou Kaufman)

- Lou has three charity quilts. Wants to find out how often they do the baby showers. Has been at guilds where they did a sew-in at a meeting and did charity quilts with kits. Will look for baby quilt materials. Would like to do something like that with our guild and coordinate it so we would have some quilts for their next shower.

Fundraising Quilt Update

- 2025 quilt is all cut up and packaged. Will bring to Mary's house next week to distribute to people. Most blocks have been adopted, but we have 15 left to be adopted.

Upcoming Guild Meetings

- Next guild meeting is Tuesday, March 21st at Mary's house. Bring snacks (finger foods). She will have decaf coffee and cold beverages, cheese and cracker trays, cookies, and paper goods. Laura put in the newsletter for members to bring nut-free snacks. Finger foods should be ready to serve. Fabric swap starting at 6:30.
- Next council meeting May 9.
- May 16 guild meeting at the church. Gwen will forward the email form to Marilyn to take care of the room fee (\$75). Mary will write a check and drop it off at the office. \$75.
- July – will the library be open for a program? Will plan for it to be at the church to take the pressure off. If we do a charity thing, the church does not have a lot of outlets.

QuiltHop Publication (Joyce)

- Joyce sent the council information about advertising in the Quiltshop Hop. The smallest ad is 1/8 page at \$275. The magazine is also the passport (maybe \$8). Do we have print-ready artwork? There is a scalable logo somewhere. Option to do \$50 bold announcement. Maybe see what we get to promote the quilt show.
- Council approved advertising.

Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Fabricologist:



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**n:/one who has perfected the art
of stashing fabric.**

March Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



House Sampler quilts by Lou Kaufman



Pastel quilt for granddaughter and (right) frog quilt for sister by Marianne Whaley

(Left)



(Left) Hearts & Gizzards vintage quilt blocks that piecing group helped with & quilt group quilted by **Mary Carr**
(Right) Four-patch kaleidoscope quilt by **Gwen Clopton**



(Left) Quilt won in a raffle by **Laura Falk**; (right) t-shirt quilt top by **Laura Falk**

April Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



English Paper Piecing blocks by **Ruth Hanson**



Paper pieced Double Wedding Ring by **Joyce Johnson**



Quilts by **Joyce Johnson**



Quilts by Joyce Johnson



Quilt by Joyce Johnson



May Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Graduation present quilt by **Carol Peck**



Storm at Sea by **Carol Peck**



State Fair (Electric Fan)
Quilt by **Ruth Hanson**



(Left) Mini Feathered Star top (paper pieced) by **Laura Falk**

(Right) Applique banner from a Suzanne Marshall pattern by **Joyce Johnson**