

Circle in the Square Quilters

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July Meeting - Tuesday, July 18 as early as 4:30 p.m.

Bring your sewing machine and make a baby quilt for [Operation Shower](#). We'll start earlier than normal at 5:00 PM (and we can start setting up as early as 4:30). We'll have kits so you can make a quilt top, or bring your own to work on.

Bring a sack dinner and a drink. There is a refrigerator and microwave available. Rumor has it that Lou Kaufman will be bringing goodies for dessert!

Don't forget to bring Show & Tell - always a meeting highlight!

On a related note, Operation Shower has been struggling to obtain handmade quilts for their baby showers. We would like to meet a goal of 40 quilts this year from our guild. Here's a link to a free baby quilt pattern for those who need some inspiration. It would be a great way to use up scraps, too.

<https://sewcanshe.com/sew-a-simple-9-patch-baby-quilt-free-pattern/>



QUINTESSENTIAL QUILT 2023 **UPDATE**

The University City Public Library is now open. The second floor balcony is fully accessible for hanging those large quilts, and the gallery is lovely and refreshed.

Exhibit registration will be emailed on August 1, 2023 with a deadline of September 4, 2023. A photo of each quilt is required.

Volunteer sign-up sheets at the July meeting for installation, reception, guild meeting, and taking down the quilts.

For information on the quilt entry guidelines and raffle quilt, see <http://www.circleinthesquare.org/news-and-events/>

From the Prez

Many hands make light work, or so they say. This proverb was first recorded in English in the early 1300s in a knightly romance known as *Sir Bevis of Hampton*. This is especially true for members of our guild. There are so many opportunities for you to lend a hand in the coming months to keep our guild running smoothly. Please read through all of the announcements in this newsletter and find one (or more) ways for you to participate: selling raffle tickets, making baby quilts for Operation Shower, setting up the Quintessential Quilt Show, submitting quilts for the show, and the list goes on.

We shared results of our membership survey at the last guild meeting on May 16. We will be using those results to plan guild activities for the next few years. Thank you all for participating in that effort. A number of members indicated interest in a Round Robin activity. Please see the note in this newsletter about joining that ad hoc group! Other small groups will be forming in the coming months, so please keep an eye out for those announcements in future newsletters. If you are interested in coordinating small groups for activities such as mystery quilts or block of the month quilts, please speak up!

It will be great to see a large turnout for our July 18 meeting. Come and enjoy the fellowship of working with other members as we put our skills to use for the greater good.

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

Round Robin Quilting Group now forming!

A Round Robin quilt is a quilt that is started by one quilter, and then subsequent borders are added by other quilters to arrive at a finished quilt that is MORE than a sum of all its parts! [Click here](#) for a quick description. If you are interested in participating in a Round Robin group, please contact Joyce Johnson at joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com or 636-288-3681 by Friday, September 1. After that date we will set a date to discuss how we want to move forward with this activity. I am looking forward to it.

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

The next Global Quilt Connection event is September 23 & 24 and we should be receiving links for those dates in early September.

CSQ Guild Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2023

Speaker (Marilyn)

- Our instructor was Laura Falk, who demonstrated how to make rope/fabric bowls with rope and some of our scraps.

- Supplies: Rope, Clips, heavy duty needle, machine that can zigzag, scissors, strip of fabric, glue stick, fabric stiffener.

Welcome, Introductions (Joyce Starr Johnson)

- Introductions and announcement asking members to help put away tables and chairs after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report (Mary Carr)

- Bank balance remains steady.

Membership (Ruth)

- 19 people here. Sarah is our guest and newest member.

Door prizes – Wear your name tag. Next time will do door prizes.

Charity Quilts (Lou Kauffman)

- For July's meeting, we will make baby quilts. Operation Shower was out of quilts, so it would be nice to replenish their supply. 10 kits are cut out and ready to sew.
- Can be here as early as 5:30 (bring food if you need). No alcohol. Need to be out by 8:30. We have people donating batting. Bring neutral thread and your tools. Will find out if we can come earlier than 5:30.

Quilt Show (Gwen Clopton)

- Pretty sure it will be in October. Library opening end of June. Have not confirmed the dates because we do not know exact date they are opening.

Raffle Quilt (Nancy Kollmar)

- Tickets are printed and available at the meeting. The quilt is on display today -- it is beautiful! Thanks to everyone who worked on it and to Joyce for putting everything together. Ticket prices: \$2/ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. People took tickets to sell. Be sure to have a photo of the quilt to show when selling. Gwen will email photos to members as well.
- Gwen will send out the requirements soon for the October quilt show quilts. Need to hold off on publicity until we have specific dates. Will have an opening. Will hang the quilts on a Friday, show them Saturday, and have a more formal event on Sunday. Members have a week to view and will vote at next meeting. Will invite a speaker to the October meeting. 3 quilts may be submitted for each member (rank them by preference – don't know how many we can hang yet). Balcony hanging mechanism will be the same.
- Gwen will ask for help with mounting and setup.
- 2025 quilt – Some blocks are out; many have been returned. Bring finished blocks to the July meeting. Make sure Joyce crosses your name off the list when you return them.
- A member of Monday quilting has a quilt frame she is willing to part with. If you are a hand quilter who wants one, Joyce can put you in touch with Ramona.

Survey / Programming (Joyce Starr Johnson)

- Joyce reviewed the results of the member survey and discussed the findings.
- Vast majority of our members have been quilting for more than 20 years. Good news – fantastic, experienced quilters. Bad news – we don't have a lot of new quilters joining us and ensuring our guild for the future. Looking at what we can do to bring in new members. Quilt show will be a great opportunity. Meeting at library will be more parking friendly. We have 42 members now.
- One survey question – how to deal with rising prices of speakers. Hard to get for less than \$250. Even if we raise membership to \$25 (which we are) it does not raise a lot for speakers. Sometimes they have travel costs, etc. Raising next January to \$25. Then will have to negotiate the higher fees associated with running the guild. Selling raffle tickets will help.
- Another takeaway – how to program. There are people interested in activities. If 5 people are interested in Round Robin, we will support those people. Or if some want to participate in block of the month, we will move forward with that.

- Comments – People felt it was a good idea to administer the survey. Helps with planning and gives a picture of what everyone is interested in doing. Did not give people much lead time yet still got 24 responses – good result. Many people took the time to add comments as well.
- Lou will send reminders about what people signed up for for the July meeting.
- Due date for show ribbons is the July meeting. Marilyn has several already.

Newsletter (Laura Falk)

- Next deadline for newsletter submissions is June 23. Send your photos. Next meeting is July. Get everything to Laura in time – summer is crunch time.

Historian (Nancy)

Gwen will find out how to send a condolence card to Sandy's family and will put the information in the newsletter. Nancy will have something for the next newsletter.

Other

Will continue to do the sampler. People like it. Good that they keep it online for 48 hours.

CSQ Council Meeting – 5/9/23 7:00 pm

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)

- Bank balance remains steady.
- Issues/Questions - None

Membership report (Ruth Hanson)

- Membership numbers
- Issues/Questions

Newsletter Report (Laura Falk)

- Next deadline is June 23rd.
- Newsletter is done. Can send it out tonight. Nancy has something for it – a blurb and photo of Sandy Etheridge. She will send it to Laura.
- Will just put date of Quilt Show and something about raffle tickets (distributing next week).

Historian's Report (Nancy Kollmar)

- Sending blurb about Sandy for newsletter.
- Joyce asked Nancy to put together 15-minute mini presentation for Potluck in September.

Quilt Show update (Gwen Clopton)

- Don't have confirmation of exact dates. End of June is opening of library.
- Fundraising tickets are ready. Will put together everything for Nancy. Will give it to her Monday quilting or Tuesday meeting. Will make arrangements with quilt shops and guild meetings we can exhibit at. At meeting will get people to sign up to sell tickets and display the quilt.

- Gwen will get photo and make into postcards. Can use square, cash or check.
- Library Posters – until have dates not sure. Has a picture jewer's choice last year. Library usually makes those. Gwen will ask about that. New people are managing the gallery so will probably wait and see until July to give them time to figure out what they are doing.
- Bookmarks
- Ribbons are coming along. Deadline – have until September. Can bring it in any time. Some ribbons were displayed (the ones that have been completed).
- Participation and Registration. Rules ready. Gwen has already been approached by 2 people who want to do king size quilts, but there is limited space in the gallery. Too big. Too heavy.
- Volunteering for set up in July.
- Voting Mechanism – had opening, members were allowed to vote. Ribbons awarded during the meeting. The voting was on the phone. Joyce was able to go back and look at the quilts and vote on her phone. Gwen still has the survey.
- Advance publicity will be 90 days out. Have material from web site on flyer at the library. Lou has a copy of another guild who did that. Laura said she will work on a flyer.

Charity quilts (Lou Kaufman)

- Would like to put a blurb in newsletter – July will be sew-in for baby quilts. Will send it to Laura after this meeting.
- So far we have had 8 quilts to turn in. Has 10 kits ready for July (fronts, backs, binding, but not batting). Rachel and Joyce will make sure we have enough batting for 10 baby quilts. Will need to get volunteers to bring their machines.
- Lou will make a sign-up sheet for that between now and next Tuesday (who will bring what). Gwen has an extra iron from Quilts of Valor. Gwen has some good extension cords. She has a lot of supplies.
- Would be nice to get the local newspaper to do a story on operation shower. Free publicity. The people at operation shower may have those connections. Lou will ask them if they can handle that for us.

Fundraising Quilt Update

- Current Quilt – we are set on the current quilt. Gwen will bring the fundraising quilt to the meeting and we will put it up on the stand.
- 2025 Quilt – July meeting deadline. Several people have submitted them. So far all the blocks have been adopted. If we don't get them back in July, Joyce will follow up.

Upcoming Guild Meetings

- Next guild meeting is Tuesday, May 16.
- Preparation for meeting: Laura would love for it to be hands on (bowl or coaster). Laura can bring supplies. People won't be able to sew but will try to get bases set up and get people started. Strips can be ½ inch to 2 ½ inches. Laura will have the rope pre-cut and people can start wrapping the rope. Possibly do some hand sewing. People will bring supplies and machines (with denim/heavy needle) if they have. Neutral thread.
- Next council meeting July 11.
- Next guild meeting July 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church (making baby quilts)

- September is our potluck
- Discussion to continue meeting at Trinity or go to a new location.

Other Items (Joyce)

- Survey Results
 - Joyce will try to put info on one-pager to distribute to members.
 - Joyce reviewed survey results with the group. Will share at guild meeting.

Adjournment 8:15pm

May Guild Meeting Workshop Photos



May Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



Pillow by **Lou Kaufman**



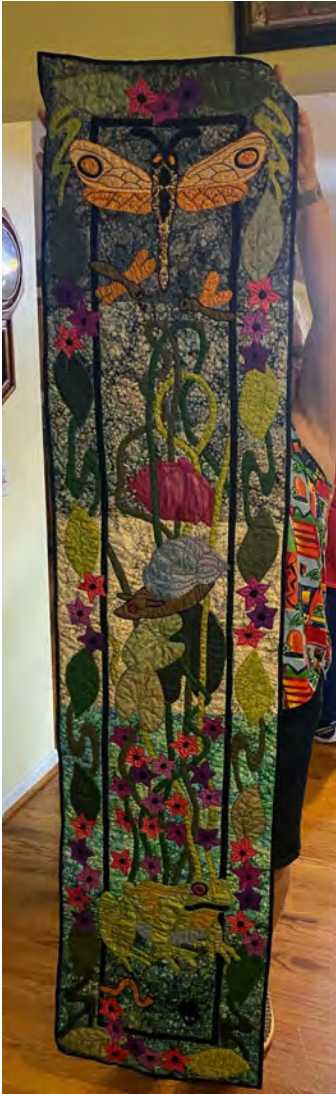
Baby Quilt by **Carolyn Stoll**



Lori Holt "Scrapiness is Happiness" blocks **Carolyn Stoll**



June Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Quilt by **Joyce Johnson**
Pattern by **Suzanne Marshall**



Kim Donermeyer's inherited heirloom quilt

July Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Pat Owoc – A handmade memory book full of family pictures and mementos



Ruth Hanson's latest paper piecing block - Dresden Plate



Kim Donermeyer's daughter Erica bought this hand-quilted quilt at an estate sale.



"Liberty Curves" by **Joyce Johnson**. Piecing by hand piecing Group.



Betsy Sweeney's Hosanna quilt made from UFO blocks



Betsy Sweeney's Jittery Wings from a quilt-along