

Circle in the Square Quilters

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September Potluck - Tuesday, September 19 6:00 p.m.

It's one of the best meetings of the year - and certainly the tastiest!

Our annual potluck dinner will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington Avenue, University City at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 19.

Bring a dish to share with the group (**NO NUTS due to severe allergies!**) and appropriate serving utensils. Beverages will be provided. **Please bring your own plate and utensils!**

In preparation for our 40th RUBY Anniversary in 2024, we are hoping to see lots of familiar faces for fun and fellowship. Parking is available on the street and on the north side of Washington Avenue in the COCA parking garage. Please don't park on Kingsbury Blvd.



October Meeting - Tuesday, Oct. 17 6:00 p.m. at the U. City Library

There likely won't be a newsletter between now and the October meeting, so we'll go ahead and provide the details! CSQ will be hosting Oliver Schaefer-Blanton and Leslie Caldwell-Blanchard who will talk about how quilting and other needle crafts became part of the mission of the St. Charles City-County Library District. They have some robust programming over there, and we'll get to hear all about it!

Membership Dues Update: After countless years with our membership dues staying the same at \$20, the council has decided to increase them to \$25 to help defray costs for speakers, etc. You can begin paying Ruth Hanson (membership chair) in October, with a final deadline of March. Membership cards will be distributed at the March meeting. We'll also have an online link/QR code at the meeting if you prefer to pay online with a credit card.

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2023 **UPDATE**

We'll be emailing out final details about the quilt show in the coming days - stay tuned! But know that there will be more than 50 amazing quilts in the show!

From the Prez

Isn't it nice to wake up to crisp cool mornings? Makes me think of quilting... HaHa! Everything makes me think of quilting, but I do like it when it is cool enough to pull up a quilt in the evenings.

We have a busy six weeks ahead of us at CSQ. The annual potluck on September 19 is our warm up for the season. Be sure to put this on your calendar and bring a dish to share. See all of the details elsewhere in this newsletter. Then on September 30 we will set up our quilt show. The global COVID-19 pandemic cancelled our last show, so we are so excited for this one. Please consider volunteering your time on Sept. 30 to help.

Other important items in this newsletter that you won't want to miss: the Global Quilt Connection is coming on Sept. 23-24 - watch your email for the link; the 40th RUBY Anniversary of the guild is approaching in 2024; and then don't miss all the events surrounding the quilt show.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our potluck on the 19th and to taste all the yummy treats.

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! Our deadline for this challenge was September 1, but if you want to join us a little late, please contact joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com ASAP!

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

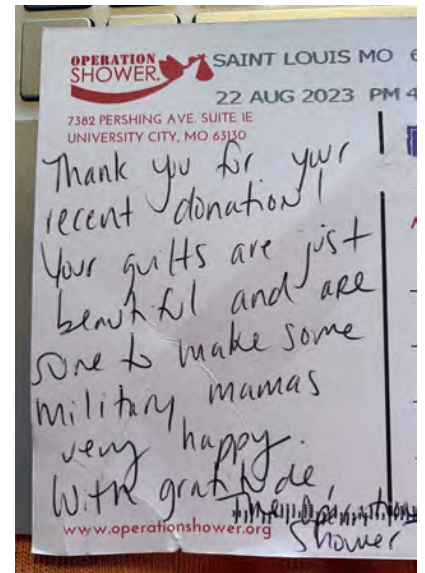
The Global Quilt Connection will be streamed on September 23-24. Our guild pays for participation in this event, so there is no cost or commitment required of any individual member. You will receive a link via email; you can watch the live streamed presentations, or watch at your leisure within 48 hours of the original presentation. The range of demonstrations has been quite amazing at past events, so if you particularly enjoy one (or more) of the speakers this time, please let Marilyn Raphael know so she can investigate the possibility of booking a dedicated presentation for our guild.

Charity Quilts

We had a great turnout for the July sew-in meeting. All 10 pre-cut quilts were either finished or "adopted" and taken home to complete. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Everyone jumped in and took on one or more jobs to help get the work done.

To date in 2023 we have donated 37 baby quilts to Operation Shower for which they are very appreciative. Our goal for this year is 40 quilts so kudos to all who have contributed.

If you still have a baby quilt from the July meeting, please bring the finished quilt to the Potluck. We also got a lovely thank you note from Operation Shower!



CSQ Guild Meeting & Sew-In Minutes - July 19, 2023

The sew-in began before beginning the meeting. Members worked on 10 charity baby quilts.

Welcome, Introductions (Joyce Starr Johnson)

- Joyce welcomed everyone and gave special thanks to Lou for organizing the sew-in and preparing all the materials for the quilts we were making.
- By the end of the evening, we will have donated 23 baby quilts. Our goal for the year is 40. Please continue to make them at home.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Report (Mary Carr)

- As of 6/30/23 our bank balance is steady.

Quilt Show (Gwen Clopton)

- Show guidelines went out in the newsletter. The quilts will be displayed from October 1- 28. Information is on the website.
- Installation Saturday, 9/30, 1:30-4:30. We will bring the quilts and stay and install. Will not have an elevator. The gallery is gorgeous. There are security cameras.
- Opening Reception Friday night, October 6. You will be able to vote between the installation and the reception (voting for 1st , 2nd , and 3rd in each category). Refreshments will be available (see sign-up sheet). We will have the auditorium to present the awards.
- Viewer's Choice category will be presented at our meeting in the library on October 7th .
- Take-down and quilt pick-up will be Sunday, October 29th .
- Bookmarks are being printed. Raffle quilt will be hanging in the gallery. Get your raffle tickets from Nancy. Tickets will be sold at the library as well. Sign-up sheets available tonight.
- Online registration is up. You may register all month. Watch for emails about registration.

Ribbons (Marilyn)

- Ribbons are all done! Thank you to our ribbon-makers.

Raffle Quilt (Nancy Kollmar)

- Sales are going great. We have covered our costs. Nancy has a few more guilds and shops at which to sell. Would like to sell at Jackman's in Fairview. Need volunteers to take the quilt there and sell tickets. Would coincide with their sale. Nancy is also selling tickets tonight. You may turn in any ticket money or stubs if you have them. 2025 Raffle Quilt (Joyce Starr Johnson)
- All but one block have been turned in. Thank you all for piecing those. The quilt has been made with Kaffe Fassett scraps.
- This May will be our 40th anniversary as a guild (Ruby anniversary). Would like to conduct the "Ruby Red Challenge". Need a volunteer to organize. Will have a speaker that month at the meeting.
- September's meeting will be at the church and will be a potluck. Bring a dish and a friend. Beverages will be provided. It would be nice to reach out to past members to bring to the potluck.

Other

- We continued to work on our charity quilts until 8:30 pm.

CSQ Council Meeting – 7/12/23 7:00 pm

Attendees: Joyce Starr Johnson, Gwen Clopton, Mary Carr, Marilyn Raphael, Lou Kaufmann, Nancy Kollmar, Rachel Shapiro

Treasurer's report (Mary Carr)

- We have a steady balance in the bank account as of the end of June, including today's deposit from raffle money. Expenses for the raffle quilt: \$400 quilting; fabric supplies \$130.

Membership report (Ruth Hanson) (not present)

- No report; however, Joyce noted we have new brochures, which she gave Nancy, who has been handing them out.

Newsletter Report (Laura Falk) (not present) - No report

Historian's Report (Nancy Kollmar) - Nothing to report.

Quilt Show update (Gwen Clopton)

- Gwen completed a write-up about the raffle quilt.
- Meeting with library to confirm details and dates. There will not be an elevator in time for the show.
- Will have sign-up sheets at next meeting to help with the show (set-up, take-down, etc.).
- Guidelines were sent to Laura for newsletter and links. It is already on the website. Registration will start August 1st. Deadline will be September 3rd.
- Bookmarks are done. Speculative dates. Once locked in will finalize and print.
- Ribbons (Marilyn) - All done. Will pick some up from Gwen. Our shows have become known for the beautiful ribbons. Ribbons will remain a surprise but Marilyn can post ribbons and quilts from previous years to stir up excitement for the show.
- Prizes - In the past we awarded gift cards. \$100, \$50 and \$25 (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Last time went with donated prizes from quilt shops. In return we put shop's name and thanks on the television screen in the gallery. They get a free ad for a month up there. Viewer's choice - no gift. If we don't get enough donations, we can supplement with cash or gift cards from the stores. Nancy will see if she can find someone to solicit donation.
- Publicity / Posters - Gwen will discuss that with them on Friday.

Charity quilts (Lou Kaufman)

- Dropped off 4 quilts on Monday. The woman at the charity was grateful.
- Lou is preparing the kits. Plan to make ten baby quilts at the sew-in. Pieces are cut. Some trimming might need to be done. Gwen will bring her bin she uses for QOV (lots of equipment, supplies). Lou has six quilts

with “frankenbats”. Rachel will bring batting for the other four. Nancy volunteered to provide batting but she will take them home and quilt them. Joyce will also quilt some at home on her longarm.

- So far, we have donated twelve baby quilts and six came from Joyce. Kudos to Joyce.
- Lou gets some free patterns. Maybe will have Laura attach a free baby quilt pattern to a newsletter or put links to them in the newsletter. Would like to get 40 quilts donated this year. Have 10 machines and 10 kits. If someone has a finished top, they can bring it and we can bring it home and quilt it. Nancy will work on a panel. Marilyn has some backing for it.
- Water bottles - Marilyn will bring. Lou will bring cookies.

Fundraising Quilt Update

- Nancy has two emails sent out about people who are selling raffle tickets Friday and Saturday (Thimble and Thread and two shifts at Jackmans). Has prepared future emails for other sale opportunities. The email includes information about what to do with the quilt at the end of their shift. Nancy has envelopes ready and instructions for where to put the money and tickets. No volunteer needs right now. Will still call Jackman’s in Fairview heights to see if they have a sale going on in August where we can sell tickets. Will have to recruit volunteers to work that if we do it.

Upcoming Guild Meetings

- Next guild meeting is July 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church (making baby quilts).
- Next council meeting is September 12, 2023.
- September 19, 2023 is our potluck. September meeting may be moved to another night. Discussion about items to bring (quilt tablecloth, paper goods, etc.). Would either like to add on to our existing quilt tablecloth or quilt it. Nancy will measure it and let us know the size. Marilyn will book the church and pay for the September meeting.
- October 17 meeting – Leslie Caldwell Blanchard of St. Charles City-County Library District
- Looking for speaker for January 16th meeting.
- March 19, 2024 – Peggy Harris volunteered to speak about her tour of the textile conservation facilities at the Vatican.
- Other possibilities: Precision Piecing (hands on or viewing); Sophie will do a presentation about running a quilt shop (perhaps in May).

Other Items (Joyce)

- Will try to meet in person for September Council meeting.

Adjournment 7:53 pm

July Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



Carol Peck



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Dolores Keaton



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Joyce Johnson



Marianne Whaley



Joyce Johnson



Joyce Johnson



Marianne Whaley



Mary Carr



Norma Silk



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September Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Double Wedding Ring that **Pat Owoc** finished/rejuvenated