

Circle in the Square Quilters

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March Meeting - Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. - U. City Library

Come hear CSQ's own Peggy Harris talk about her tour of the Vatican Tapestry Restoration Lab! The lab is responsible for the maintenance and restoration of all the textile artifacts preserved in the Vatican Museums. These comprise not only large tapestries, but also embroidery, textiles, furnishings, upholstery, plumage and sacred adornments such as antependia, liturgical vestments and seats of papal thrones.



Ruby Challenge

CSQ will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary on May 21, 2024. In honor of this RUBY JUBILEE, we are announcing a challenge for our members. There will be two categories with a small prize awarded for each.

- 1) Charity Quilts for Operation Shower
- 2) Other quilted items including quilted clothing, bags, book covers, personal quilts not intended for donation, etc.

Members may submit a maximum of two items, one item for each category.

- Rules:
1. The item must be complete for the May 2024 meeting.
 2. The item must include some machine and/or hand quilting.
 3. The item must allude to the number 40 **OR** the color RUBY in some manner.

Examples include 40 blocks, 40 flying geese, 40 of a patterned border, 40 different fabrics, 40 beads, RUBY red fabric, etc.

Challenge items will be viewed and voted on during the May 2024 meeting. If you have questions, please contact Kim Donermeyer at 314-445-9482 or kimdonermeyer@hotmail.com.



From the Prez

Happy springtime to all my quilting friends. I came across this quote from George R. R. Martin, author of the *Game of Thrones* books: "You'll be sewing all through winter. When the spring thaw comes, they will find your body with a needle still locked tight between your frozen fingers." I certainly hope that isn't true for any of our members!

If you didn't freeze this winter, please make sure you come to our March 19 meeting at the University City Library. We are looking forward to hearing about Peggy Harris' recent trip to the Vatican's textile restoration facility.

Many of our members love to garden and will be getting their hands dirty in the coming weeks. If you are like me and delegate that work to someone else, there are lots of quilt shows to visit in our area this spring: a great way to avoid both dirt and stray threads! Please reach out to me or to other members if you are interested in carpooling to Hannibal or Branson. We have two great quilting challenges in the guild right now as well, so if springtime allergies keep you inside we can keep you busy.

I look forward to seeing everyone on March 19. Don't forget to bring a 5" charm square to be included in our guild's new tablecloth!

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

For Your Calendar

April 13 & 14 - Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter - Watch your email in early April for a link to this event.

April 16 - Annual Fabric Swap - Mary Carr's home

May 21 - 40th Celebration/Ruby Challenge - U. City Library

July 16 - Operation Shower Sew-In - (Location TBD)

September 17 - Annual Potluck - U. City Library

October 15 - Nancy Dlugosz - Precision Piecing - U. City Library

Membership Dues Update LAST CHANCE! 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. And don't forget many local quilt stores (Jackman's, for example) will give discounts to guild members - you just have to ask and show your card. Only about half of guild members have paid so far - please do so ASAP! You may mail your check to Ruth Hanson.

Or use the QR code at right if you prefer to pay online. Membership cards will be distributed at the March meeting. Call Ruth at 314-285-2937 if you have any questions.



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).

Area Quilt Shows

Threads of Time Quilt Show, April 5 (9:00-4:00) and April 6 (9:00-2:00), Admiral Coontz Armory, Hannibal, MO. Hannibalpiecemakers.com for more information.

St. Louis Modern Quilt Show, March 23 (10:00-5:00) and March 24 (11:00-4:00), Greensfelder Recreation Complex, 550 Weidman Road, Baldwin, MO. stlmqg.org for more information

AQS Quilt Show, March 13-16, Branson Convention Center, 200 S. Sycamore Street, Branson, MO. americanquilter.com for more information.

Charity Quilt Update

We have delivered 14 baby quilts to Operation Shower in 2024 and I've heard from several of you that you have more completed ones. We are off to a great start, and, based on the current level, we've decided to increase our goal from 50 to 60 for 2024. Many thanks to all of you who share your time and fabric for this worthy cause. Here's a link to a free baby quilt pattern you might like to try.

[Giant Hunter's Star Baby Quilt Pattern](#)

Loose Ends

Do you have time and interest in making quilts and other handcrafted items, but just don't need any more yourself? The Loose Ends organization aims to ease grief, create community, and inspire generosity by matching volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left unfinished due to death or disability. Please check out their website if you have time and talent to lend to this worthy endeavor. www.looseendsproject.org.



CSQ Guild Meeting (via Zoom) - January 16, 2024 - Minutes

1. Joyce welcomed members to the meeting.
2. Marilyn Raphael introduced our speaker, Lisa Erlandson: A retrospective look at the history that quilters have made in the last 45 years. Great strides have been made in tools, technology, and the transmission of information. But have quilts and quilters really changed? Members all appreciated her research, photographs, and quilts.
3. Mary Carr provided a treasurer's report.
4. Joyce gave a membership report on behalf of Ruth Hanson. We currently have 48 members. Members are asked to make sure they pay their 2024 dues soon.
5. Laura Falk announced that the next newsletter deadline is March. Individuals who show quilts tonight during the Show and Tell segment are asked to send Laura photos to include in the next newsletter.
6. Gwen asked members who have suggestions about the 2025 show to please contact her so they can be included in the planning.
7. Lou shared that we exceeded our 2023 goal of 40 quilts; we actually donated 45! Way to go. Our goal for 2024 is 50 quilts. Lou provided a description of the shower held recently in St. Louis and how grateful the recipients are.

8. Fundraising Quilt update

- Nancy gave a final report for the 2023 Joyful Jane. We sold a record number of tickets; we appreciate all the work that went into this project.
- Nancy will mentor someone who might want to take over this task for our 2025 quilt.
- Joyce shared that the 2025 quilt is ready for a longarm quilter to complete it; should be done sometime later this spring.

9. Marilyn announced some of the upcoming guild meetings

- March 19, 2024: Peggy Harris; Tour of the Vatican Tapestry Restoration Lab
- April 16, 2024: Social Event - Annual Fabric Swap at Mary Carr's home

10. Other Items

- Proposed changes to the guild bylaws will be emailed to members in the coming days. The primary changes are 1) addition of emeriti members, 2) change in job definition for the secretary, 3) elimination of parliamentarian, and 4) update to language to current standards
- Sympathy is extended to Sarah Carr-Jordan and Rachel Shapiro on deaths in their families.

11. Show and Tell: Laura, Lou, Nancy, Marilyn, and Donna all shared some of the items they have recently finished.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CSQ Council Meeting – 1/9/24 7:00 pm

Attendees: Joyce Starr Johnson, Mary Carr, Laura Falk, Ruth Hanson, Marilyn Raphael, Lou Kaufmann, Nancy Kollmar, Rachel Shapiro

Welcome by Joyce

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

- o Mary received memorial donations for Janice Freedman and has sent thank-you notes.
- o Current balance is good.
- o Square transition not yet resolved. Gwen will meet with Mary to ensure all is working.

Membership Report (Ruth)

- o Current membership numbers – 48 (23 paid). Will highlight the reminder to pay membership fees in the newsletter. Ruth will also remind people at the next meeting to pay dues.
- o Ruth asked for computer assistance in creating membership cards. Rachel will assist her with this.
- o We should remember to publicize that members receive a 10% discount at Jackman's.

Newsletter Report (Laura)

- o The current newsletter is almost done. Laura will send it out for proofreading. Next newsletter deadline is 3/1/24.

Historian's Report (Nancy)

- o Joyce will ask Gwen if she could add the September history report to the website.

Quilt Show Update (Gwen not present - tabled)

- o Fantastic once again!
- o At future meeting will discuss preparation for 2025 show - What can we do now to make life easier then?

Charity Quilts update (Lou)

- o Ended the year with 45 quilts. Lou has 3 additional for 2024. We are setting this year's goal for 50 baby quilts.

Fundraising Quilt update

- o 2023 Joyful Jane – We made a nice profit through CSQ sales, other guild sales, and the library. Our top sellers were Terry, Joyce, and Nancy, as well as Clara, Peggy, Lou, and Suzanne. Will give them a shout out in the newsletter.
- o Nancy has a detailed spreadsheet of what needs to be done. Joyce will upload it to the board member Google site. She will also send a note to the top sellers thanking them.
- o 2025 quilt – The top is done. The City Sewing Room has a computerized long-arm for rent if we would like to quilt it there.

Upcoming guild meetings (Marilyn)

o January 16, 2024: Lisa Erlandson LE Quilts; A retrospective look at the history that quilters have made in the last 45 years. Great strides have been made in tools, technology, and the transmission of information. But have quilts really changed? This is all set to go. Laura can help with the link. The information will be in the newsletter. We will send an announcement and the link on Sunday.

o March 19, 2024: Peggy Harris; Tour of the Vatican Tapestry Restoration Lab

o April 16, 2024: Social Event - Annual Fabric Swap at Mary Carr's home

o May 21, 2024: Kim Donermeyer is heading up the Ruby Challenge; no speakers scheduled.

o July 16, 2024: Operation Shower Sew-In? Lou has plenty of squares. Marilyn will give her more. Lou is accepting batting pieces (we can include this request in the newsletter).

o September 17, 2024: Annual Potluck dinner

o October 15, 2024: Many Dlugosz; Precision Piecing.

Other Items

o Updating the bylaws – Council members went over the bylaws and suggested changes/updates. The updated bylaws will be distributed to guild members via email in January to be voted on at the March meeting.

o Possible commemorative square – Marilyn will move forward with this. She will flesh out ideas, present at the next council meeting, and present to members in May.

o Five people are involved in the current Round Robin challenge ending in September 2024.

Adjournment 7:24 pm.

Member Show & Tell Photos

Lots of Operation Shower Quilts by Suzanne Marshall!







Here's one from Pat Owoc



And a couple of pieced backs from Suzanne's quilts.

February Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos

Right: Ruth Hanson's Heart Storm at Sea - missing one block!

Below: Message from Barry Friedman to Clara Asnes -----

In going through my mother's quilts and fabric art pieces (she was much more prolific than we knew!), my brothers and I came across one entitled "Recycling Scraps" by 'Piecing Group of Circle in the Square Quilters' from 1989.

