

Circle in the Square Quilters

May 2024

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May Meeting - Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. - U. City Library

It's our Ruby Challenge showcase! Time to see all those ruby and/or 40-related quilts!

Reminder: 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.



For Your Calendar

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

July 16 - Operation Shower Sew-In - U. City Library

Sept. 22 - Afternoon Tea Celebration - U. City Library

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



From the Prez

It is so lovely to see so many beautiful flowers in bloom thanks to all the dedicated gardeners in the world. I am not a gardener, so I stay inside and quilt! I know I am not alone in admiring the spring blooms from my sewing room window.

Our last social event was a great success. We thank Mary Carr for once again opening her home to the hordes of quilters who needed to add to their fabric hoards. I am pretty sure that everyone left with more than \$25 worth of fabric, more than making up for the annual cost of membership to the guild. All fabric that was remaining after being thoroughly examined was delivered to Leftovers and The City Sewing Room. Thank you to Nancy Kollmar and Marilyn Raphael for that work.

For those of you who are new or new-ish to the guild, we have traditionally held six official meetings per year in January, March, May, July, September, and October. In between those meetings, members may suggest or host social events. For these events, all members are invited, though in some cases RSVPs may be required due to space or resource limitations. Our social events were on hiatus during the pandemic, but we are happy to begin sponsoring these again. If you would like to suggest or host a social event, please contact me so that we can publicize it to all the members.

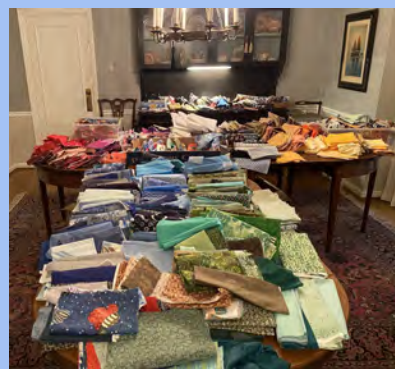
I look forward to seeing all of the Ruby Challenge quilts at our May meeting at the University City Library on May 21. Get those bindings stitched on!

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



(A fraction of the fabric from the Fabric Swap!)

Guild Leadership

It is time to begin considering a new slate of leaders for the guild. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact Joyce Johnson at joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com or 636-288-3681. One of the benefits of serving on the nominating committee is that you become ineligible to serve on the council. 😊 Also, if you wish to serve as an officer (president, vice president, secretary, membership chair, or treasurer), or in one of the other leadership roles (newsletter, fundraising quilts, challenges, service quilts, etc.), please contact Joyce so she can pass along this information to members of the nominating committee.

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).

Charity Quilt Update

CSQ members have been very active in creating lots of beautiful quilts for Operation Shower. That organization really appreciates all the love and effort we put into this project. We are striving to donate 60 quilts this year, so keep on sewing! We often find ourselves calling our Operation Shower donations our “charity project,” but we should refer to this as a “service project.” Operation Shower throws amazing showers to honor the sacrifices and service of military families who frequently find themselves far from friends and family during pregnancies. In addition to cribs, travel systems, diaper genies, diapers and gift certificates for additional baby items, the new, unused, quilts we provide are given to these families in what they refer to as a Shower in a Box. It contains all sorts of brand new items that are indispensable for new moms – onesies, baby wash cloths, pacifiers, thermometers, small toys, and, of course, the CSQ baby quilts.

Our guild sometimes becomes a recipient of gently used quilts. They are beautiful and cherished, and have value to us who appreciate the work and love that went into making them. Unfortunately, Operation Shower (and many other organizations) cannot accept them because they may not be up to the wear and tear they will face with a new baby. We are seeking suggestions for organizations that may welcome the gently used baby quilts that are donated to us. If you know of any such groups, please let Lou Kaufman know.

CSQ Guild Meeting - March 19, 2024 - Minutes

Welcome and Presentation

Marilyn introduced our speaker, Peggy Harris, who presented photos and information about her trip to the Vatican Museum’s tapestry collection. She was treated to a special tour of the tapestry restoration laboratory and was kind enough to share her experience with us. Thank you, Peggy.

Membership (Ruth Hanson)

Ruth handed out membership cards to members who have paid. If you have not re-enrolled, you have been called. Membership payments are collected from October through January and are effective January 1 st .

Treasurer’s Report (Mary Carr)

By the end of February our bank balance had increased. The raffle quilt was a big hit. We would like to use the proceeds to bring in speakers and programming.

Charity Quilts (Lou Kaufman)

Suzanne Marshall gave Lou 11 quilts to donate. The organization had their 200th baby shower in Florida that weekend and have gifted over 5,000 quilts. Keep up the good work! We have twenty quilts donated right now. Our goal this year is to donate sixty. They appreciate neutral colors.

Upcoming quilt shows - Announced in the newsletter

Charm Squares

Thanks for bringing in charm squares for the tablecloth we are making. We will be making it smaller than the one that we have used for forty years.

Fabric Swap

April 16 th we will have our annual fabric swap at Mary Carr’s home. Parking is allowed on one side of the street. Bring fabric, books, rulers, etc. Lou needs baby fabric please. City Sewing Room gets any leftovers.

Ruby Jubilee (Kim Donermeyer)

Get started on your projects for the Ruby Jubilee. There will be prizes for large and small projects. Call Kim with any questions about this event. Kim will re-send the rules.

Global Quilt Connection – Coming up on April 13-14.

Changes to the Bylaws

Guild members voted on changes that were made to the by-laws, which had been sent out to the membership over 30 days in advance. Mostly the language was made more contemporary. The primary change was the addition of emeriti membership for people who attended for years, can no longer attend, but who are still interested in the activities of the guild. All voted in favor of approving the new by-laws. None opposed. The by-laws were passed.

Members enjoyed Show and Tell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

CSQ Council Meeting - March 12, 2024 - Minutes

1. Joyce welcomed Marilyn Raphael, Lou Kaufman, Mary Carr, and Nancy Kollmar. Ruth, Rachel, Gwen, and Laura were not in attendance.
2. Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that we have a healthy balance.
 - We had a discussion about the continued use of Square. Very few members have elected to use it and very few raffle tickets were sold using it. We decided to stop promoting it for current use; we will continue to hold on to it in case there is demand in the future for it.
3. Membership Report: Ruth was not present to provide membership numbers. In the recent newsletter there was a reminder to members to re-enroll ASAP; approximately half of the members have re-enrolled for 2024.
4. Newsletter Report: Laura was not present to give an update on the newsletter. The March newsletter has already gone out. Joyce will circle back with Laura for a May deadline.
5. Historian's Report (Nancy)
 - Joyce needs to follow up on getting the history that Nancy reported in September added to the CSQ website.
 - Nancy suggested asking Betsy Sweeney, Marilyn Ulrich, and Pat Owoc to speak for a few minutes at the May Jubilee celebration about their memories of the early days of the guild. Joyce will contact those ladies. Nancy is happy to make the archives available to them if they wish.
6. 2025 Quilt Show: the committee discussed the future of the quilt show.
 - It is a very large undertaking and gets very favorable reviews from visitors.
 - Marilyn and Nancy will search their files to see if they can locate the "how-to" manual that Marilyn prepared many years ago.
 - Joyce is concerned about succession planning.
 - The Council decided that the job is so large that having a committee is an appropriate way to ensure that knowledge is shared for the future.
 - We need to identify the major categories of tasks and make sure the labor is spread out and there should be a backup "apprentice" who can step in during emergencies or for future shows.

- Some shows have categories for quilted apparel or bags, etc. Should we investigate this? No decision was reached. Joyce will add an article in a future newsletter to see if members have ideas and a suggestion box will be available at future meeting(s).
7. Charity Quilts update: Lou reported that Suzanne Marshall had donated 11 quilts recently, and the current donations are up to 18. We will raise our goal to 60 quilts for 2025. Lou will have first dibs at the April meeting to retrieve any kid-friendly fabrics; Gwen will have first dibs on any fabric suitable for QOV.
 8. Fundraising Quilt update
 - 2025 quilt - Need raffle ticket champion; Nancy has created complete notes on what to do. If we can expand our sales to farmers' markets and other venues we will need more people involved. Perhaps a subcommittee of the Quilt Show committee.
 9. Upcoming guild meetings (Marilyn)
 - 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
 - May 21, 2024: Kim Donermeyer is heading up the Ruby Challenge; no speakers scheduled; Nancy is preparing another history update; original members of the guild will be asked if they wish to share some early memories of the guild.
 - July 16, 2024: Operation Shower Sew-In?
 - September 17, 2024, 2-4:00 p.m.: Annual Potluck dinner. We will move this to Sunday, September 22 to have an afternoon tea. A daytime meeting may encourage more of our emeriti members to attend and reminisce about the early days of the guild. We will display any of the Ruby Jubilee quilts that are still available.
 - October 15, 2024: Nancy Dlugosz; Precision Piecing
 - The committee should confirm speakers for January and March 2025 so the new officers have a grace period when they assume their new positions. Joyce will send Marilyn one possibility she knows about.
 10. Other Items
 - Updating the bylaws: Joyce has not received any negative feedback on the bylaws. They will be voted on at the March 19 meeting.
 - Commemorative square challenge: Marilyn will share this information at the May meeting.
 - Nominating Chair and Committee: this will need to be formed soon in anticipation for the October vote. Joyce will put an article in the next newsletter to raise awareness. Some current Council members have agreed to serve in some capacity in the future; others have reached the limit established by the bylaws for consecutive years of service.
 - Pat Owoc has a lovely quilt that she would like to give the guild to raffle off. There are several possibilities: 1) save and raffle in 2025 alongside the Shakespeare in the Park raffle quilt in progress, 2) raffle off independently, but this is a lot of work after just finishing the last raffle, 3) find another group to raffle it since we have sufficient funds for our needs. Joyce will circle back with Pat to see if she has a preference.
 11. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

April Social Fabric Swap Show & Tell Photos



Fabric Knitted Rug by Terry Friedman



Baby quilt for granddaughter by Rachel Shapiro



Operation Shower quilt by Laura Falk



Star quilt fragment Chris Pouyer is working on



Operation Shower quilts by Donna Fox



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March Guild Meeting Show & Tell Photos



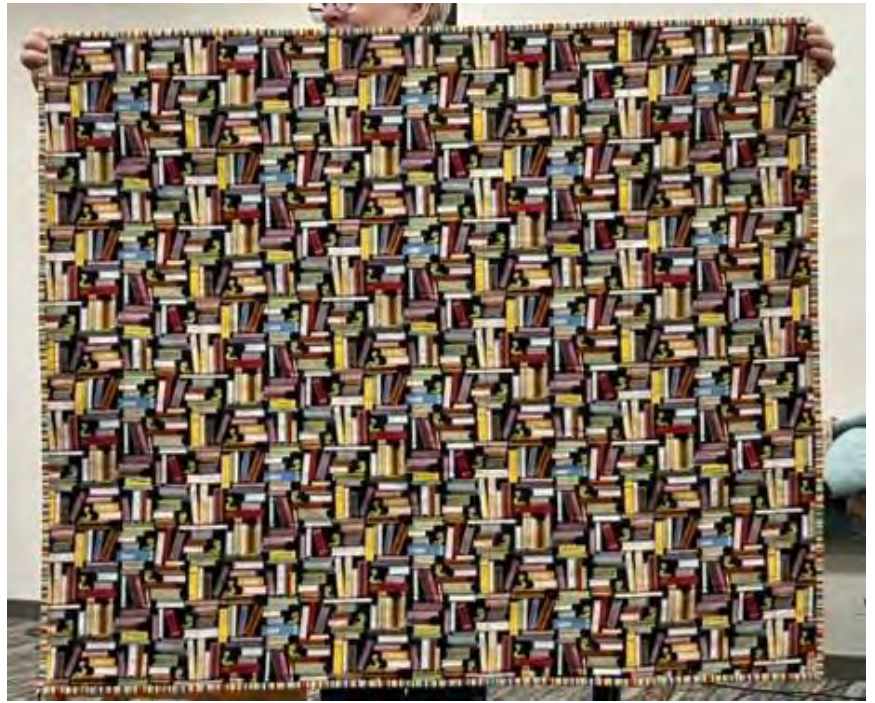
Both by Carolyn Stoll



Both by Joyce Johnson



Lou Kaufman



Marilyn Raphael



Norma Silk



Ruth Hanson



Operation Shower quilts by Suzanne Marshall



Operation Shower quilts by Suzanne Marshall

May Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Both made by Nancy Kollmar

March Piecing Group Show & Tell Photos



Block by Ruth Hanson



Joyce Johnson



Both by Kim Donermeyer



Pat Owoc