

Circle in the Square Quilters

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March Meeting - 6:30 pm - Redwork Trunk Show by Helen Blanton

Trinity Presbyterian Church - 6800 Washington Ave., 63130

Enjoy seeing some wonderful redwork quilts, and bring your own to share as well! What is redwork?

Redwork is an American form of embroidery developed in the 19th century. Red thread was widely used to embroider all manner of household goods, napkins, tea towels, pillow cases to name a few. At the turn of the century squares of preprinted fabric became available for a penny, often called penny squares, which were ready for stitching. These squares were embroidered then made into quilts. Redwork quilts were often made without batting, but lined and tied at the corners of the individual blocks. Redwork designs often depicted children, toys and animals, kitchenware and later state birds and flowers. Supplies were inexpensive and affordable for most. Patterns were often given away with magazine subscriptions or printed in magazines and newspapers. (<https://thequiltshow.com/quiltipedia/what-is-redwork>)



Circle in the Square 2025 Challenge

CSQ will continue celebrating its 40th Anniversary through May, 2025. In honor of this, we are announcing a new challenge for our members. It's a play on our name Circle in the Square.

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 or personal quilts not intended for donation. Members may submit a maximum of two items, one item for each category.

Rules:

1. The item must allude to circles and squares. It can be fabric with squares or circles, pieced items featuring circles and squares or quilting in circles or squares.
2. It can be any color combination.
3. The item must be complete for the May 2025 meeting.
4. The item must include some machine and/or hand quilting.

Challenge items will be viewed and voted on during the May 2025 meeting. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Raphael at 314-956-9037 or Marilyn.raphael@yahoo.com

From the Prez

We are STILL in need of a secretary to complete our board of officers. It's a pretty simple job, and, if you're new to the guild, it's a great way to get to know a few members outside of the regular meetings. PLEASE consider volunteering for this position.

We had a great time at the fabric swap in February. Thank you so much to Mary Carr (and Jack) for hosting. And thanks to the setup crew for all the pre-sorting and organizing.

We're getting ready to hit the road with our Raffle Quilt to generate ticket sales and interest in the October quilt show. We'll be looking for volunteers to join Nancy Kollmar for a trip or two to local quilt shops and quilt guilds to sell tickets. Tickets for member sales will be available soon as well. As of this writing, we're still looking for names for our raffle quilt.

We've had to move our meeting location back to Trinity Presbyterian church because our dates at the library had been booked for library activities. The lighting in the meeting room at Trinity was updated last fall and it's amazingly bright and cheery now.

In addition to a great program at our March meeting, we'll be having a special raffle. The husband of Doris McManis – a former member who is now deceased has given us her cutting table with drop leaves on two sides and a large rectangular ironing board that fits over a traditional ironing board. Both of these would make great additions to a quilt space so come with some cash in your pocket for a chance to win.

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CSQ Council 2025-2027

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Rachel Shapiro, Membership

Betsy Sweeney, Service Project
Gwen Clopton, Website &
Quintessential Quilt Show
Joyce Johnson, Raffle Quilt
Laura Falk, Newsletter
Nancy Kollmar, Historian

2025 Dates to Know

March 18 Meeting - Redwork Trunk Show presented by Helen Blanton. Please bring any Redwork in your personal collections to show.

May 20 Meeting - 40th Anniversary Celebration conclusion. 2025 Challenge judged.

July 15 Meeting - Operation Shower Sew In

September 21 Meeting - Annual potluck/tea

Field Trip!!

Enjoy three days of fun, fellowship, and fabric on a bus trip to quilting heaven! Join CSQ members on September 26-28, 2025 as we visit Hamilton, Missouri, home of Missouri Star Quilt Company, as well as the Iowa Quilt Museum, the Des Moines Area Quilt Guild Annual Quilt Show, and Hickory Stick Quilt Shop in Hannibal, Missouri. Cost is \$175 for CSQ members and \$185 for non-members. Contact Joyce Starr Johnson at joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com or 636-288-3681 for more information. All seats are on a first-come basis, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. (Complete flier is at the bottom of the newsletter!)

QUINTESSENTIAL QUILT 2025

Quilt Guidelines

1. Entry forms are due Monday, September 8, 2025.
2. The number of entries is limited to three quilts made by a member of Circle in the Square Quilters. For the 2025 exhibit, submissions from those not a member of the guild will not be accepted.
3. For 2025, the three categories are:
 - **Large Quilts** - Width 60" to 90"; Length 50" to 100" Any quilt wider than 90", such as king-size quilts, cannot be accepted due to the limited space in the library.
 - **Wall Quilts** - Width 30" to 60"; Length 30" or more.
 - **Small Quilts** - Width less than 30"; Length less than 30".
4. Quilts may be appliquéd, hand or machine pieced, and hand or machine quilted. Crazy quilts and whole cloth quilts are acceptable.
5. Quilts must not have been exhibited in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area since October 31, 2023 or in a previous Quintessential Quilt show for Circle in the Square Quilters.
6. Large and wall quilts must have a 4" sleeve securely attached to the top of the back for hanging. Small quilts must have a sleeve or other method for hanging. **Quilts without a hanging sleeve will not be accepted.**
[Need help making a hanging sleeve? View the tutorial on this page.](#)
7. A label must be attached to the quilt **back** and must include the entrant's name, the quilt name, the year completed, and accurate dimensions.
8. The hanging location of the quilts will be at the discretion of the Quilt Show working group.

Honor Flight Quilts Wanted

Honor Flights take veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C. The Quilted Fox is promoting a project to create small quilts for an upcoming all-woman flight this summer. Each veteran receives a quilt to commemorate the day. Any help is appreciated. Quilt requirements: 36 x 36 inches made with patriotic red, white and blue fabric, especially USA flags. Prints and/or solids can be used. Finished quilts may be given to Marilyn Raphael by April 11, who will deliver them to the Honor Flight coordinators.

For Your Calendar

Fanfare of Quilts Biennial Quilt Show, March 15-16, 2025, sponsored by Bits and Pieces Quilt Guild. \$8 fee. They are particularly excited about the Route 66 Centennial ART Quilt Project display, which celebrates Missouri's rich history and the iconic Route 66. This unique exhibit promises to be a highlight of the show, offering a creative and artistic tribute to a beloved American landmark. There are 66 art quilts that guild members made depicting their favorite Route 66 Landmark along with a story. Because of the 100-year anniversary in 2026 this makes this exhibit very special. It will be a traveling exhibit throughout the US.

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 Kaufmann, Joyce Johnson, Carol Peck, Betsy Sweeney or Ramona Dunlap).

Circle in the Square Quilters 2025 Bus Trip

Tentative Agenda

Friday, September 26

Depart UCity at 6:00 a.m., arrive Hamilton, MO at 10:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring breakfast items to eat on the bus. Lunch is on your own in Hamilton. Participants are encouraged to purchase dinner food in Hamilton to eat on the bus en route to Winterset. Please no glass containers or dairy.

Depart Hamilton, MO at 5:00 p.m., arrive Winterset, IA at 7:25 p.m. Lodging at either Cobblestone Inn and Suites or the Covered Bridge Inn. Both are very inexpensive and we will pass along group rates as soon as possible. Participants are responsible for booking their own rooms, arranging roommates, etc. Information about restaurants in Winterset will be provided in advance to participants.

Saturday, September 27

Morning is allocated to visit the Iowa Quilt Museum <https://www.iowaquiltmuseum.org/> in Winterset, IA (\$12 admission fee, \$10 seniors) and/or visit the local quilt shop Piece Work Quilt Shop <https://www.pieceworksquiltshop.com/>. Breakfast and lunch on your own. We will inquire about group pricing at the venues.

Depart Winterset, IA at 1:00 p.m., arrive Des Moines, IA 2:30 p.m. to visit the Des Moines Area Quilters Guild <https://dmaqq.org> at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, admission fee unknown at this time (likely \$10 or less).

Sunday, September 28

Check out of hotel by 7:45 a.m.

Depart Winterset, IA at 8:00 a.m., arrive Hickory Stick Quilt Shop, Hannibal, MO at 12:45 p.m. Breakfast and lunch on your own. Riders may choose to bring their meals on the bus.

Depart Hannibal at 3:50 p.m., arrive U City at 6:00 p.m.

Details:

- Members early bird pricing by February 11: \$160
- Members regular pricing: \$175
- Non-members pricing: \$185
- \$100 Deposit Due at time of registration
- Balance due on or before **May 31, 2025**
- Checks made out to CSQ c/o Marilyn Raphael
- No refunds unless there is a waiting list
- All seats are on a first come basis

A minimum of 35 participants must be signed up by May 31 or this trip will be cancelled. All deposits will be refunded in full if the Guild cancels this trip.

Questions? Contact Joyce Starr Johnson at 636-288-3681 or joyce.starr.johnson@gmail.com

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Registration (Please submit with your payment)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Member: yes _____ no _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

January Guild Meeting Show and Tell Photos



Donna Fox for Operation Shower



Joyce Johnson's Octagon Scrap Quilt



Joyce Johnson's Round Robin Quilt



Donna Fox for Operation Shower



Nancy Dlugosz's cheddar quilt

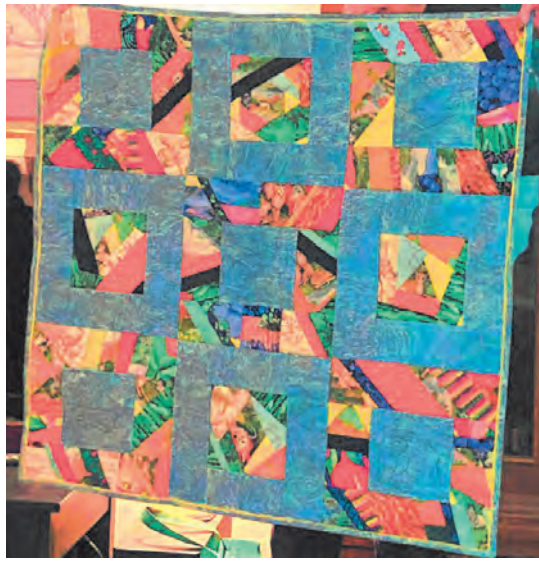


Marianne Whaley's baby quilts





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Peggy Harris - Lanterns of Hope



Peggy Harris - Kamala quilt



Suzanne Marshall



Lou Kaufman's geese quilt



Peggy Harris - Quilted Fox Block of the Month

February Piecing Group Show and Tell Photos



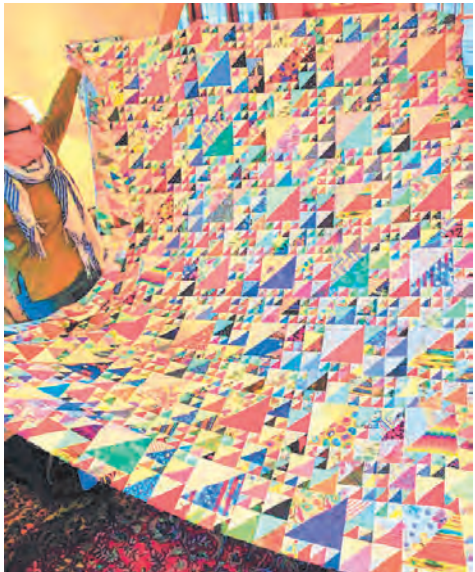
Kim Donermeyer - baby quilt



Joyce Johnson



Xmas quilt by Mary Carr



Half-square triangle quilt by Robin Osborne



Two projects by Norma Silk