



AS THE NEEDLE TURNS

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February Meeting: Jane Stickle Quilts with Master Quilter C.J. Spensley

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you for your support of and participation in Capitol City Quilt Guild this year. We've accomplished a lot.

The Going to Pieces 2025 Quilt Show was amazing. Relocation of our meeting venue to Edgewood United Church improved comfort, safety and access for many. A delightful array of programming presentations, workshops, and activities created fun opportunities for growth and development. Generous charitable programs supported the community in many ways. And our annual retreat is coming up March 6-8.

To everyone who volunteers their time and talents to benefit CCQG, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Volunteer organizations excel through the contributions of many.

As I conclude my role as President for this fiscal year, I encourage those who have skills to offer, consider a greater role in making this organization strong through a board or committee role. It's a great group to work with. And it's fun to share the benefits of quilting with others.

Thanks, and happy quilting!

Peg

The Spring Retreat still has seats!

March 6-8, 2026. \$160 payment is due from members ASAP. Contact Sandy Guild if you have questions at 517-627-9848, 517-515-9710, or rsguild@comcast.net. Rooms can be booked by calling the hotel directly at 517-347-6690. *Be sure to ask for the Guild block rate.*

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

I need to pass the role of editor on to someone with fresh ideas and knowledge of current creative apps like Canva. A current version of MS Publisher would be helpful too.

The Guild elects Board members in April so please give some thought to trying this role. After 8-9 years of producing the newsletter, I'm running out of ideas. Email me at newslettereditor@capitolcityquiltguild.org if you have questions.
-Cathy Thomas

Just FYI for you hard copy members—Due to increased costs of postage and printing, the fee paid by members to get a printed copy does not cover the cost of producing it.

Shipshewana Bus Trip

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

\$60/person, due MARCH 1ST

6 stops on this trip!

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Yoder's, Cottonshop, Essenhaus Quilt



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MON. MARCH 17 - SAT. MARCH 21

Show & Tell Themes

Bring your UFO to this February meeting to participate in the *UFO Challenge*. The *annual* challenge will be announced at this month's meeting also.

FEBRUARY—Favorite Patterns

MARCH—Heartwarmers Parade

APRIL—Stack and Whacks

MAY—9 Patch & Twists on 9 Patches

JUNE—UFO Challenge Quilts

JULY—Inspired by Travels

AUGUST -- “Sea-worthy” Quilts—Nautical, Water, Sea-faring, Lake Life



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10:00-4:00



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**MARCH**

Rosenberger, Marsha 3/1

Fogle Grant, Carol 3/2

Reisig, Cindy 3/10

Kerr, Kathy 3/11

Wallace, Penny 3/12

McCallum, Ginger 3/14

Mason, Dace 3/15

Smith, Pat 3/18

Green, Carla 3/20

Turner, Cathy 3/20

Priller, Chelane 3/23

APRIL

Ewen, Terri 4/2

Piazza, Billie 4/4

Hoelzer-Maddox, Victoria
4/7

Ruggiero, Patti 4/16

PRESIDENT'S BLOCKS**Block Instructions**

25 patch Checkerboard with Light fabric on all four corners

Fabric colors: Light- cream/white and Dark- Navy

Light fabrics (cream/white) - 2 ½" x 32 ½"

Subcut into 3 - 7 ½" x 2 ½"

Subcut into 2 - 5 ½" x 2 ½"

Dark Fabric (navy) - 2 ½" x 30"

Subcut into 2- 7 ½" x 2 ½"

Subcut into 3- 5 ½" x 2 ½"

Sew 7 ½ strips long sides together, in alternating colors beginning with Light fabric (Light/Dark/Light/Dark/Light)

Press all seams toward dark

Cross cut into 3 - 2 ½ units (A)

Sew 5 ½ strips long sides together, in alternating colors beginning with Dark fabric (Dark/Light/Dark/Light/Dark)

Press all seams toward dark

Cross cut into 2 - 2 ½ units (B)

Piece like this:

Sew units together in alternating order (A/B/A/B/A)

Remember to have Light fabric in the four corners

Block should look like this:

Block should be 10 ½" x 10 ½" pieced.

Please sign your block, bring it to the guild meeting and leave it at the Vice President's table.



FAT CHANCES

The Fat Chance drawing is an opportunity to win fat quarters of fabric for your stash. Check the theme of the month, bring one or more fat quarters (18" x 22") to that meeting, and enter your name in the drawing for each 1/4 you bring. Good luck!

FEBRUARY—Modern MARCH-Teal APRIL-Polka Dots



Sharing a wonderful phrase I picked up.. noticing all the little (or not so little) stacks of patterns & whatnots on flat surfaces in my sewing space. Getting frustrated that it was hard to see improvement even after a session of tidying. Like the cutting table was cleared off, but the pool table had little piles of (possibly) similar items.

A friend called them DOOM piles, which seems very appropriate. But even better when I found out it was actually an acronym for "Didn't Organize, Only Moved." Priceless IYKYK



Lisé Dibert

2-Yard Box Activity: Starts This Month! (Participation is optional.)

Bring 2 yards or more of a fabric from your stash to this month's meeting. Over the next nine months, different members will take a turn with the box and the fabric that you supplied. At the following month's meeting, they will return the box after having completed a 12" finished block that utilized the fabric you supplied. You also will take a box with another member's fabric home for the month. Return it at the next meeting with a completed 12" finished block using at least some of the fabric provided.

Folks will check out a new box each month. After nine months at the November meeting, each participant will get their box back with any remaining fabric, nine unique blocks made by other Guild members who each used some of the supplied fabric, and a cute box to keep.

Use this as a chance to try out new patterns, or to re-create your favorite block each month, using each participant's unique fabric. (If you know you will miss a meeting, you can call or email Jolee Hamlin to arrange delivery or an exchange of boxes.) ENJOY the experience!

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The Capitol City Quilt Guild usually meets the third Thursday of each month at 7pm **Edgewood United Church**
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Newsletters are now being e-mailed to Guild members with an e-mail address. Those who prefer a paper copy should indicate this on their membership form and pick them up at the next meeting. Any newsletters not picked up will be mailed.

Next newsletter deadline: Apr. 1, 2026

