

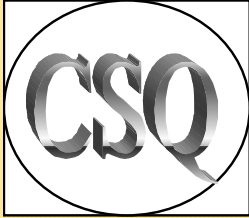


# Circle in the Square

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**Bring the following items to the meeting:**

- A Friend
- Show and Tell
- Good Humor
- Name Tag: if you have one (adhesive backed name tags are available at the membership table)

## Program Meeting Something Different!

**July 21, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

Our own members have led some of our most successful and fun meetings. And, members often suggest we share some of our own expertise with each other, or just have a meeting where we get to know each other better. So with all that in mind we are going to try something different for July. Several of our members are going to present short informal segments for our July program.

First, **Sandy E.** has volunteered to tell us about her favorite quilting tools. She has

been teaching some friends to quilt & has some great ideas to share with us.

**Darlene S.** will demonstrate her technique for sewing perfectly straight pieced strips with a minimum of marking. This method can also be adapted to other piecing situations.

**Nancy H.** will share her hand appliqué expertise. As you may remember, Nancy won the Best of Show award at the Quintessential Quilt 2007 for her *Springtime* appliqué quilt.

**Cherie M.** will discuss quilting blogs, blog readers (a must if you want to keep up and save time) and some of the fun new things she's discovered from her favorite blogs.

**Betsy S.** has been doing 3-dimensional quilting and will demonstrate & bring examples, but she warns--it is highly addictive.

## Dates to Remember

### Program Meetings:

~~Jan 20, 2009~~

~~March 17~~

~~May 19~~

July 21

September 15

October 20

January 20, 2010

(Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm)

### Held at University United Methodist Church

6901 Washington Avenue

Use the red door on the east side of the church (Trinity side). Ring the bell if the door is locked. An elevator is available in the entrance area.

### Council Meetings:

July 19, 2009

### Social Meetings:

~~February 20, 2009~~

~~April 21~~

~~June 16~~

August 18

November 17

February 16, 2010

(Third Tuesday, 7:00pm)

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## From the Prez – Carolyn

I was so happy to see a few hardy quilters in attendance at our CSQ June social meeting. I say “hardy” with sincerity, as the traffic was monumental getting to the History Museum, and, especially, for the 5:30 p.m. rendezvous at Kayaks. That is normally a fifteen-minute drive from my house and it took 50 minutes! Sandy Etheridge was already there and we were soon joined by Wanetha Ebker and her friend, Beverly. I had a delicious huge sandwich, and I ate all of it, as I can't resist anything grilled on rye bread. Unfortunately, I paid for it, as I will relate. We had to eat

fast, navigate through traffic again, and find a parking place, but we did it!

Dr. Keith Sawyer gave an engaging and informative talk. He was certainly well informed on the subject of the creative power of collaboration. I thoroughly enjoyed the first half of his talk as he gave examples of genius at work and how creativity never happens in isolation. He explained that creative persons draw on the fund of their experiences and education and contacts with others in their

endeavors. He also related that this creativity is fundamental to progress in all areas of our civilized society...government, business, the arts, education, etc. Unfortunately it is not recognized or supported, as an entity in itself, as an approach to problem solving which can be learned. Well, anyway, when he said all of this he said it well!! He  
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*Send us an email or give us a call with your comments, suggestions or questions*

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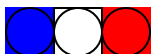
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gave an example of business promoting creative power in their employees by telling about the company that developed Gore-Tex. This company mandates all employees have 10% of their time spent in what is called “dabble time.” This time is to be spent creatively thinking as applied to workplace endeavors. Employees may “dabble” together. How about that? Dr. Sawyer admitted that teachers, when they would finally get their 10% “dabble time,” would be too tired to function creatively Oh well.

Then he played word games to keep the audience engaged and to get a lesson in thinking creatively. The idea is that you are given three words. You are to think of the word that relate to these words as a common denominator. You have 10 seconds for each group. So let’s see how creative you can be. The answers will be on page seven of the newsletter.

Cream	cardboard	blank	pipe
Skate	square	white	wood
Water	open	lines	hot
_____	_____	_____	_____

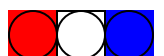
So how did you do? My husband, by the way, got all of these correct. I don’t play with him anymore.

Well, I didn’t do so well on the second half of the lecture because the lights were dimmed and my stomach was so full and you can guess what happened. zzzzzzzz Maybe Jan or Pat or Nancy or Karen or Sandy or Vivienne or Wanetha can fill you in. Hopefully, they did not eat any sandwich grilled on rye bread. I am totally bummed with myself. I would love to hear Dr. Sawyer again sometime and I will drink coffee prior to the lecture.

In the meantime, it is back to quilting and I am most grateful for all of my quilting friends for the enthusiasm, knowledge, and support which they share with me. And just think, we are making the world a better place!! So who needs a clean house?

**Do you Remember:**

It was July 1999 (10 years ago) and CSQ meetings were held at the Library. The program was presented by CSQ members Ruth Hanson, Darlene Sforza, Rheda Schultz and Joy Stinger. The Newsletter states, “Topics may include how each individual initially “sees” a quilt, how the work evolves, decisions about finishing, labeling, etc.” References were also made about prior meetings when CSQ members presented similar discussions. Our meeting this July really isn’t so different!  
D. Schoon



## Minutes – Circle in the Square May 19 Meeting

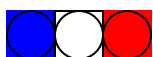
**President Carolyn B.** called the meeting to order at 7:05 welcoming all, especially our keynote speaker, **Ray Houston.** **Darlene S.** then introduced Ray of St. Louis. Ray began by stating that he was not your typical quilter as he was self-taught. He told us how he began sewing on a dare in high school and then ended up sewing clothes for his entire family. His first project was a black velvet buccaneer hand sewn shirt that he eventually put into the washing machine and subsequently ruined. But that did not discourage him as he progressed on to making quilts---log cabin designs, strip piecing, pinwheels tilted every which way, etc. and his experimentation has not ceased. At one point, he was asked to make a friendship quilt for his church and it turned out so well that people refused to mark it with their signatures on the front. But then they did write many messages on the back. Someone had to sign the front of the quilt so Ray happily obliged. Ray showed us many quilts with various designs and colors and we all were able to inspect them after his talk. Ray informed us that he does not enter quilt competitions. He stated that “**EVERY QUILT A PERSON MAKES IS A WINNER.**”

We viewed many of his vibrant, interesting quilts and he showed us his album of all the quilts that he has made—*PARALEGAL BY DAY AND QUILTER BY NIGHT*. It was like his bible as he carries it around with him everywhere. His many original designs are on his website ([www.nachograndmasquilts.com](http://www.nachograndmasquilts.com)). His work has been featured in the March 2004 Quilter’s Newsletter Magazine, Big Block Quilts #47 July 12, 2004, plus he has started a blog for male quilters ([wwwquiltuniversity.com](http://wwwquiltuniversity.com)). After his talk, Carolyn B. encouraged all to move around to view his quilts and enjoy refreshments.

Carolyn announced that even though our treasurer was absent and there was no treasurer’s report, CSQ was solvent according to **Jan O.**’s notes. Darlene announced plans for the July agenda that will include several quilters revealing their quilting techniques, skills, interests, etc.

**Dorris M.** sent the photos of the Challenge Quilts and was awaiting the notification of acceptance by June/July. **Deb Lewis** was perfecting the CSQ website and **Betsy S.** and **Cherie M.** will inform us of the results of the RAC grant. Betsy again displayed the lion quilt block for the Lion’s Club. In the next meeting, **Drew Benage** will give us a brief history of our Raffle Quilt design, Kansas City Star, an old pattern with new material.

Submitted by Vivienne Mazzotta



# THE QUILTED FOX



## *New 1st & 3rd Saturday Groups Start in August*

**Asian Attitude** starts in August! We will be using some Asian fabrics in each block. We'll also offer an alternate block to make a 2 block quilt with interesting secondary patterns. Sign-ups have already started. You'll love doing this one! Call for all the details.

## **Elna 7300 PRO Quilting Queen**

### ***On Sale Now! Come try it out!***

So many features! You won't believe it. Built-in walking foot! Extra quilting room! Automatic scissors! Needle threader! 126 stitches! And much more!



### **Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 – 4 pm**

Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181

Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;

Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

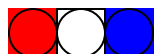
Find our newsletter on our web page: [www.quiltedfox.com](http://www.quiltedfox.com)

Piecing Group members meet for dinner at Vivienne Mazzotta's home. Joy Stinger is holding her birthday cake which is a "circle in a square." The July Piecing group meets at the home of Darlene Schoon with Sandy Etheridge handing out the new project.



Front row (l. to r): Mary Allen, Simmie Gellman & Vivienne. In back: Carolyn Birge, Suzanne Skelly, Janis Friedman, Suzanne Marshall, Nancy Kolmar, Laura Falk, Joy, Sandy Etheridge (hidden), Reed DeLaet, Betsy Sweeney (in front), Jan Ochterbeck and Cherie Moore.

The Piecing Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, except January. Generally they meet at 7:30 p.m., turn in the completed project, receive their new assignment and have fabulous desserts! However, Vivienne has served a wonderful dinner the last two times she has hosted.



## Miscellaneous Items:

The CSQ Challenge Quilts on their way to Tennessee! We recently found out our entry had been accepted into the AWQ Show in Knoxville, TN. Yea!! According to the list of semi-finalists at <http://www.americanquilter.com/> (shows and contests-Knoxville expo) (contests), CSQ joins nine other guilds in the Ultimate Guild Challenge Contest. The show is July 22 -25. Thanks to Dorris McManis, chair of our Challenge Quilt contest.

This is an email Shirley W. recently received. It does work.

FYI-- Multi-Patch has developed an online diagonal cut backing calculator that computes the length of fabric needed to create diagonally cut backing for quilts. The calculator can be freely used by any quilter so please pass the following link onto your guild members:

[http://www.multi-patch.com/html/diagonal\\_backing\\_calculator.php](http://www.multi-patch.com/html/diagonal_backing_calculator.php)

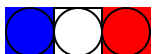
Darline & Ed, Multi-Patch, Inc  
"Zero Math Quilt Rulers"  
<http://www.multi-patch.com>

Check out. . .

A new online newsletter by Julie Pieri (A Pennsylvania quilter) entitled The Sewing Gazette is free for the asking. The Sewing Gazette is a monthly newsletter with tidbits and tasty treats from the sewing world. The first issue features an interview with our **Quintessential Quilt 2009 lecturer and workshop leader**, Judy Lacquidara.

Go to <http://www.sewinggazette.com/> to sign up. It will be emailed to you in pdf format, ready to print.

The *Call for Entries* brochure for the Quintessential Quilt 2009 has been mailed. All CSQ members should have received it. If you have not received one, we will have additional copies at the July meeting, or print a copy from our website, or call Cherie Moore at 618-236-9010 to be added to the mailing list.



**From the Prez – Carolyn (continued)**

The answers are:

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ice                                      box                                      paper                                      stove

Stay Tuned! There are many volunteer opportunities right around the corner. Primarily for the QQ2009 show in October and new officers and committee chairs for next year. What a wonderful way to make new friends and to get to know your fellow CSQ members better.

**2009 Fund Raising Quilt**

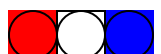
The CSQ fund-raising Quilt is finished, the photo taken, tickets are printed, and from many reports, sales are brisk. Tickets and photos were distributed at the May meeting. If you didn't get yours, more will be available at the July meeting, or give Cherie M. a call, or any Council member.

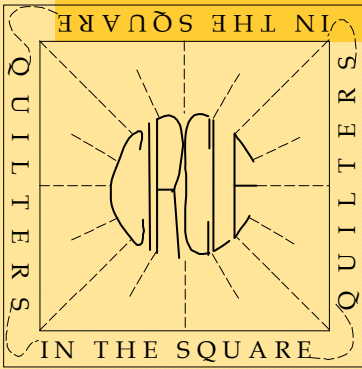
Made from today's batik fabrics and a using a pattern called "Old Missouri," this queen-size quilt is gorgeous. Many, many thanks to all who helped in the construction, and especially to Drew Benage and Carolyn Birge.

*New Missouri*

91" x 91"

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## NEWSLETTER

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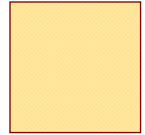
### Interesting Quilting Websites to check out-

Have you checked our CSQ website recently? Deb Lewis has added many new items including information about the Quintessential Quilt 2009. This Newsletter also appears there about the time you receive it, plus past issues.

Check out: <http://www.circleinthesquare.org>

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### *About Our Organization...*

Circle in the Square Quilters is a quilting group. We invite everyone, quilters and non-quilters alike to join us on the third Tuesday at 7:00pm at the University United Methodist Church. Program meetings alternate with Social Meetings.

### Upcoming Events

Gee's Bend quilts on display at the History Museum until September 13, 2009.

AQS Quilt Expo, Knoxville, TN - July 22 - 25.

AQS Quilt Expo, Des Moines, IA - October 28 - 31.