



Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org

January 2022

Happy Birthday!

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| Maria Wells | 1-Jan |
| Carol Zahorodny | 2-Jan |
| Michelle Pierce | 3-Jan |
| Linda Toone | 6-Jan |
| Elaine Marshall | 7-Jan |
| Deborah Smith | 8-Jan |
| Carol Sichler | 9-Jan |
| Christine Daily | 12-Jan |
| Rosemary Orner | 14-Jan |
| Terri Butler | 15-Jan |
| Eleanor Weitzel | 15-Jan |
| Carolyn Yodonise | 15-Jan |
| Sandy Dunning | 17-Jan |
| Diane Van Lonkhuyzen | 20-Jan |
| Diana DiPietro | 21-Jan |
| Jackie Hemp | 21-Jan |
| Judi Straquadine | 21-Jan |
| Grace Bowman | 25-Jan |
| Sue Dieringer-Boyer | 26-Jan |
| Fran Scher | 26-Jan |
| Melinda Horner | 31-Jan |

January 11, 2022 Meeting Agenda

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=aStPV0tMQy9COTR2UeEt2UGJ6NFA2UT09>

7:00 Meeting Begins:

Business meeting highlights

Bylaws Committee

Field Trip to Virginia, updates

Philanthropy

Lowering our Balance, suggestions welcome

7:15 Mystery Guests

8:45 Show and Tell!

9:00 Meeting adjourns

** There will be free fabric available for Community Quilts Project.

*** There will be new Cross Stitch Samplers available for \$10.each.

Consider using these as a focus in your quilt blocks. Gift from Sue Hart.

President's Corner

"The new year stands before us like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written"- quote from Melody Beattie. What will we start this year? Who will we bestow our good wishes, fabric and thread on? Perhaps we will find ourselves that recipient as we stand before our stash and the whisperings of potential creations get louder. The joy of starting something new is energizing.

Dr Sues "You never get bored when you try something new, there is really no limit to what you can do." May your stash get smaller, your quarter inch stay true, your colors coordinate, and your sewing troubles be few.

Our speaker last month, Diane Harris, was fantastic! Thank you, Melinda! A shout out to Megan Harris who worked double duty as zoom and internet technician. Thank you! This month we will have our Mystery Guests. Who among us could it be?

Bonny Kindt
President



President's Mystery Quilt – Part Three

The last part of our mystery quilt (that is no mystery) is the easiest! You will need:

Red fabric: 5-inch squares (4)

2-inch square (1)

Blue fabric: 2-inch x 5-inch rectangle (4)

Sew one blue rectangle between two red 5-inch squares. Make 2 sets.



Sew one red 2-inch square between 2 blue 5-inch strips on the 2-inch side.



Sew sets together per picture. This will be the center of your Burgoyne Surrounded quilt block.



Your previous steps can now be added.



Done! You have now completed one block. It should measure 26 inches unfinished. You can decide to border it in red or go bigger. I hope to make one in floral and Christmas fabrics. Just one block is a table topper and a nice gift. A \$50 gift certificate to Patches will be given to the best quilt at our March meeting!

Submitted by Bonny Kindt, President

Volunteer Project

This term's Guild volunteer project is to make quilts for 110 homes being given mortgage-free by Tunnel To Towers to surviving families of military and first responders killed in duty. You can help by making a lap-size quilt for one of the homes in red, white, blue or first responder-themed fabric. Also, 12-inch star block kits will be available at the meeting if you can make a block or take a couple kits to make into a quilt. (If you took a kit at the November meeting, please try to finish it and bring to the December meeting.) Longarm quilting services are needed also if you can help.



Contact Nanci Obrien (contact info in guild directory).

Book Bee

Four County will be starting a new kind of bee. It will be a Book Bee that meets quarterly via Zoom. All members are invited to participate. The first Book Bee will be Wednesday March 16th and the book selection will be Jenny Doan's [How to Stich an American Dream: A Story of Family, Faith and the Power of Giving](#). The discussion should last about an hour. If you'd like to participate email Mary Jo Richmond (contact info in guild directory) or sign up using this [form](#). Books that we will be reading should have a fiber arts theme and can be fiction or non-fiction. While thinking about the possibilities for this new endeavor for Four County a neighbor shared this resource from [Schmetz](#) with Mary Jo as part of their Inspired to Sew series. Other book titles could come from this list of books.

FCQG Pins

Old FCQG pins will be on sale at the January meeting at the rate of four pins for \$1.00. These pins can be purchased at the membership table at each meeting going forward while supplies last. Meanwhile, if you're interested in quilting something to display all your pins, I found this pattern for sale at [EverythingQuilts.com](#). It's called [Show Pin Collector Quilt](#). I'm sure there are other patterns that can be used too. If you find others, please email Mary Jo Richmond (contact info in guild directory) and we'll share in future newsletters.

Quilt Workshop

ZOOM - Miniature Quilt Workshop with Kellie Willey - Friday, January 21, 2022

Cost is \$45 and includes the pattern.

Sign-ups are still available. Please email Melinda Horner (contact info in guild directory) if you would like to sign up.

This Class/Workshop will be paid for directly to Kellie Willey from each Member/Participant.

[LITTLE QUILT CREATIONS - About Kellie](#)

Quilt Retreats

Spring Quilt Retreat:

April 7 – 10, 2022

Camp Pecometh

401 Jack Elliot Way

Centreville, Maryland 21617

Spring Retreat is FULL at this point. Please sign up in case there are cancellations.

Double rate - \$377.00 - 3 nights 6 meals

Double rate -\$293.00 2 nights, 5 meals

Single rate is coming

Checks can be made out to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed to:

Melinda Horner

(Contact info in guild directory)

Fall Quilt Retreat

August 18 - 21, 2022

Double rate - \$377.00 - 3 nights, 6 meals

Double rate - \$293.00 2 nights, 5 meals

Single rate is coming

There are still 12 spots still available for this date. There are more rooms available to us this date. which allows for more people to attend and have the special time to get to know one another. These Retreats are for you to work on your own projects. It is a lovely space to create and a very comfortable place to relax.

Bingo Update



The bingo committee will have a zoom meeting in mid-January to talk about food options and to discuss the maximum number of tickets that will be sold. At our last two bingos we capped sales at 220 tickets. We will be considering lowering the number of tickets to allow a bit more space at tables. Once food and # of tickets are decided, we will talk about the ticket price.

If you are willing to donate a quilt or basket, please email me. Eleven more quilts and two more baskets are needed. Small door prizes are always welcome.

BINGO PLEDGES (as of 12/28/21)

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| Carol Collins | Carol Collins | Rhonda Madden 70 x 70" | Fran Dunn (Tuffet) | Linda Dickinson |
| "Three Bee" Full Size (3 colors) | Tessa Gordon Baby Size | "Sew-Inspired Bee" Full to Queen | Ruth Poffenberger Queen Size | Sunny Bee Blue, Yellow, Creme |
| Shari Wastler 42 x 60" | Shari Wastler 52 x 67" | Karen Carpenter 50 x 60" | Carol Zahorodny & Marilyn Whalen, US & MD Flags | |

Raffle Baskets

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| Annette Dietrich "Come to Tea" Basket | "Buzz Bee" "Red" Themed Basket | Marty Simmons "Picnic" Themed Basket | Mary Jo Richmond Maryland Flag made of wood (by Jim Richmond) |
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SALE AND SEEKING

FOR SALE: NEW CROSS-STITCH FRAMED PIECES

Bonny Kindt has additional framed cross-stitch pieces for sale--\$10 each. All the stitchery was handmade and donated to the guild. Proceeds from the sale are going into a miscellaneous revenue fund . . . it will be fun to choose a use for this "nest egg" in the future. This batch of work features seasonal patterns. Consider purchasing one for the sheer enjoyment of looking at it and smiling!



FREE FABRIC FOR CHARITY QUILTS

We have some donated bolts of fabric that might be perfect for your charity quilts—piecing, binding and/or backing possibilities. Marilyn Whalen will have them on a table at the January meeting with scissors so you can cut what you anticipate needing or take what's left on the bolt!

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events

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| Feb 24-27 | Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival 2022 | Hampton Roads Convention Center |
| Mar 23-26 | Lancaster Quilt Show | DoubleTree Resort by Hilton |
| Apr 22-24 | Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show | www.nsvquiltshow.com |
| Apr 27-30 | AQS Quilt Week | Paducah, KY |
| Sep 29-Oct 1 | Original Sewing & Quilt Expo | Fredericksburg, VA |

More information on the following pages!

Minutes--Four County Quilters Guild—December 14, 2021 Dual Meeting--7:00 PM

President Bonny Kindt welcomed everyone. The November minutes had one correction—*Faithful Circle was the visitor last month*. Maryjean Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, Sue Dieringer-Boyer seconded it and the motion passed.

Bonny reminded members about the policy for meetings if inclement weather occurs. If schools are closed or have an early dismissal in Carroll, Frederick, Montgomery, or Howard County, we will not meet at the church. However, if possible, the meeting will still go on via zoom. On a meeting day, check email for information.

On December 21 at 7:00 there will be a quarterly board meeting via zoom. The agenda is in the December newsletter. Note one of the items is brainstorming ways to spend down some of the savings we have in a way that would most benefit our members. All are welcome.

Thanks to the holiday celebration committee: Nancy Willett, Sue Dieringer-Boyer, Melinda Horner, Linda Dickinson, Linda Beavers and Tessa Gordan. Decorations, greenery arrangements, a game, favors, door prizes, a gift exchange and a perky guest speaker—it was a pleasant evening for everyone.

Thanks to Rhonda Madden and Linda Beavers for helping Megan Harris with the evening's technology needs.

The December newsletter spotlighted Krista Dillard—read about our new member!

Bonny updated members about the President's Mystery Quilt, and she plans to bring a completed one to next month's meeting. See the November, December and upcoming January newsletter for directions to join in making one. There will be a \$50 gift certificate to Patches awarded for Viewers' Choice at March's Guild Meeting.

Sue Dieringer-Boyer has volunteered to take over the position of secretary and Marilyn Whalen will handle the treasurer's role through this fiscal year.

Vice President Melinda Horner announced two upcoming guild-affiliated retreats at Pecometh.

The first will be April 7-10 and can have 12 members attend. Participants will be sharing the facility with another quilt group. The cost of a double room with all meals will be \$377. Melinda will verify if single rooms will be available (at about \$450). The second retreat will be August 18-21 and take up to 24 members—same prices. An interest sheet circulated. Melinda will take deposit checks and fill openings on a first come-first served basis. Additionally, she will be checking into retreat possibilities at the International Conference Center in Leesburg and at Carolyn Yodonise's facility in Littlestown. Please pass along info about other retreat possibilities.

Marilyn Whalen outlined a plan to take a day-time bus trip to the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, Virginia, sometime in the early spring. The museum can take about 50 visitors at a time. Rock Town Kitchen is a restaurant right behind the museum that can accommodate large groups and there are a few other restaurants that are within an easy walking distance. Also, Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop is nearby (via bus) so working in a visit there is a definite possibility. Marilyn will be contacting a bus company to get an estimate of prices for a coach so stay tuned for an update in the new year.

Sue Heslin had the Opportunity Quilt on display with raffle tickets available for purchase. Zoomers can contact Sue or a board member for tickets. Remember we're looking for places to take the quilt to sell tickets—let Sue know of any opportunities you know about.

Diane Harris from "Stash Bandit" was our guest speaker with her "Jingle Bells" trunk show. She shared many of her holiday-themed quilts and has developed a handout with info about everything we saw. The handout will be emailed to members. Check out Diane's website stashbandit.net which features many of the creations seen tonight.

If you got an unusual notion in the grab bag exchange, snap a photo and send it to Maryjean Spencer (newsletter@fourcountyquilters.org) for inclusion in the January newsletter.

Show & Tell beauties were shared by: Ann Marie Schmelter, Karen Carpenter, Jane Dennis, Jeanie Luke, Rhonda Madden, Kay Worley, Olga Schrichte, Sandy Dunning, Sue Heslin, Nancy Willett and Bonny Kindt.

Marilyn Whalen
Secretary