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January 10, 2023 Meeting Agenda

MASKS OPTIONAL

6:30 Chat & Chew

Demos by Bonny

A "New" Binding Method

A "New" Nine Patch

7:00 Welcome and Acknowledge January Birthdays

7:10 Mystery Quilters

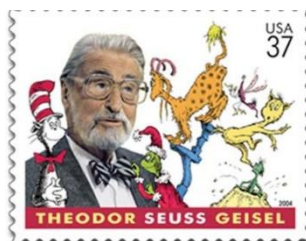
8:10 Old Business

8:20 New Business

8:40 Door Prizes and Show & Tell

9:00 Meeting Adjourned

President's Message



"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." – Dr. Seuss

With that message in mind, please consider participating in the fidget mat workshop that is coming up on Saturday, January 28. Read the newsletter for complete information from Sandy Dunning and Olga Schrichte.

Dunning and Olga Schrichte.

The guild is doing so well at supporting our local community. In the past few months, Nanci O'Brien spearheaded a remarkable drive for **Tunnels to Towers**; Melinda Horner set in motion making and filling holiday stockings for women and children in need. This led to 60 filled stockings and 20 gift bags being distributed . . . so many stockings were donated that 30 of them have been saved for next year's donation. Coming in January is the fidget mat workshop and following that we will be making twin-size children's quilts for the **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** local chapter. So, oil your sewing machines and be ready to astound yourself as creativity emerges!

Recently, I was interviewed by a reporter from **The Maryland Register**, and I think you'll be pleased with the "Guild Spotlight" article she wrote about our very active group. The article has been submitted to the editor, but I'm not sure when it is scheduled for publication . . . maybe the January/February issue! Keep watching for it!

Cheers for a noteworthy New Year!

Marilyn Whalen, President

A NOTE OF THANKS!

As we were cleaning up from our Christmas banquet, I noticed an extra cake and wondered what was going to happen to it. I quickly talked Linda Dickinson out of it. She was going to freeze it and bring it back next month but then realized that she would be in Florida at that time. I work in a building with several hundred people and there are always snacks in our break room. However, my first stop of the day was at Linganore High School (LHS) and I decided I'd drop the cake off there. They have at least 225 staff members. Here's the lovely note I received:



Thank you for the cake. The LHS staff is most appreciative. We usually only get cake if someone wins an award so this was an unexpected but definitely pleasant surprise for us as we head into winter break. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Today they saw a tangible and delicious reason why.

I heard the cake was gone before I made it to my office at 1 PM.

Mary Jo Richmond

ROAD TRIP!

On behalf of Uhuru Quilters Guild we offering the opportunity for your members to join us on a bus trip to:

2023 Mid – Atlantic Quilt Festival Hampton VA
Saturday February 25, 2023

The LARGEST QUILT FESTIVAL on the Eastern Seaboard

\$85 pp - includes General admission to the show
NR Deposit \$25 due to reserve space now Full NR payment due by January 21, 2023

Checks payable to: Uhuru Quilters Guild
Mail to: P. O. Box 47332, District Heights, MD 20747-9997 with 2023 Hampton VA in the Notes
Alternatively, Give to Deborah Stafford at in person meetings

Pick Up Time: 7:00 AM Penn Mar Shopping Center- 2950 Donnell Dr., Forestville, MD 20747.
Departure Time: 4:00 PM Return to Penn Mar at approximate 7:00 PM

Questions – email kamccrea@gmail.com

Parking is behind International House of Pancakes. Park at your own risk. Guild and Property owners will not be liable for theft or damage to vehicle



ANOTHER NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Ruth & Quilters,
Many thanks for all the cards and well wishes. Also thanks for the flower fabrics, what a great idea. We are healing slowly and dealing with an infection just now. Many thanks again, Elaine and Vernon Marshall

A QUILTY DELIVERY



Our 2022 Opportunity Quilt was delivered to the winner, Linda Brown, on Dec. 19. Linda was very excited to receive it! Her grandmother was a quilter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Let's give a huge shout-out to the makers of this stunning quilt and to Sue Heslin who worked tirelessly on the ticket sales, as well as to those who helped her man the booth at the many ticket-selling events!

SECOND MONDAY, SIP AND SEW

The Second Monday Sip 'N Sew will be January 9 at the Sew 'N Place in Fayetteville, PA. from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Quilters from Four County Quilters Guild and Clustered Spires Quilt Guild are invited to join each other at The Sew N Place for a fun day together sewing, laughing, sharing, and indulging in one of the many coffee drinks offered at the cafe bistro. Cost is \$10 per person. To register or for more information, please contact Sandy Dunning (Contact info in guild directory).



GET READY TO FIDGET!



We will be making fidget mats for students at the Rock Creek School, a Frederick County Public School that offers a life-skills curriculum with emphasis on functional academic skills, social skills training, community-based instruction, personal care management, and communication skills. Marilyn Whalen, our president, has reserved the auditorium at Calvary Methodist Church on January 21 for a workshop from 10:00 - 3:00. We will be making "mini-quilts" for many of the students at the school. Olga Schrichte and Sandy Dunning will be leading this workshop. Sandy and Olga will also hold a Zoom Training/Tutorial Session on Friday, January 13 from 7:00 - 8:00. At this Zoom meeting, you will learn more information about the students at the Rock Creek

School. You will also learn how to make these little fidget mats, what supplies you may need, and get lots of other ideas. The attached document provides more information about Fidget Mats. (Included as an attachment in the email that brought you this newsletter.)

Zoom Link:

Sandy Dunning and Olga Schrichte are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Fidget Mat Tutorial

Time: Jan 13, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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A QUILTY THOUGHT



One of our quilters recently saw an article about starting off a new year by cleaning up your sewing area and sorting your fabric! We would love to know what our members do to inspire them at the start of the year!

Send your thoughts and ideas to me and I'll publish them in the February Newsletter.

LIBRARY SEW-IN DATES

1/7/2023 – Eldersburg Library – Large Meeting Room – 12:00 to 4:00 pm



THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN — August 4-5, 2023! SHOWTIME!!

Circle your calendar today! The date is secure, the venue established, the postcards are being printed and the Committees will be getting a head-start on their "TO DO" lists. Have you been thinking about that quilt (or quilts!) you're going to enter...or have you already started collecting some awesome bits of fabric and laying out the design? Have you jumped on the show wagon and signed on to a Committee? There's lots to be done and there will be a whole list of jobs you can do to help ensure our quilt show "JUBILATION" stands out. It's going to be a *BLAST!* Keep your eyes on the Newsletter for monthly updates and info.

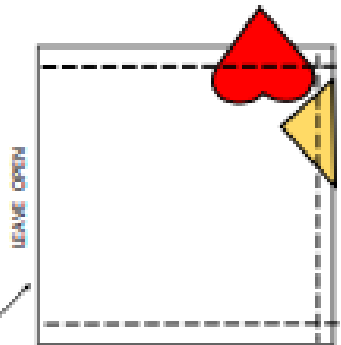
"QUILTFORIUM" will be THE place at our Quilt Show where everyone can shop for quality handmade items by our many talented members. It's time for you to get busy sewing some of those *Scrapbusting Projects* you've been seeing in the Newsletters and bringing your finished items to Guild meetings for collection. Starting this month, give us a small bit of your sewing time here and there and help fill our display baskets with a variety of can't resist items. Do you know of a quilty, crafty or sewing project that would make a good sale item? Contact Linda Dickinson wdickins99@comcast.net

January's Scrapbusting Project is introducing JUBILEE and her BFF.. MISS FANCY! They are quite the pair, showing off their bright colors with fancy flowers and little quilty squares. No doubt they'll become the center of attention at our Quilt Show! Fun and easy to stitch, be sure to make one for yourself from your own happy fabrics to sit on your machine as you sew! Pick up a return kit with fabric for JUBILEE & MISS FANCY at the January Guild Meeting. You can't make just one!!

JUBILEE & MISS FANCY

- 2 3 1/2" fabric squares
- 1 yellow beak
- 1 red felt comb
- 2 7 mm wiggle eyes

Rice, filler beads, or ground nut shells



1. Finger press 1/4" seam allowance to wrong side of fabric along one cut edge. Repeat on second square.
2. Position beak at upper right corner, 1/4" down from top edge. Make sure beak points into fabric, baste to hold.
3. Position comb 1/4" left of top right corner, making sure "breast" points into fabric. Baste to hold.
4. Lay remaining fabric square on top of basted square, right sides together.
5. Starting at left top corner and using a 1/4" seam allowance, stitch along 3 sides leaving left side open. Backstitch at start and stop.
5. Turn right side out and check placement of beak & comb. (If you don't like where they fall along their seam, simply open seam and shift pieces.)
6. Use a blunt turning tool to push out corners.
7. Along the open edge, match center seams keeping fold inside. Fill with 4+ level tablespoons rice. (You may need to roll paper into cone shape, cut tip, and use as a funnel to fill rice.) Pin to hold.
8. With needle and thread, use a ladder stitch to sew opening closed (see YOUTUBE). Remove pins.
9. Glue wiggle eyes 1/4" down from comb on each side.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
February 23-26	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Fest Hampton, VA	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival » Mancuso Show Management
March 29-April 1, 2023	Lancaster Quilt Show Lancaster, PA	Lancaster, PA AQuiltersDestination
April 26–29, 2023	AQS Quilt Week Paducah	American Quilter's Society - AQS QuiltWeek – Paducah 2023
2023	Various Shows	The Big List of 2023 Quilt Shows Rona the Ribbiter

Currently, all FCQG Meetings are being held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy. Additionally, the meetings will be on Zoom for those who are more comfortable with that format. Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month!

HOW TO CONNECT: (NOTE: NEW ZOOM INFORMATION)

Join Zoom Meeting

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4CQG Minutes December 13, 2022

In December, instead of the usual business meeting, we held our annual Christmas Party and Banquet. What a wonderful evening! Many thanks to the committee members: Linda Dickinson, Libi Driggers, Billy Meseke, Lois Kretsch-Gemmill, Vicki Brewer, Kay Worley, Deborah Cera, Chris Rhodes, Marilyn Whalen, Melinda Horner, Diane Janoske.

Members entered a room decorated festively by the committee. The party began with an invocation by Kay Worley. Attendees were called by tables to help themselves to abundant home made dishes. There was ham, turkey and all the fixings. There were salads and veggie casseroles, mac and cheese and fruit. For dessert, there was a sheet cake and homemade cookies from family recipes.

Instead of the usual gift exchange, the committee asked members to make a simple stocking to be filled with toiletries and goodies for Lincoln Elementary School in Frederick County. This school serves a low-income area and was very appreciative of our large donation. Altogether there were 60 stockings and 20 gift bags donated.

Table toppers and centerpieces, made by the committee members, were given as door prizes. Prizes were given to the maker of the best stocking, and to the member who submitted the first cookie recipe.

Live music was provided by Jane Dennis. There was a game involving bells which was won by Margaret Minton.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a hilarious skit performed by Libi Driggers and Linda Dickinson. I, for one, will never again sing, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" without thinking of them!

There was a brief business note conducted by Rhonda Madden. She and Marilyn Whalen proposed the purchase of an additional storage cabinet. An expenditure of up to \$350, was motioned, seconded, and approved by majority vote.

The evening was ended by Jane Dennis playing piano music and voices singing, "Let there be Peace on Earth".

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Brewer, Secretary



FCQG Board Meeting—Minutes December 6, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Kristina Crowe, Joan Watkins, Ann Marie Schmelter, Karen Carpenter, Mary Jo Richmond, Sue Heslin, Vicki Brewer, Marilyn Whalen, Linda Dickinson, Rhonda Madden, Sue Dieringer-Boyer

Review of Minutes

Sue Dieringer-Boyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20 Board Meeting. Ann Marie Schmelter seconded the motion and it passed.

Committee Reports

Ann Marie reported that in anticipation of renewing our website contract with GoDaddy by February, she is examining the fees for a three-year renewal as well as what services we want to retain, eliminate or possibly add. Marilyn plans to do a quick survey to determine any members who are not able to get into the website.

The Zoom Team who have volunteered to rotate handling our meetings are Leslie Cole, Jackie Miller, Bonny Kindt, Terry Sipes and Maureen Dixon. Leslie will be training the group as the new year begins.

Our new Facebook chair is Kristina Crowe. She has updated the cover picture and added new photos from “Quilts in the Park” and also some wintery/holiday themed scenes. Currently, she is the sole administrator on the account. More administrators can be added so that other members can post items. Chairs, bees, any member— contact her to be added. Our Facebook page is a public page. We discussed adding a private group which would be a separate page on Facebook so members could post things that only other members could see—no passwords would be involved. We will explore this idea as we move forward.

Mary Jo expects to be finished presenting the bylaw changes and asking members to vote on them at the January meeting.

Concerning ordering the new projector, Mary Jo will wait until the spring to do this. Until then she can bring her loaner to meetings, which saves the guild some storage space.

Mary Jo is chairing the Quilt Show scheduled for August 4-5. Bonny Kindt will take on coordinating with the local Mt. Airy businesses. One current challenge the committee is facing is getting members to commit to putting quilts in the show. The postcards that are almost ready to be printed advertise 200+ member quilts. We discussed allowing members to put in multiple quilts with display space being the consideration—no decision was made; however, attendees were in agreement that the quilts be displayed together in one area and not in hallways. We discussed giving members who donate four volunteer hours during the show free admission. Concerning crafts, Linda Dickinson will be in Florida for three months but will be working with co-chair Chris Rhodes, to use the newsletter to share some patterns members can work on.

Kristi Dillard has volunteered to chair the Spring Challenge. She will be creating a theme so stay tuned for more information.

Sandy Dunning and Olga Schricte will be co-chairing our first community service project—making fidget mats for Rock Creek School. This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, from 10:00-3:00 In our meeting room at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy. More info will be shared at the January meeting.

Libi Driggers and Maureen Dixon will be co-chairing the committee to plan our second community service project—making 20 twin-size quilts for “Sleep in Heavenly Peace.” More info will be coming on that in the new year.

Old Business

We critiqued changes in the agenda and agreed that the following features are working: added 30 minutes to our monthly rental time, asked speakers to keep their presentations to about 45 minutes with 5 minutes for questions, added a table in the meeting room where “Show & Tell” quilts can be displayed before presenting them on stage, and placed a table on the stage for folding of “Show & Tell” quilts after presentations. Additionally, at the November meeting we moved snack time to coincide with social time in the 6:30-7:00 time block. A few concerns were voiced about removing a break after the guest speaker because some members may need to stretch. Members should feel free to get up at any time and walk around in the back or hall. Marilyn will reiterate this at the January meeting and we’ll reevaluate, if necessary.

Marilyn has not been able to find a used storage cabinet that we can add to the back of the stage. New ones run between \$169-320—price difference is determined by size and the material the cabinet is made from—metal versus particle versus plastic. Marilyn will bring the cost at the December or January meeting. Members must approve this expenditure. The church has given us permission to add another cabinet.

New Business

Concerning clean-up after meetings, we will ask that members volunteer to pick a month and stay an extra 10-15 minutes to help with clean-up. The task of restacking the chairs and putting the tables away is falling to the same group each month so help is needed. Marilyn will ask about the possibility of leaving a table on the stage.

Related to the amount of money in our savings, brief discussion on using some of the money to fund more for the two community service projects. Currently, \$500 is budgeted and available. Philanthropy is budgeted at \$2,500.

Marilyn has drafted a new guild business card using Vistaprint. She will share it in January for feedback.

Marilyn and Nanci O’Brien are going to work on creating a tag that can be used on charity quilts that guild members make. Once designed, the goal will be to order a large number of them for use. Attendees recommend the tags be the sewn in kind versus iron on. The cost will have to be approved by the guild.

We discussed an Opportunity Quilt for the coming year. Sue Heslin talked about the logistics involved in selling tickets. She shared data about the money made at each venue where the quilt was taken. Only 40 members purchased raffle tickets. Profit was \$x,xxx—keeping in mind that the quilt was donated so there was no initial cost to the guild. For future Opportunity Quilts, the guild should purchase a canopy with side panels as well as weights for it. The consensus from attendees is that we can skip this event for 2023. Marilyn will check with Melinda to see where she is on the pre-planning phase for a quilt and ask her to submit any receipts she has incurred for reimbursement.

Mary Jo shared that Amanda Mosko has asked if she can work on designing a new “badge” and we agreed that would be a wonderful idea.

Marilyn shared feedback from the 13 members who responded to her email about some of the challenges the guild is facing.

Zoom—Mixed feelings on whether or not to continue zoom for meetings after guest speaker presentations. The majority are in favor of keeping it for use by members who cannot physically attend meetings. We will continue to keep it in place for the remainder of the fiscal year. We will plan to leave the audio on during the business segment of the meeting (after the guest speaker) so zooming members can listen in.

Zoom Tech Team—Five members have volunteered to be trained and will then rotate helping at the meetings.

Social Activities—Majority are agreeable to increasing time and opportunities for social interaction. Opportunities for workshops were favored.

Allocating Money for Skill Development—Majority were agreeable. Rhonda is working on creating two opportunities that would be open to all members on a Saturday or Sunday. She will be checking with our August speakers to see if a workshop can be set up with them. The guild would use some of our saved funds to pay a portion of the costs. We acknowledge there will be no way to please everyone with the options. Rhonda added that nine people signed up for the Bargallo workshop and 15 are needed. Rather than trying to check on interest from other guilds, it will be cancelled.

Allocating Members' Energy—Most people liked the three major events: Quilts in the Park, Bingo and Quilt Show but would like them to rotate over a three-year span. Possibly make Quilts in the Park less formal and add a guild picnic component to it.

Zoom for Weather Cancellations—If monthly meetings have to be cancelled due to inclement weather (emails will go out), we will zoom the guest speaker and do a modified business meeting. Rhonda has scheduled zoom presenters for the February and March meetings to avoid having to cancel and reschedule speakers.

Minutes submitted by Marilyn