



Four County Quilters Guild

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March 14, 2023 Meeting Agenda MASKS OPTIONAL

- 6:30 Snack & Chat—Pie Night!
 Friendship Star Quilters Visiting
 Larry Ogletree selling some quilting supplies from his deceased wife - Cash, please!
- 7:00 Welcome and Acknowledgement of March Birthdays
- 7:10 Guest Speaker: Debbie Kratovil: Strips, Logs and Scrap Buster Quilts
- 8:00 A 5-minute Stretch Break
- 8:05 Old Business
- 8:20 New Business, Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Announcements
- 8:40 Door Prizes and Show & Tell
- 9:00 Adjourn and Clean-up



President's Message

An official national holiday since 2009, **March 14** marks Pi Day. The numerical date (3.14) represents the first three digits of **pi**, which you may recall from geometry class is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. As an added bit of trivia, it happens to be Albert Einstein's



birthday. So here is a teaser: *If you ate 2π radians 'worth of pie, how much did you eat?* The answer will be revealed at the upcoming meeting!



Remember that we will be enjoying samplings from an assortment of pies at our March meeting so plan to come and satisfy your sweet tooth!

For those of you who feel the challenge to sew pi, here is the link to a free pattern. On the website, click on "Tutorials" and scroll down—
<http://thatlooklikeitneedsstitches.blogspot.com/p/tutorials.html>

Marilyn Whalen, President

Scraps.. We need your scraps!



Look for Libi at the March guild meeting with her empty scrap basket. Poor thing! She's looking for you to fill her basket with all those scraps from the projects you've been working on or finishing lately. Libi is filling Scrap Bags to sell at the Quilt Show and needs your help. Scrap pieces must be at least the size of your hand. No tiny snippets or shredded stuff, please! Libi will be at each guild meeting with her empty basket. Take pity on the Scrap Lady and don't disappoint her! Any unwanted orphan fabrics too large for her bags can be given to Quiltporium for recycling :)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT COMING SOON TO A SEW-IN!

Want to help make an adorable felt [Christmas tree](#) for our Quiltporium for the Quilt Show? It's truly a five-minute craft. Maybe ten minutes. The reason this ornament will be quick is that the felt squares have already been cut out. There are enough squares cut to make 40-50 trees. The small stars for the top are also available. It has been suggested that a small wooden bead could be used for the trunk instead of the brown felt as could a yellow glittery bead for the top. Also, we could add glitz to the tree by gluing a few tiny beads on the tips of several squares. I hope that you'll take ten minutes or so to make one or two of these for our show.



QUILT SHOW MEETINGS

The next two Quilt Show meetings will be on March 8th and April 6th. If you'd like to join us, you can use the same Zoom link that is in this newsletter for our meeting. Our meetings start at 7:00 pm and typically run about 1 ½ hours.

FCQG BOARD MEETING

There will be a FCQG Board meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Following is the agenda:

Approval of December 6 Minutes
Committee Reports
Old Business

Outdated/unused equipment
Guild business cards
Guild quilt labels

New Business

Line Item Budget Recommendations for 2023-2024



FOUR COUNTY QUILT GUILD MEMBERSHIP



The updated by-laws do say that membership dues need to be paid by July 1st this year instead of by September 1st (and going forward). This is a change in practice for our guild. Also please keep in mind that you will need to be a member of our guild to enter quilts into our quilt show. We will be ready to start collecting membership dues for the next fiscal year starting in May.

LIBRARY SEW-IN DATES

Several Friday Sew-In dates have been added.

Friday, March 10 – Eldersburg Library, Large Meeting Room – 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Friday, March 31 – Mt. Airy Library, Large Meeting Room – 10:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 1 - Eldersburg Library, Mid-Size Meeting Room – 12:00 to 4:30 pm



SPRING CHALLENGE UPDATE

****SIZE CHANGE**** Your quilt needs to be a minimum size of 20x20 (no smaller, but can be larger)

Theme: Country Living. Voting will occur at the Spring Tea sometime in May. Please email Kristi Dillard if you plan to bring a quilt. Contact info in guild directory.

AN INVITATION FROM FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS



The following invitation was received from the Friendship Star Quilt Guild:

Friendship Star Quilters would like to invite members of your guild to visit us between **April 21-23, 2023**, as we present a Celebration of Quilts at Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.

Attached to this newsletter is a double-sided show flyer, a photo of our beautiful raffle (tickets are \$1 each and 6 for \$5) and a photo of the Featherweight sewing machine (tickets are also \$1 each and 6 for \$5).

We would appreciate your including our show information in your newsletters and on your website. Most of all, though, we hope to see you there!

Anne Weaver
FSQ Quilt Show Committee

FABRIC YARD SALE (YIPPEE!)

Sew Inspired Sewing Bee is having a Fabric Yard Sale. Come out and get some great fabrics, books, patterns, notions, etc. for a great price. There will be a large selection of items to choose from!

Friday, April 21, 2023 10-4
Saturday, April 22, 2023 10-4

6201A Green Valley Road
New Market, MD 21774



If you use GPS, please only put in 6201 Green Valley Road, it will be the house to the right when you pull in the driveway.

Tessa Gordon, Sew Inspired Sewing Bee

NEW RETREAT FOR 2023

June 5 - 7, 2023

Hallowood Retreat Center, 7300 Banner Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20842;
 301-588-4363; www.hallowood.org

2 nights and 3 days - arrival before lunch Monday, June 5, 2023, and departure after lunch Wednesday, June 7

Monday - Lunch, Dinner

Tuesday - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wednesday - Breakfast, Lunch

Departure - to be determined possibly an extra 4 hour sewing time after lunch

Meals are prepared by Chef Howard

Please check out their website to see the Meeting Spaces and Room Accommodations



Double Room Rate (2 people per room)

\$260.00 each - until lunch only Wednesday, June 7, 2023

(If we get the extra 4hrs after lunch -\$285.00 per person)

Single Room Rate - \$284.00

(If we get the extra 4hrs after lunch - \$309 per person)

An announcement will be made if the extra 4 hours after lunch is approved. **If it is it will be the same price for everyone, even if you do not choose to stay the additional time.** We are paying as a group.

Please call or email Melinda Horner (Contact info in guild directory) if you want to attend. You may send your deposit to Guild Treasurer Annette Dietrich (Contact info in guild directory).

SECOND MONDAY, SIP AND SEW

The Second Monday Sew 'N Sip will be **March 13** 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. For more information, please contact Sandy Dunning (Contact info in guild directory).



~~QUILTY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

QPSA #1 – CRAFT RETURN

This is a gentle reminder to bring the finished crafts (chicken pincushions and needle holders) that you have so generously made for the quilt show to this month's guild meeting on Tuesday, March 14. And, again, thank you so much for contributing your time and efforts on behalf of our amazing guild.

QPSA #2 – fourcountyquilters.org

One very astute member of our guild suggested that we publish our website address with the reminder that there is no password necessary to visit any part of the site. It is a wonderfully managed, colorful, and informative site and all are encouraged to visit it often to stay up to date on our very active guild. Visit soon and often: Four County Quilters Guild

QPSA #3 - QUILTFOLK DISCOUNT

Guild members can avail themselves of a 15% discount off their total order at the Quiltfolk website by using the code GUILD 25.

QPSA #4 – COMMITTEE ROSTER

Recently a request was made to know the heads of the various committees of our guild. Our fine president, Marilyn Whelan, was kind enough to provide a spreadsheet with these various names and positions. Please refer to the attached pdf for this information.

QPSA #5 – LONGARM LOCATOR

Thanks to Nancy O'Brien for sending in this website which features a "Longarm Locator" for your use. The website is urbanelementz.com. Once on the website, scroll to the bottom to find the Longarm Locator! Easy Peasy!

PSA #6 - HOLLAND QUILT TRIP

Thanks to our eagle-eyed quilters who are always willing to share. There is a quilt trip planned for 2024 to Holland! Here is the link:

https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/ee24040924q52144#.Y--w_hXMKUm

THE HISTORY CORNER



Hello everyone, as Marilyn mentioned at the last guild meeting, the role of Guild Historian has been revived and I have been given the opportunity to chair it. With excitement (and a little bit of anxiety) I'm looking forward to going on this adventure with you all. We haven't quite decided what this role is supposed to do but we will see where it takes us! If you have any ideas you would like to suggest or questions you may have about the history of the guild, please let me know and we will see if we can explore it. I see this role as a reporter, telling you interesting facts about the past and recording what is currently happening. With that in mind, I would like to ask everyone to send me snippets and pictures of Guild activities so we can make a "yearbook" of sorts. If you are attending a workshop, Saturday stitching, or one of our other activities, please feel free to send me a note explaining what was happening. My email is Roberta.Christie@fourcountyquilters.org. Maybe we can have a year in review slide show to show how much we did that year? Just one idea.

For our first tidbit of history, a hint from Bonny Kindt led me to look at when FCQG began. Does everyone know? The guild was founded in 1988 so that makes this our 35th year we have been meeting! Happy 35th anniversary!! Isn't that incredible? It's awesome that this group has been able to flourish throughout the years and grow to what it is now. My next article will delve into the beginnings of FCQG. I feel like a history detective (remember that show on TV?).

Looking forward to learning more,
Roberta

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
March 29-April 1, 2023	Lancaster Quilt Show Lancaster, PA	Lancaster, PA AQuiltersDestination
April 11-15	Maple Festival Quilt Show Meyersdale, PA	Maple Festival Webpage
April 13-15	Ocean Waves Quilt Show Georgetown, DE	https://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show
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



MARCH SCRAPBUSTING by Linda Dickinson

We need more SOCKS!! Remember those cute "Safety Socks" for your Rotary Cutters that were such a big hit at Quilts in the Park? We're planning on filling another basket for our Quilt Show and to get your creative juices flowing you can pick up a pre-cut kit at the March 14 meeting. The stitching is easy and you'll probably want to make several... maybe 2+ for Quiltporium! Mis-matched socks are **IN**, so try using bits and pieces from your scrap bin. Stripes and checks can be "cool"! Fussy-cuts devine! Kaffe Fasset toes... "awesome!" SOCK-IT-TO-ME and plan to bring your finished "socks" to the April meeting. Thank you for helping to make our Quiltporium a must-see FCQG handmade shopping stop.

ALWAYS USE 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE

MATERIALS: 2 - 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" main fabric
 2 - 3 1/2" x 1 1/2" contrasting fabric (toe)
 2 - 3 1/2" x 4" contrasting fabric (cuff)
 1 - 1 1/2" x 4" fabric (hanging loop)
 2 - 3 1/2" x 7" lining
 2 - 3" x 9 1/2" fusible fleece

With right sides together, stitch toe + main fabric + cuff + lining as illustrated. Press seams to one side. You will now have one length of fabric 3 1/2" x 18". Repeat steps to make a second identical length of fabric 3 1/2" x 18".

Place 3" x 9" fusible fleece on wrong side of one 18" length as shown. Press, following manufactures directions. Repeat for second 18" length.

To make loop: fold 1 1/2" x 4" in half lengthwise and finger press fold. Fold long edges in to center and fold again. Topstitch along folded edge. Fold loop in half matching cut edges. Baste loop 1/2" below center mark as shown, making sure loop is facing toward inside.

Lay one 18" length right side down. Place remaining 18" length on top, matching seam lines. Pin to hold.

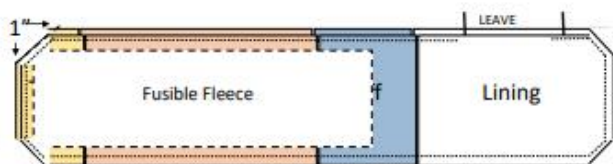
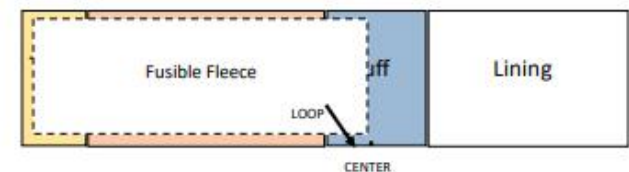
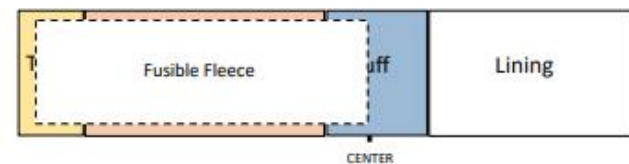
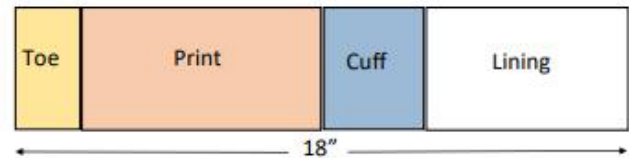
Mark a diagonal line 1" in on all four corners. Clip off corners.

Stitch around outside edges, leaving a 2" opening in the lining area for turning. Turn right side out using a turning tool to gently poke out corners.

Top-stitch opening closed. Tuck lining and part of cuff inside "Sock", shaping smoothly at toe. Press for nice finish.



NOTE: For Ergonomic Rotary Cutter, adjust 3 1/2" to 4 1/2".



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTlZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: Quilts2022

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+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: 4209865904

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdC67U3FCK>

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MINUTES 4CQG FEB 14, 2023

A pre-meeting demonstration was presented by Margaret Minton. She explained the use and construction of a chatelaine and offered great tips for the inside elements to prevent pin sticks or scissor punctures.

Chris Rhodes had needle-book kits for members to make for the quilt show's "Quiltporium".

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Whalen. She thanked the technical crew for the evening: Leslie Cole and Mary Jo Richmond.

There were two visitors welcomed: Linda Robinson and Lori Mombay. February birthdays were acknowledged and members invited to take a fat quarter from the birthday basket.

Marilyn thanked those who stayed to clean up after the January meeting and thanked Olga Schrichte and Sandy Dunning for leading the fidget mats workshop for the benefit of students at Rock Creek School.

Rhonda Madden introduced Joy Duke, our Zoom speaker. Joy shared a trunk show and explained the use of bamboo felt in the designs. Her website is: joyousappliquedesigns.com. She offered free shipping for the month of February with the code word "Valentine".

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Annette Dietrich announced the guild's balance.

Nanci O'Brien and team are working to design a label to be used on our guild charity quilts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy, Olga and Kristi Dillard offered free notions for use in making a fidget mat. Please bring your finished mats to the March meeting.

Sandy and Olga announced workshops given by Clustered Spires Quilt Guild. See their website for more information.

Libi Driggers and Maureen Dixon presented our next charity project. We will be making twin-sized quilts (55" x 85") for children ages 2-16. These will go to the organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". If you piece a top, a long-arm quilter from our guild will do the quilting.

Karen Carpenter announced the Spring Tea will be held at Kristi Dillard's house in May. Committee volunteers are needed. Date is pending.

Philanthropy: No report.

Marilyn announced that Roberta Christie has volunteered to be the new guild Historian.

Mary Jo Richmond updated us about our upcoming quilt show:

- The next zoom meeting will be on March 8 at 7:00 pm.
- Robin Keyser is coordinating demonstrations. Please let her know if you can do a short demo during the show.
- Jane Benton estimates needing 26 raffle baskets (by July 1). She hopes the "bees" will consider donating one, and she encouraged members to form a small group to create one.
- Please take Quilt Show postcards to hand to friends and put them in local shops. Check with Marilyn to see which shops still need postcards.
- You must be a **paid member of the guild by July 1** in order to exhibit in the show.

Retreats:

- Melinda Horner announced that the spring retreat at Pecometh is full.
- There will be a retreat in June at Hallowood Retreat and Conference Center in Dickerson and another in the fall at the Shepherd Retreat Center in Sharpsburg. Dates TBA.

Melinda also announced the upcoming sew-ins at the libraries:

- Mount Airy: Feb 18, 12:30--4:00
- Eldersburg: Mar. 10, 10:00--4:00
- Eldersburg: April 10: 12:00--4:00

The next quarterly **Board Meeting** is scheduled for **March 21, 7:00** pm on Zoom. All are encouraged to attend.

MARCH MEETING: Don't miss it!

- Friendship Star guild will bring their raffle quilt.
- We will celebrate National Pie Day with a pie tasting between 6:30-7:00!
- Visitor Larry Ogletree will bring his wife's estate sewing notions for sale from 6:30-7:00 (cash/check please).

Door Prizes: Ann Marie Schmelter called ticket numbers for door prizes.

Show and Tell:

- Ann Marie Schmelter, Mary Jean Spencer, Olga Schrichte, Margaret Minton, Robin Keyser, Marilyn Whalen, Janel Jenkins, and Leslie Cole shared their wonderful quilts.
- Lori Mombay brought 3 vintage quilts from the 1920s era.

The meeting concluded at 9:00.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Virginia Brewer.