



# Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org



## October 2023



### Birthdays

Maureen Dixon  
 Kristi Dillard  
 Mary Gulas  
 Libi Driggers  
 Ann Marie Schmelter  
 Brenda Knill  
 Louise Neagle  
 Cathy Turner  
 Ann Layton  
 Rhonda Madden  
 Linda Beavers



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### October 10, 2023 Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 Snack & Chat
- View & silent bid on seven antique quilts
- 7:00 Welcome & acknowledgement of October birthdays
- Sue Boyer & Laura O'Neal review plan for tonight's quilt sale
- 7:10 Guest Speaker via Zoom: Krista Moser
- 8:00 Ten-minute break
- 8:10 Old Business
- Approval of September Minutes & the Treasurer's Report
  - Miscellaneous Items
- 8:20 New Business
- Updates of September 20 Board Meeting
  - Committee Reports
  - Pantry Donations to CUMC
- 8:35 Door Prizes
- 8:40 Show & Tell
- 9:00 Adjourn & Clean-up

### President's Message

Recently I spoke with Elaine Shirley, the curator of the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster. In this newsletter, she has shared some information about upcoming events in which quilters are needed for demonstrations as well as other opportunities to share your love of quilting with children. If this interests you, please contact her. Check out the museum's website to get a better idea of what happens there throughout the year: <https://carrollcountymuseum.org>

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help on a committee. The Winter Celebration and the Bingo Committee have already met to begin planning their events and soon will be sharing details with all of you.

Marilyn Whalen

## Silent Auction for 7 Antique Quilts at October Guild Meeting

Benefitting a family in need. Adult child with brain cancer.

- Information regarding quilts provided at beginning of meeting.
- Bids close at the end of the meeting.
- Quilts released to winning bidders next month (November).
- Variety of styles and colors. The oldest quilt is approx. 1850's (est.).
- Quilts sold as is.



Payment by check or cash only (checks payable to: Laura O'Neal **NOT** Four County Quilters Guild)  
For questions, please call Laura @ 301-980-8184.

## Quilt Exhibit

The Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster, Maryland is opening a quilt exhibit thanks to a generous grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. The exhibit will showcase some of the quilts from the Farm Museum's collection of nearly 100 quilts and coverlets.

As part of the exhibit, the Farm Museum is re-instituting having quilters working on hand sewn quilts as the museum has done throughout its 50+ years. We are looking for quilters who are willing to come work in front of our visiting public and explain to them the art of quilting and what it means to you. The quilters can work anytime the museum is open but mainly at the special events throughout the year (approximately 10) and school tours, mostly in the spring. The quilt frame will be set up in time for the three remaining special events for 2023, Sat. Oct 14 Fall Harvest Day; Sat. Nov 18 the opening of the quilt exhibit and Sat. Dec 2 the Civil War Holiday Encampment.



We are looking for volunteers from your club. Anyone who is interested in this program can contact Elaine Shirley at [eshirley@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:eshirley@carrollcountymd.gov). We hope to have many of you come share your interest in quilting and we hope all of you will come see the quilt exhibit.

## Leftover Fabric & Scraps



If you have any fabric and scraps that you would like to donate, Jeanine Aubertin gave her name to Linda Dickinson asking for your donations. She sews for Head Start, Children of Incarcerated Parents, Daybreak Adult Daycare & Friends of Life Cat Rescue.  
Contact Jeanine directly: [JeanineAubertin@aol.com](mailto:JeanineAubertin@aol.com) 301-514-5390

## Thanks, from Laurie!



Thank you to everyone who donated hygiene items, socks and underwear for my ladies in the mental health unit at the jail! The ladies surely appreciate your kindness and generosity as do my team of therapists who provide care for them.

Laurie Mombay

## **September Picnic – Thank You, Recipes, and Missing Spoon**

Many thanks go to Karen Carpenter and the Picnic Committee for a fun afternoon with tasty food, fun games, much laughter and time for socializing with one another.

Everyone enjoyed the food so much, and we received quite a few requests for members to share their recipes. Ann Marie Schmelter, our website administrator, has created a new page on our website for member recipes.

To see it:

Go to [FourCountyQuilters.org](http://FourCountyQuilters.org)

Click More > Recipes from our Members



Bonny Kindt is missing a large serving spoon with an ornate tip. If you have found it or happened to pick it up by mistake, please contact Bonny or bring it to the next meeting.

### **QUILTER WANTED**

One of our quilt show attendees contacted the guild via the website, looking for someone to make a baby boy quilt. If you are interested, please contact Sue Hecht at [suehecht@aol.com](mailto:suehecht@aol.com).

### **Faithful Circle Quilters - Thanksgiving Benefit Auction**

Faithful Circle Quilters (FCQ) would like to invite members of Four County Quilters to attend its Thanksgiving Benefit Auction on Saturday morning, October 7, 2023, from 10:00-11:30 at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County in Lyle Buck Hall. All proceeds are donated to the church for their annual Thanksgiving Basket Program benefiting families in need in Howard County. A variety of items such as fabric, quilting notions, holiday gifts, baked goods, notions and craft items will be available for auction. Books and patterns will be available for purchase at a dollar each. Two cookies and a cup of cider can also be bought for a dollar. Raffle tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) will be available for purchase for an assortment of raffle baskets, gift cards and event tickets, and chances to win a registration for one person for an FCQ sponsored workshop. We accept credit card payments of \$10 or more, as well as cash or check. The Silent Auction begins at 10:30 AM; bidding is from 10:30-11:00 and raffle tickets will be selected and announced at 11:10. The First Presbyterian Church is located on 9325 Presbyterian Circle off Route 108 by Route 29 next to the park-n-ride ([www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org)) in Columbia, MD. Parking is available in the park-n-ride or in the church parking lot. To reach Lyle Buck Hall, follow the road all the way around to the church parking lot. Signs will be posted indicating the entrance to the hall. Any questions- please contact the chairs: Nancy Meier ([njmeier@verizon.net](mailto:njmeier@verizon.net)) or Carol Petranek ([carolpetranek@gmail.com](mailto:carolpetranek@gmail.com)). Thank you.

### **IN SEARCH OF...**

A quilt show attendee is looking for information on one of the quilts in our quilt show and sent us this note:



“I was at your show in the beginning of August and saw a beautiful quilt that I believe said it was a modern version of the double wedding ring quilt. I was wondering if I could get the information to purchase the pattern for that quilt. Thank you.” Contact Joan Jackson: [jandt0685@comcast.net](mailto:jandt0685@comcast.net)

If you are familiar with this quilt and can provide any information, please contact Joan directly.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 6 - 7, 2023** "It's a Material World" NeedleChasers Quilt Show - Hours: Fri 9-6 and Sat 9-4. Kensington Town Hall (formerly The Armory), 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD. For more information:

<https://www.needlechasers.org/quilt-show-2023-public.htm>

**October 13 -15, 2023** "Sew Many Colors" Fall Festival of Quilts; Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven, PA Fri/Sat 10-4 and Sun 10-3 <https://undercoverquilters.com/sew-many-colors-a-fall-festival-of-quilts/>

**November 4 - 5 2023** "Autumn Ribbons" Quilt Show Quilting on the Line Quilt Guild; Jarrettsville Fire Co. 3825 Federal Hill Rd, Jarrettsville, MD Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4 <https://quiltingontheline.com/>

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## **LIBRARY BEES – VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

**Eldersburg Library - Large Meeting Room**

6400 W Hemlock Dr

Sykesville, MD

Hours: 12:00 - 4:00

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

**Mt. Airy Library - Large Meeting Room**

705 Ridge Road

Mt. Airy, MD

Hours: 12:00 - 4:00

**Friday, November 3, 2023**

**Urbana Regional Library - Anthony M. Natelli Community Room (downstairs)**

Hours: 11:15 -3:30

**Friday, November 17, 2023**

**Urbana Regional Library - Small Conference Room (upstairs-elevator available)**

Hours: 10:00 - 2:00

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month!**

**HOW TO CONNECT: (NOTE: NEW ZOOM INFORMATION)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTIZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: Quilts2022

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Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: 4209865904

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTIZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

**Other Guild Contacts**

Mary Jo Richmond, Membership

[maryjo.richmond@fourcountyquilters.org](mailto:maryjo.richmond@fourcountyquilters.org)

## Four County Quilters' Guild Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Marilyn Whalen, President.

Two visitors were introduced, and two new members were recognized. One of those new members is actually a returning former president, Laura O'Neal.

Marilyn thanked Joan Watkins for her pre-meeting demonstration detailing how to make fabric and quilted greeting cards.

Members with September birthdays were serenaded with a "Happy Birthday" chorus and invited to choose a fat quarter from the birthday box.

Rhonda Madden introduced our guest speaker Amy Heinz from the former Historical Society of Frederick, MD, now called Heritage Frederick. Ms. Heinz, the curator, spoke about the current exhibit "Stitches Through Time". A "hometown girl", Claire McCardell, is featured and the exhibit will be available until Dec. 22, 2023. The museum sponsors a "Girls' Night Out" once a month on Wednesday from 5-7 PM. Heritage Frederick has acquired several antique quilts made by Frederick County women and is seeking information about any other quilts.

### **Old Business:**

Ann Marie Schmeltzer called for approval of the August minutes. There was a second by Janie Benton and approval by majority vote.

Annette Dietrich presented the treasurer's report. There is a total of \$xxxxx in our PNC account.

Mary Jo Richmond gave a final accounting of the recent quilt show. Total income was \$xxxxx. Recognition was given to member Megan Myers' mother for donating the cost of printing the quilt show brochures.

There will be a quarterly board meeting on Wed. Sept. 20, 2023. All members are invited to join via Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent out beforehand.

Marilyn asked all members to please sign up for committee work. The committees can be accessed by Sign-up Genius which is found on the guild website under Events. Some committees are fully staffed. There is still a need for members or chairs on the following committees: By-Laws, Philanthropy, Quilt Show 2025, Winter Celebration, and Yard Sale.

Marilyn announced the date for the 2024 Bingo will be Sunday, October 27, 2024, at the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Reception Hall.

### **New Business:**

Amanda Mosko presented the prototype of the new FCQG Logo for name tags. It is a colorful orange peel pattern. If there are any suggestions or input about the design, please contact Amanda. This new pattern is only for name tags; the guild logo remains.

The Anniversary Picnic will be held at Kemptown Park from 12-4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 17. Lunch will be served at 1:00 and members are asked to bring a side dish. The guild will provide fried chicken, drinks and paper products. Members have been invited to bring along a 10" finished square that features a swatch of coral fabric (available from Kristina Crowe) for a quilt square raffle among the participants.

Library Sew-ins will be: Friday, Oct. 6, 12-4, at Eldersburg Library.  
Friday, Oct. 28, 10-4, at Mt. Airy Library.

Antique Quilt Silent Auction: At the October meeting, Laura O'Neal and Sue Boyer will conduct a silent auction of antique quilts. These quilts are offered by a family who is selling them to raise money for medical bills for their son.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The guest speaker for November will be Gyleen Fitzgerald.

Bonny Kindt is seeking storage for retreat supplies.

Two free items are offered to members. They are a quilting frame and a Janome foot. Ask Marilyn for information.

Show and Tell:

Several members showed multiple quilts. They were Robin Keyser (3), Bonny Kindt (3), Phyllis Heffner (4), Olga Schrichte (2) and Sandy Dunning (2). Rhonda Madden and Marsha Greenslit also had quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Brewer

## Four County Quilt Guild

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

## Minutes

## Persons Attending:

Marilyn Whalen, Robin Keyser, Kristina Crowe, Mary Jo Richmond, Karen Carpenter, Sue Dieringer-Boyer, Maureen (last name? iPhone), Chris Daily, Emi Izquierdo, Bonny Kindt, Leslie Cole, Kay Worley, Chris Rhodes

## Old Business:

- Disposing of Old Guild Equipment: The guild has an audio system and photocopier/digital camera that are out of date and no longer suitable for the guild's needs. We decided to list and try to sell the audio system on Facebook Marketplace and some quilters' websites. We will find a suitable place to donate the photocopier/camera.
- Bingo 2024: We have reserved the Mount Airy Volunteer Fire Company's activities building for bingo on Sunday, October 27, 2024, starting at 12:00 p.m. There is already a chair and committee. Marilyn Whalen received email comments from some members asking if it is necessary to hold bingo or not, since our treasury is healthy and does not need the income, and the time, labor, and expenses to make and donate quilts and hold the event are substantial. It was noted that we needed more volunteer help for our last bingo event. There was a question if it would take bylaws change or not to cancel the event. Benefits of holding bingo discussed were fun, teambuilding and camaraderie, opportunities for new members to become involved in the guild and for members to bring their families to a fun event, potential for increasing membership, and income. A compromise suggestion was to hold bingo but donate the income to charity, but bylaws limit our donations of money to textile-related charities. Suggestions for decreasing expenses for donors were for the guild to provide batting and backing for prize quilts and to consider giving smaller quilts as prizes. We voted to hold bingo as scheduled.
- New Guild Name Tags: Marilyn asked if we are comfortable moving forward with redesigned name badges with new colors for all members? The existing guild logo will not change. Spoonflower was suggested as a source.
- Membership – Mary Jo Richmond mentioned that the guild authorized a raffle of gift cards for members joining or renewing their membership by the new July 1 deadline this year. She will provide names and plan a raffle for our next meeting.

## New Business

- New idea: "Member Spotlight" in newsletters: Marilyn Whalen received a recommendation to spotlight a member in some of our newsletters. Suggestions were to have a reporter interview a member each month or for the featured member to write a paragraph for the newsletter. A person was suggested for the first spotlight. We agreed to start the spotlight articles in November.
- "Sign-Up Genius" for 2023-2024 Committees: Marilyn stated there were several committees with no or too few volunteers. These included Nominations, Bylaws, Hospitality, Philanthropy, Technology, Photographer, Quilts in the Park/Picnic, and May Banquet. In addition to encouraging Sign-up Genius, we will bring a printout of the committee list stating openings and a paper sign-up form to our next meeting.
- 2023 Quilt Show—Allocation of part of profits: The actual profit from the 2023 show was less than originally reported. Suggestions for allocation of profits included buying something to benefit the church where we meet that will also benefit the guild. Suggestions were a larger projector screen, a ceiling mount for our camera, a bigger technology cart with room for a mouse pad, some lighter-weight tables, and more electrical outlets in the meeting room. We decided to do more research before asking the general membership to decide.



- Editing Rights on the Guild's New Shared Calendar (Website): President Marilyn Whalen and webmaster Ann Marie Schmelter currently have calendar editing rights. There were suggestions to add rights for the program and library bee chairs. We decided for Marilyn to talk more with Ann Marie about this before making changes.
- Amazon Business Account: We received a recommendation to obtain an Amazon business account to purchase items for the guild at lower prices. There were concerns it would increase the treasurer's responsibilities and that we would not order enough in bulk to justify the account. There was consensus that we do not need a business account now.
- Food Bank Donations: Kay Worley proposed that we resume the voluntary donations of canned foods we had been making to the church for its food bank at our monthly meetings before the pandemic shutdown. We decided to have Kay talk to the church secretary about whether to resume this and to find out what items they need most.
- Toys for Tots Donations: There was a recommendation to make voluntary donations to Toys for Tots, too. We will refer the recommendation to the Holiday Party committee.
- Training classes for guild members: Marilyn received a request from Deb Cera to spend guild money for quilting training for guild members. This could happen at library bees, on Zoom, or other ways. Marilyn will refer this to the program committee.
- Carroll County Farm Museum quilting demonstration request: Marilyn received an email and phone call from the curator of the Carroll County Farm Museum requesting volunteers from our guild to demonstrate hand quilting. There is also interest in hand and machine quilting comparisons. Bonny Kindt mentioned that we had done demonstrations for a Piney Run Park event last year. There was discussion asking if we might with 4-H and Girl Scout groups, too. We suggested this museum could be a candidate for consideration by our Philanthropy Committee. Sue Dieringer-Boyer will take this to the committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by: Robin Keyser