



Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org



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April 12, 2022 Meeting Agenda Masks Optional

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=aStPV0tMQy9COTR2UEt2UGJ6NFA2UT09>

- 6:30 Sewcial Meet and Greet, Challenge Quilts to stage area
- 7:00 Meeting Starts with Tonight's Agenda
- 7:10 Barbara Burnham, Author, Baltimore Garden Quilts
- 8:10 Questions and Answers
- 8:20 Break with snacks and voting on Mount Vernon Garden Quilts
- 8:35 Coming updates and business on Spring Tea, Retreats, The Next Challenge, The May Banquet, Trip to Virginia Quilt Museum, Bingo, Quilts in the Park.
- 8:45 The winner is announced and Show and Tell begins
- 9:00 Dismissal



President's Corner

We're out of the woods, we're out of the dark, we're out of the night, step into the sun, step into the light.... Yes! We are back and open for business. The mask mandate is optional at Calvary Church, FOOD is allowed, the May Banquet planning is underway. Come sign up at the April Meeting,

The Gardens of Mt Vernon Challenge is due (and some beauties will be seen!). Great plans are before us. The Spring Tea is around the corner. Come back in person and see if you can recognize anyone. Door prizes, games, food! Don't forget the Patches discount on Guild night, call ahead, they'll stay open.

Bonny Kindt
 President

Website Scavenger Hunt

Want a chance to win a quilty prize? Visit our guild's website at fourcountyquilters.org and join the scavenger hunt! Send your answers to Ann Marie Schmelter (email address in guild directory) by the end of day on Monday, April 11. All correct entries will be placed in a drawing for a fun prize. Here are the things to look for and where you can find the answers. Could it be any easier?

1. Home tab: What year was Four County Quilters Guild founded?
2. Membership: How much does a Junior Membership Cost?
3. Programs & Events: Who is our February 2023 speaker?
4. Bingo 2022: When do tickets go on sale for guild members?
5. Newsletters: Are past newsletters available to download?
6. Library Bees: Name one place a Library Bee was held on March 19.
7. Photo Gallery: Name one member who had a quilt in the 2022 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival.
8. What's Happening: When is Faithful Circle's 2022 Quilt Show?
9. Local Quilt Shops: Which shop is member-owned?
10. Fun & Free
 - a. New to Quilting: Which website has 45+ easy beginner patterns & tutorials?
 - b. Quilting Acronyms: What does WOMBAT stand for?
 - c. Free Stuff for Quilters: Who is the owner of Jordan fabrics?



Remember, the answers must be received by Ann Marie by 11:59 pm Monday, April 11th. The winner will be announced at the April 12th guild meeting.

Sewing Exchange 2 ½ inch Squares

This is an opportunity to share our stash with other guild members and exchange some of their beauties for ourselves. Bring your 2 ½ inch squares in bundles of 25. You can run a thread through it or place it in a baggy. There will be a sign on the piano for the exchange. We will do this for several meetings, exchange each time or only once. Stay tuned for options on guild night!



FCQG Philanthropy Update



Four County Quilt Guild has awarded \$500.00 to the Maryland Center of History and Culture. It will be used to restore a civil war era quilt that was recently donated to the museum. Next year we would like to give a scholarship to a student from Carroll County Vocational School. The student would be continuing in textile education. We would also like to mentor one or more students in their final project, which is a quilt! The Philanthropy Committee has asked the board for a substantial increase in funding for this purpose. The committee members were: Sue Deringer-Boyer, Nanci O'Brien and Vicki Brewer.

Tunnel 2 Towers Request for Quilts

The Guild is still participating in making 110 quilts for Tunnel 2 Towers to give to families of fallen first responders and military. Please help by making a lap quilt approximately 50 x 60" in red, white and blue colors. I'll have some quilt kits at Guild or you can use your own fabric/kit/pattern or call me if you need fabric. Also, **Margaret Minton** donated two bolts of wide back fabric that looks beautiful with these quilts. Call with your quilt size and I'll send you backing. Would also love help with long arm services or sewing bindings. For more information contact Nanci OBrien (contact info in guild directory). Your help is VERY MUCH appreciated.



Refreshments



The church has approved refreshments for our meetings. We need sign-ups for future meetings starting in June. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings or you can call me (contact info in directory).

Thank you --Linda Beavers

April Library Bees

Please email Melinda (contact info in guild directory) to let her know that you are coming. To continue to reserve these spaces, we must make use of it.

Mt. Airy Library – Large Meeting Room

May 14, 2022 10:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Eldersburg Public Library - Large Meeting Room

April 16, 2022 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

April 30, 2022 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

May 7, 2022 – 10:00 – 4:00 pm



Melinda would like to offer instruction and/or demos for requested techniques, processes, designs, etc. at the library dates listed above. Sign-ups will be available at the April Meeting.

Bingo Update



BINGO PLEDGES--QUILTS (as of 3/22/22)

"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
Carol Collins	Carol Collins	Rhonda Madden 70 x 70"	Fran Dunn (Tuffet)	Linda Dickinson Twin
Shari Wastler 42 x 60"	Shari Wastler 52 x 67"	Tessa Gordon Lap Size - Full	Karen Carpenter 50 x 60"	Ann Marie Schmelter 53" Square--hand quilted
The Buzz	Carol Zahorodny & Marilyn Whalen US & MD Flags	Barb Bracy	Fran Noyes	Margaret Minton
?	?	?	?	?

Raffle Baskets (as of 3/22/22)

Annette Dietrich	"Buzz Bee"	Marty Simmons	Mary Jo Richmond	Tessa Gordon	?
"Come to Tea" Basket	"Red" Themed Basket	"Picnic" Themed Basket	Maryland Flag made of wood (by Jim Richmond)		

Door Prizes (as of 3/22/22)

Annette Dietrich-- table runner	Linda Beavers Flannel lap quilt	Ann Layton TBD	Robin Keyser Table runner	Linda Kalman Five Mugs	

Quilt Retreats

*****There are 3 openings for the Spring Retreat. Please contact Melinda Horner at (contact info in guild directory) for more information.*****

Spring Quilt Retreat:

April 7 – 10, 2022

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

Double rate - \$293.00 - 2 nights, 5 meals

Single rate - \$569 - 3 nights, 6 meals

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 - \$569 - 3 nights, 6 meals

Camp Pecometh
401 Jack Elliot Way
Centreville, MD 21617

Checks can be made out to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed to:
Melinda Horner
P.O, Box 40
Walkersville, Maryland 21793



There are still spots still available for the **Fall Retreat**.

Quilty Reading

Bruce Leonard (bruceleonardwriter@gmail.com) is the author of a new novel, *Quilt City Murders*, a cozy mystery that takes place in Paducah, Kentucky, home of the National Quilt Museum. The novel was published last month, is selling well, and features quilters, quilting and QuiltWeek. It is available at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09M68HJ3R>.

For Sale:

Bernina 820 Sewing/Embroidery machine for sale. Please contact me if you are interested (contact info in guild directory). Thanks! Carolyn Yodonise, Member



Quilters Yardage Sale

Friday April 22 & Saturday April 23

10-5

18001 Sellman Road

Dickerson MD 20842

Near the Barnesville train station

Contact: joanspatches@gmail.com

301-461-0348 leave message

Proposed Bylaw Changes for our Guild

Over the course of the past several months, the bylaw committee composed of Joan Watkins, Vicki Brewer, Linda Beavers, Kristi Dillard and Mary Jo Richmond met to review and update our bylaws. The proposed document is just that, a proposed document with some changes that might take us through the next few years. If you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to discuss, please reach out to a committee member or call or email Mary Jo Richmond at 301-514-8663, maryjorichmond@gmail.com. Many of the changes can be described as editorial with words like create being changed to creating. Also, because we now have the capacity to have virtual meetings in the case of a weather event, we used language to update the cancellation policy. Other changes were more substantial, and those highlights follow. Please remember that these are proposed bylaws. We will be discussing them over the next several months before adopting the entire document.



Articles I and II: the paragraph in Article I on purpose was moved to Article II which is about Purpose.

Article III: Membership: added some new language in this section.

Article IV: New officer structure will include Past President, President, and President-Elect. President Elect will be a move-up position to the president. President-Elect will not be Program Chair. This section also describes the duties of the officers. We have changed the description of duties of treasurer from requiring our books to being audited to being reviewed quarterly. Marilyn Whelan and Carol Collins have presented a well-written policy that can serve as the first policy of our guild that very accurately describes what has to be done. The first quarterly review has already been scheduled.

Article V: no changes.

Article VI: changed the number of officers on the Board of Directors to reflect the new position (past-president), added two lines that state that Committee chairs are encouraged to attend Board meetings and that board meetings are open to all members.

Article VII: added the option of a virtual meeting at the discretion of the board in the case of snow.

Article VIII: changed the dates of when we collect dues. Dues should be paid by July 15th to reflect the fiscal year of July 1 - June 30th. Other membership committee work was updated.

Article IX: No officer may approve an unbudgeted expenditure exceeding \$75 - this was increased to \$150.00. (without the approval of the majority of Guild members present....)

The proposed bylaws can be viewed at the end of this newsletter following the Treasurer's Report.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show:

Event: Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

Dates: April 22-24, 2022

Where: Clarke County Parks and Rec. Center

225 Al Smith Circle

Berryville, VA 22611

More info: www.nsvquiltshow.com



49th Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

May 7 & 8, 2022

8:30AM – 6PM Saturday

8:30AM – 5PM Sunday

Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD

Admission \$5.00 per day for adults; under 18 admitted free

No pets...please leave your dog at home

Faithful Circle Quilt Show:

Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, Md., will celebrate the art of quilting with the **Garden Party Quilt Show 2022**, on May 19, 20, and 21, 2022.

The Garden Party Quilt Show 2022 showcases quilts made by group members and will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md.

More than 300 quilts displayed include traditional, modern, and art quilts of all sizes and a wide range of quilting techniques. In addition, there will be quilting technique demonstrations, quilting vendors, a \$10-and-under boutique, a silent auction, peddler's table, raffle baskets and quilt art presentations.

The show also features the guild's award-winning raffle quilt, *Starlit Garden*, which placed second at the 2021 Maryland State Fair. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held on May 21, 2022. Winner need not be present to win.

The Garden Party Quilt Show hours are Thursday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$10.00 for the whole weekend. Children 10 and under are free. Parking is free.

Annapolis Quilt Guild Show

The Annapolis Quilt Guild Show will be held this year on June 11 from 10:00 to 5:00 and June 12 from 11:00 to 4:00. This year's show will be held in a new location: Broadneck High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Arnold, MD 21012. They will have over 200 quilts on display and free demos on both days. Admission is \$10 for one day, \$15 for both. Visit www.annapolisquiltguild.org for more information.



Houston Quilt Festival

There will be a Virtual Quilt Festival from June 16-18! This second, education-only edition of VQF will offer classes and lectures from top teachers around the world. All sessions will be recorded, and available for viewing for a month after the show. Interested in submitting a class proposal? Get all the info [HERE](#). Exhibitor contracts will go out soon as well.

All shows are currently being planned, and information will roll out over the next few months. Sign up to receive Quilt Festival email news and notifications [HERE](#). Official information will also be available on the Quilts.com website."

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
Apr 22-24	Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show	www.nsvquiltshow.com
Apr 27-30	AQS Quilt Week	Paducah, KY
May 7-8	Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival	Howard County Fairgrounds
May 19-21	Faithful Circle Quilt Show	Columbia, MD (see above)
June 11-12	Annapolis Quilt Guild Show	www.annapolisquiltguild.org
Sep 29-Oct 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo	Fredericksburg, VA
Nov 11-12	Tidewater Quilt Guild Show	www.tggva.org

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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=aStPV0tMQy9COTR2Uet2UGJ6NFA2UT09>

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482
 Passcode: 4cqqisfun
 Phone Number: 301-715-8592,
 Meeting ID: 4041727482#
 Password: 800720123# US (Washington D.C)

Other Guild Contacts
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Minutes, Treasurer's Report, and Proposed Bylaws on following pages...

March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

President Bonny Kindt opened the meeting. Members attended in person and via the Guild's Zoom link.

The February 2022 minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

New Member: Kathy Turner

Guest: Janelle (hosted by Vicki Brewer).

Speaker:

This month's speaker was Tracy Brookshier. She spoke about her "Love of Japan" from the 2015 Tokyo International Quilt Show. The quilts were amazing.

Check out her website: www.tracybrookshier.com

Treasurer:

Treasurer Marilyn Whalen clarified for the membership that the revenue and expense lines for the Pecometh retreats are a bookkeeping holding place for the monies as they come in and go out.

Retreats are full funded by those attending.

Members Kathy Turner and Shari Wastler volunteered to be on the committee for the annual financial review of the Guild books. The review is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd.

The membership voted to reimburse a member longarmer \$150.00 for thread used for quilting many service project quilts. This expense was unbudgeted.

Block Exchange:

Don't forget your bag of 25 2.5" squares to trade. Try to have as many different fabrics as possible.

Spring Tea:

Karen Carpenter and Lois Kretsch-Gemmill volunteered to be on the committee. Megan Mathews volunteered to host the tea at her home.

Challenge Quilt:

The winner was Jeanne Luke. She received a \$50 gift certificate to Patches.

And speaking of Patches, they are willing to stay open late on our meeting nights and provide each member with a 20% discount. Be sure to call ahead to let them know that you are coming.

Member Survey:

Results were published in the March newsletter along with anonymous comment that were added. Future guild activities will be guided by these results.

Cross stitch projects:

This was the last meeting for the sale of these donated items.

The membership voted to use the funds from these sales to purchase items for the "draggin' box" used for guild retreats.

Service Project: Tunnels 2 Towers:

Nanci O'Brien shared several of the beautiful patriotic quilts tops that have been recently completed. There are still plenty of opportunities to support this project.

Quilt Bingo (Sunday, 10/09/22, Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company):

The committee is deciding on the menu (lunch vs. dinner) and looking for a caller.

They need at least five more quilts for game prizes.

Contact Marilyn Whalen to pledge a quilt.

Philanthropy:

The committee reported that the Maryland Center for History and Culture will be the recipient of the \$500.00 budgeted for philanthropy this year. This money will be used for the preservation of quilts in their collection.

Virginia Quilt Museum Trip:

The trip will be on Saturday, May 14th and participants will be carpooling as there were not enough people for a bus. Attendees will also receive a coupon for Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop.

Show and Tell

Fabulous quilts were shown by Bonny Kindt, Jeanne Luke, Megan Harris, Margaret Minton, Janie Benton, Lois Gemmill, Billie Meseke, Laurie Ansorge, Rhonda Madden, Annette Dietrich, Robin Keyser, Vicki Brewer, Ann Marie Schmelter, and our guest Janelle.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were given.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dieringer-Boyer

More information on following pages.

FCQG BOARD MEETING – March 15, 2022

A board meeting of Four County Quilters Guild was held on March 15, 2022, via Zoom. In addition to the four Board Members, nine additional Guild members attended.

Review of Minutes

The minutes from the December 21, 2021, board meeting were approved.

Reports

1) Member Survey

Attendees discussed the quantitative results of the Member Survey. The Board will use results of this discussion when developing the proposed 2022-2023 budget. Attendees also discussed the comments part of the survey. It appeared that many respondents wanted to learn new/more quilting techniques. The suggestion was made that pre-meeting workshops be re-instituted and library bee workshops be implemented. It was observed that some of the responses were not kind.

2) 2022-2023 Budget

The Board members developed a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It was discussed line item by line item, and a few items were updated. The proposed budget will be published in the April newsletter and discussed at the April meeting by the members in attendance. The budget, revised because of this discussion, will be published in the May newsletter and approved by the members in attendance at the May membership meeting.

2) Bylaws Review Committee

Chairperson Mary Jo Richmond announced that the changes proposed by the Bylaws Review Committee will be published in the April newsletter for review by the membership.

3) "Gardens of Mt. Vernon" Quilt Challenge

President Bonny Kindt reminded the membership that the quilt challenge quilts are due at the April 12th membership meeting. Quilts are to be 30" Square for inclusion at the show at Mt. Vernon or a future AQS show. They may be up to 45" for anything else. (Please call Bonny if it is bigger.) Prize money/gift certificates to be awarded. It was also announced that the quilt show at Mt. Vernon will be held April 22, 23, and 24. Those planning to participate were asked to notify Sue Dieringer-Boyer and Cecil Marzulli.

4) Spring Tea

Chairperson Karen Carpenter reported that the Spring Tea Committee has a venue and sufficient volunteers for this event.

5) Miscellaneous

Other ideas discussed were:

- a) Funds realized via the sale of the donated cross stitch items will be used to add items to the retreat draggin' box. The membership authorized this at the March membership meeting.
- b) A reminder of the 2 ½" block exchange challenge was made.
- c) Reminder of the Library Bees was made.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dieringer-Boyer