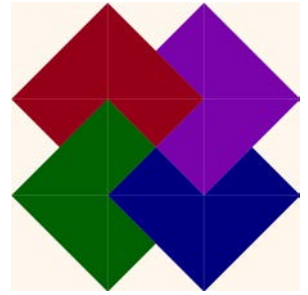




Four County Quilters Guild

Founded in 1988

Mt Airy, MD



APRIL 2020

No Meeting in April and May

*Stay Home, Stay Safe,
Save Lives*

Happy Birthday!

Kay Campbell Anderson	4-Apr
Barbara Lohorn	16-Apr
Marty Simmons	18-Apr
Nancy Willett	20-Apr
Emma Rose Bauer	21-Apr
Neani Mee	21-Apr
Deborah Cera	24-Apr
Kelly Guevara	24-Apr
Lois Kretsch-Gemmill	24-Apr
Debra Curtis	28-Apr
Carol Collins	30-Apr
Amy Green	30-Apr
Nanci O'Brien	30-Apr

2019-2020 Guild Officers

Ollie Gray	President
Dawn Cynamon	VP Programs
Sue Dieringer-Boyer	Secretary
Carol Collins	Treasurer

ELASTIC!

Cheryl Windsor has 1/4" and other elastic and other widths to donate.

Contact her: 301-642-8487
dcwindsor@comcast.net



President's Corner

Dear Members,

I pray that you are all doing well. These are certainly unprecedented times. Nothing in our By-laws addresses our current situation. The board of directors met on Sunday afternoon, and tabled all regular business to address our present situation. As I am sure you have all concluded already, our May Tea and business meeting will be cancelled. This poses a question about voting for new officers, approving the budget, and approving changes to the By-Laws. With the consensus of our chair of the By-laws Committee, we are suspending all guild activities until at least the beginning of June. The board will meet again in May to finalize the budget and By-law recommendations and to determine when we might be able to begin meeting again. This board meeting in May will most likely be a virtual meeting, and our future officers will be invited to the meeting to help with the eventual transition of duties. We know that they will not have been elected or installed, but unless we have someone that has not come forward as being interested an office, we do not fore see that the slate of officers will not be elected.

While we are suspending all formal activities, this does not mean that you can't be working independently on items for Quilt Bingo or blocks for our community quilts. At the present time, we are hoping to still have Quilt Bingo in the fall. We have until June to make a decision and still have our deposit returned.

We ask that all members of Bees continue to reach out to your members and make sure everyone is ok. If you are not a member of a Bee, the board is making assignments to have someone reach out to you and make sure you are ok. Expect a call in the coming days.

If you have any needs that we can help you with, do not hesitate to reach out and we will see what we can do to assist. We will ask Ruth Poffenberger to be our point of contact for your needs, and she will then communicate them to the officers.

I want to thank all of the members that have been making masks for our health care workers. Personally, it is hard to believe that we had to resort to volunteers to help provide our health care workers with a means of protecting themselves, while they are caring for those impacted by this virus. But quilters have risen to the challenge and far exceeded expectations.

The challenge for the near future is to stay home, stay well and stay safe. Let us know what we can do. If you believe in the power of prayer, please don't be offended that I ask you all to pray for our nations medical leaders, our governor, our families, friends and neighbors. These are trying times, and hopefully as a nation and the global community we will come out of this stronger and with a sense of what is really important in life. Hug your loved ones close virtually, and tell them that you love them.

God Bless you All. And keep stitching.
Ollie

FCQG - March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Ollie Gray began the meeting by welcoming 1 new member and 72 members.

March birthdays were acknowledged.

After clarification by the president regarding the member poll taken at the March meeting about bee membership, the February minutes were approved.

Nimble Fingers brought their raffle quilt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sew-Ins - Ollie reported the upcoming sew-ins for Melinda Horner:

Please confirm actual dates, times, and locations via the website or Facebook before heading out.

Sun, 3/15 1 – 5 pm @ Taneytown library

Sat, 3/21 11:30 am – 5 pm @ Walkersville library

Sun, 3/22 1 – 5 pm @ Taneytown library

Sat, 4/5 1 – 5 pm @ Mt. Airy library

All members are welcome to come and sew for all or part of the time. Bring along all sewing necessities (including an extension cord if you're bringing a machine). There are tables and chairs available.

A complete list of all scheduled sew-ins is on the guild website fourcountyquilters.com.

(Of course, by the time members read these minutes, everything has been cancelled.)

May Social – Chair Kate Vestermark reported that the May Social (5/12) would be a tea. Members will be asked to bring appetizers, sweet or savory treats, and their own cup and saucer. There will be a hat and fascinator competition. The committee needs more volunteers as well as linens that members would like to loan. Contact Kate at katherinelynn87@gmail.com to volunteer.

Nominations Committee – Nancy Willett announced the following ticket for the upcoming elections:

President – Bonney Kindt

Vice President – Melinda Horner

Secretary – Marilyn Whalen

Treasurer – Sharon Harris

The ticket will be formally presented in the April newsletter, elections will be held at the May meeting, and the newly elected board will take office in June.

Community Quilts – Five completed quilts were shown. In June, these quilts will be donated to the Montgomery County Pediatric Hospice. There are several tops (kitted with batting & backing) ready to be quilted. Interested members should contact Marywhite (quilttingmo@gmail.com) or Carol Z (carolz123@comcast.net).

May Retreat (5/6 – 9) - Iris Johnson is still accepting payments for the retreat and gave some teasers about the fun activities (ruler bag, sewing apron) planned. She also announced that attendees should bring new, in the package notions for the left, right, center game. Contact Iris at johnson.i@comcast.net.

Website – Iris reported that the new guild website (fourcountquilters.com) is up and running while still being a work in progress. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

Bylaws Committee – Proposed revisions to the bylaws will be published in the April newsletter to be voted on during the May business meeting.

Bees – Ollie reiterated that the poll taken at the February meeting was to provide guidance to the Bylaws Committee.

A member expressed interest in starting a new bee focused on English Paper Piecing. Marilyn Whalen started to compile names and date/time preferences to help facilitate its formation.

Brimfield Awakening Workshop - Dawn announced the Brimfield Awakening workshop (Sat, 4/18, 10 – 4, Mt. Airy Health and Wellness Pavilion) is full and a waiting list has been started. Attendees will be asked to vote on which block they would like to make in the workshop. For questions, contact Dawn at dawncynamon@gmail.com. (Also cancelled now).

SPEAKER - Dawn Cynamon introduced the evening's speaker Julia Graves. She presented her "Color Exploration" lecture. It was well received by those in attendance.

Following a brief intermission, door prizes were awarded.

The following members shared their recent creations during Show and Tell: Bonny Kindt, Margaret Minton, Megan Harris, Sandie Horst (spelling also corrected in February minutes), Rosemary Orner, Joni Olman, Olga Schrichte, AnnMarie Schmelter, Karen Carpenter, Carol Zahorodny, and Linda Kalman.

Dawn adjourned the meeting at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dieringer-Boyer

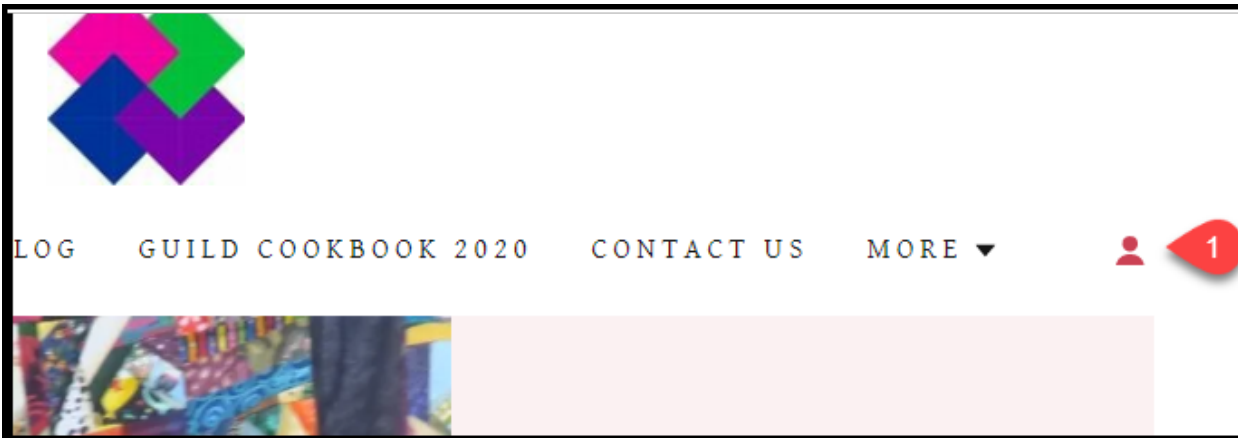
Montgomery County Mask Needs

Montgomery County Volunteer Center - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/>

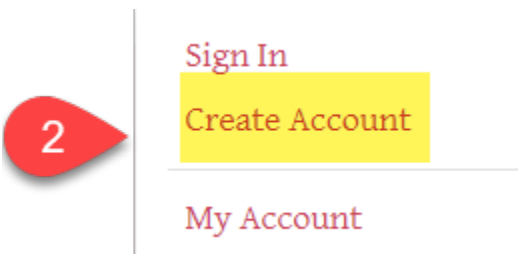
How to Login To the FCQG Website

Go to www.fourcountyquilters.org

Step 1: The following home page will appear. Click the red person.



Step 2: Click 'Create Account'



Step 3: Complete the registration process or sign in

CREATE ACCOUNT

By signing up, you may receive exclusive rewards via email.

First name

Last name

Email

Phone (optional)

CREATE ACCOUNT

Already have an account? [Sign in](#)

This site is protected by reCAPTCHA and the Google [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#) apply.

Who do I contact if I cannot log on?

Amy Green

acumpamy@comcast.net

Iris Johnson

johnson.i@comcast.net

Guild Challenge: Where's Waldo?

Quilters! We are now well into the new year and all the hectic holidays are behind us. So.... Have you finished your "Where in the World is Waldo" challenge project yet? Have you started it yet? Have you even dreamed it yet? There are just 2 months to go! *The challenge reveal will take place at a meeting TBD*
The rules are very simple. Here are the basic rules.

- 🌐 There are two categories
 1. Art Quilts,
 2. Pieced quilts.
- 🌐 Minimum size is 18" x 24".
- 🌐 Must be completed after Jan 2020.

Now, for those of you who have a competitive nature, we will throw in an additional challenge that Dawn brought to my attention. The AQS sponsors a yearly guild challenge competition: *The Ultimate Guild Challenge*. To be eligible for this challenge quilts must be 30" by 30." We would need 8 competitors to be eligible. And last, but not least, I have been repeatedly asked if Waldo must appear on the quilt. The answer is NO!

I can answer any questions by e-mail if you need more guidance.

Vicki



BEES

Margaret Minton is trying to get together an English Paper Piecing bee. She has four members interested. If this type of bee interests you, let me know (whalen51@comcast.net). If you have filled out a "Bee Interest" form and listed handwork as a focus, let me know EPP is a possibility, and I'll pass your name along to Margaret.

At the March guild meeting, Donna Lucas mentioned a community bee that meets at the Glenelg United Methodist Church on Thursdays from 11:00-3:00. Anyone is welcome to come and sew. If you have questions, touch base with Donna (catpink@aol.com).

FCQG Program Calendar

2020	Program	Presenter	Website	Comments
April	Brimfield Awakening	Nisha & Kim	BrimfieldAwakening.com	POSTPONED: Reschedule Date TBD
May	Spring Banquet			CANCELLED
June	Carousel of Demos	Hand Quilting, Blended Borders, Art Cards		Presented by Members
July	Legends, Stories, Traditions and Quilts	Marisela Rumberg	quiltsbymarisela.com	
August	Rock Your Quilting!	Eleanor Levie	eleanorlevie.com	
September	Hand Dyed Fabric	Dippy Dyes, Lisa Reber	dippydyes.com	Unconfirmed
October	Quilts from Science	Sylvia Schaefer	flyingparrotquilts.com	
November	Bringing Quilting to the Next Generation	Rachel Rossi	rachelrossi.design	
December	Holiday Banquet			

Workshops

Date	Title	Teacher	Location	Comments
Saturday April 18, 2020	Brimfield Awakening	Owners Kim & Nisha	Mt Airy Health & Wellness Pavilion Community Room	Postponed
Saturday October 10, 2020	"Celestial Orbs"	Sylvia Schaefer	TBD	Workshop is shared between Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild (Host) & FCQG. Signups ~ 3 weeks before class.
Monday October 12, 2020	"Disintegration"	Sylvia Schaefer	TBD	Workshop is shared between FCQG (Host) & Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild. Signups begin in August.
Wednesday June 9, 2021	"Walk the Talk and Quilt It"	Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill	Mt Airy Health & Wellness Pavilion Community Room	Sign

Pecometh Retreat, May 2020

The retreat scheduled for May 6th thru 9th, is cancelled. Any monies paid have been fully refunded or the checks destroyed.

The fall retreat is scheduled for October 16th thru 19th, at Pecometh in Centreville, MD. The rates are the same as they were for May. If, we are at a safe level and recovering from the pandemic, registration and payments will be collected in late August and September. This is TBD.

We are all being tested in one way or another now. Please take care of yourselves, your families, and friends. Get fresh air everyday; create with fabric, try a new recipe, do that spring cleaning --- be grateful for something different everyday.

Sending a virtual hug to you!

Iris

BINGO UPDATE

Jane Schiemer, Pam Copenhaver & Arlene Mann, and the "Three Bee" signed up at our last meeting to create quilts for bingo. Thanks to all our members who working to make the bingo a success for the guild. More quilts are needed, though, so please consider helping.



We've had three more donations of raffle baskets from the "Stick It To Me" Bee, Donna Lucas (Halloween theme), and Annette Dietrich (Baked Goods). Two more baskets would be wonderful if a group of members were inclined to help in that way.

Signed up to make door prizes are Annette Dietrich, Fran Dunn, Carol Buswell, Linda Beavers, Linda Kalman and Sandy Dunning. We'll be raffling these off throughout the bingo so while everyone is confined to home, think about making a small item for a prize.

2021 Quilt Show

The quilt show dates for 2021 are confirmed as August 12th thru August 14th. Work on your quilt show entries; all quilts will be hung on the first floor with vendors on the second floor.

We ask that you make quilts and baskets for the upcoming bingo. Once the bingo is successfully behind us, we will begin to solicit items for the quilt show. More information to come during the fall of 2020.

Iris Johnson, QS Chair

Upcoming Quilting Events		
Jun 13-14	Annapolis Quilt Guild's Quilts by the Bay	Quilt by the Bay
Jun 27-Jul 5	71 st Annual Kutztown Folk Festival	Kutztown Festival
Jul 10-12	MAQ at Gettysburg College	Mid-Appalachian Quilters
Aug 5-7	AQS Quilt Week Manheim, PA, The Nook	American Quilt Society
Oct 25	Four County Quilters Guild Bingo	Four County Quilters Guild
Aug 12-14, 2021	Four County Quilters Guild Quilt Show	Four County Quilters Guild

Handicap Accessibility: Guild members who need to use the handicap entrance when attending monthly meetings should park in the small lot directly off Main Street (in front of the church). The entrance to the church is kept locked so you must arrange ahead of time for another member to meet you at this lower door to let you in. Then you can take the elevator to the second floor where the guild meeting is held. Elevator is not locked nor does it need a key to operate.

Four County Quilters Guild, Inc. meets the second Tuesday of the month at Calvary United Methodist Church
403 South Main Street, Mt. Airy, MD
The "Sew"cial begins at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

If schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather in any of the four counties, our meeting is cancelled.

Four County Quilters Guild, Inc.
Budget vs Actual Totals July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
As of February 29, 2020

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actuals</u>
Chance Auction	350.00	-
Membership Dues	3,625.00	3,580.00
Meeting Guest Fees	100.00	85.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	1,004.50
Quilt Bingo	-	-
Quilt Raffle	4,500.00	3,171.00
Quilt Show	8,000.00	11,884.30
Workshops/Classes		688.00
Total Revenue	16,575.00	20,412.80
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank Charges	50.00	17.75
Challenge	75.00	-
Community Philanthropy	250.00	-
Door Prizes	200.00	98.45
Insurance	275.00	261.00
Ice Cream Social	-	-
May Banquet	500.00	-
Membership	50.00	61.03
Miscellaneous (PO Box, Stamps, etc.)	125.00	146.38
Newsletter	50.00	-
President's Mystery Quilt Prizes	50.00	-
President's Quilt	200.00	-
Printing & Reproduction	50.00	-
Program Speaker	5,500.00	2,610.56
Quilt Bingo	500.00	500.00
Quilt Show	2,500.00	6,104.04
Raffle Permit	100.00	-
Raffle Quilt	500.00	-
Raffle Quilt Design (2020-2021)	250.00	-
Refreshments	50.00	-
Rent	1,270.00	450.00
Service Project	250.00	-
Sunshine Committee	150.00	-
Taxes	150.00	346.69
Thank You Gifts (President's Fund)	100.00	-
Web Site	263.00	-
Winter Party	500.00	573.66
Workshop/Classes	-	-
Total Expenses	13,958.00	11,169.56
Net Profit(Loss)	2,617.00	9,243.24