

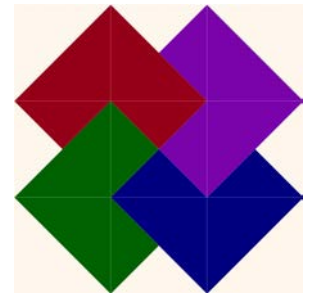


# Four County Quilters Guild

Founded in 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org

*Quilt Forward!*



## December 8, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

### Happy Birthday!

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|---------------------|--------|
| Junice Patton       | Dec 10 |
| Della Aubrey-Miller | Dec 15 |
| Margaret Pelch      | Dec 17 |
| Karen Carpenter     | Dec 19 |
| Susanne Hilton      | Dec 19 |
| Ollie Gray          | Dec 20 |
| Fanny Johnsson      | Dec 23 |
| Patty Cirulli       | Dec 25 |
| Celeste LaJoie      | Dec 26 |
| Joan Watkins        | Dec 26 |
| Barb Bracy          | Dec 31 |

### 2020-2021 Guild Officers

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Bonny Kindt<br><a href="mailto:president@fourcountyquilters.org">president@fourcountyquilters.org</a>    | President                  |
| Melinda Horner<br><a href="mailto:programs@fourcountyquilters.org">programs@fourcountyquilters.org</a>   | Vice-President<br>Programs |
| Marilyn Whalen<br><a href="mailto:secretary@fourcountyquilters.org">secretary@fourcountyquilters.org</a> | Secretary                  |
| Sharon Harris<br><a href="mailto:treasurer@fourcountyquilters.org">treasurer@fourcountyquilters.org</a>  | Treasurer                  |

### December 8 Agenda and Note from Bonny

- 6:45 Meet and Greet other members
- 7:00 Agenda Review
- 7:10 Speaker
- 8:10 Freetime to be catch up with other members

Wear your most festive outfit, shoulders and head are all we see! Crowns and Antlers allowed! Have a Holiday quilt in the background or perhaps some cookies we can all enjoy if only virtually. Bring a holiday memory and good wishes to share.

Bonny

## Zoom Meeting – December 8, 6:45pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=aStPV0tMQy9COTR2UjEt2UGJ6NFA2UT09>

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### President's Corner

I have been doing some sewing but more clearing of life's accumulations around my house. I have now unpacked Christmas things.

Touching each one brings back strong memories of wonderful times with guild members. Past Guild Christmas parties, sharing favorite dishes of food, show and tell, new ideas with speakers, more food, Christmas quilts, Libi's gingerbread man costume, desserts, best outfit award, Left and Right gift exchange game, The fabric trees, the cardinal themed table runners, smiling faces, and even more desserts. My what parties we have had!

I am grateful for each one of you and your willingness to share your quilts and stories, Ollie and the Ideal Magazine your mom sent you while stationed in Alaska at Christmas, Quilts for family members, weddings, graduations, babies getting their quilts within years of their births! The one speaker who quilted with her fingernails and broke them as a deadline grew near, purchased some press-on nails and pressed on! So many fun times, even the chance auction where we stuck unwanted won items into friend's bags only to find they had been 'snuck' back into our own. I never laughed so much.

Sometimes I'd have to drag my tired self to guild after a hard day at work but I never had to drag myself home afterwards. I knew that if I just made it there, it would all be better after a 2 hour infusion of the friendship connection and quilts.

On that note, I hope many of you will participate in our Pocket Quilt project. Keep in mind those we have not seen in a while. Make and mail a few extra to let them know we miss them.

The Pocket Quilt Project is ongoing and can be mailed to anyone, anytime till we meet again.

Be Safe, Be distant, Be Smart, There is a smile behind that mask! Merry Christmas!

Bonny Kindt, President  
Four County Quilters Guild

## FCQG Zoom Meeting Minutes--November 10, 2020

President Bonny Kindt began the meeting at 7:02. She acknowledged new members Mary Jo Richmond and Karen Smith and attending members who have birthdays in November. Forty one members signed on for the meeting.

Melinda Horner introduced our guest speaker Rachel Rossi from Lancaster, PA. Rachel favors clean, modern, simple designs and her works focus on form, function and impact. Rachel spoke about ways to inspire the next generation of quilters. Members can sign up for her newsletter at [rachelrossi.design](http://rachelrossi.design).

Following our guest speaker's presentation, the minutes of the October 13 meeting were approved. A motion was made by Margaret Minton, seconded by Sue Dieringer-Boyer and unanimously approved.

Next, Melinda talked about "Pocket Quilts" and shared examples from Pinterest. Marilyn Whalen shared samples of the patterns from Shabby Quilts that are posted on the guild website. Members interested in participating should email Marilyn by November 15. A few days later she will send each participant the name of the person to surprise. The pocket quilts can be sent anytime in the month of December. Any pocket quilts received before our December meeting can be shared during "Show & Tell" at the meeting.

Additionally, Cecil Marzulli shared information about a project she is working on for Mt. Vernon concerning Martha Washington's quilts. More info will follow as the project continues. She volunteered to head the "Welcome Committee" for new members and will be sending them a pocket quilt!

Bonny talked about the "Quilters Pony Express" as a way of getting wheel prizes and other items to members. She asked for a volunteer from each county to receive/hold items. Then, members who want to collect items would call the person closest to them and arrange a time to pick up the item. This can be done without any physical contact between members. This is a work in progress so be patient as the kinks are smoothed out.

Tonight, the following members volunteered to help:

|               |                     |                       |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Megan Harris  | -                   | York County, PA       |
| Rhonda Madden | -Damascus Area      | Montgomery County, MD |
| Libi Driggers | -Rosemont Ave. Area | Frederick County, MD  |
| Bonny Kindt   | -Eldersburg Area    | Carroll County        |

Melinda Horner reviewed the two challenges for 2021. First, a "Cherry Blossom" themed quilt which can be started anytime. The size should be 30" square. Melinda showed two Michael Miller fabric panels that might interest members as they brainstorm ideas. Check Etsy, Ebay and E-Quilter for availability if interested in these fabrics. One challenge winner will be determined by on-line voting, and the goal is to display the entries at the Spring Tea. Also, Bonny has some Oriental fabric that might be useful for this challenge; members can contact her if interested. Dawn Cynamon asked if anyone knew the deadline for AQS Show entries. Melinda said she would check. Second, a "Nature" themed challenge will take place for the fall and will be unveiled at "Quilts in the Park" (if we participate in that event). Entry can be anything that fits the theme.

Karen Carpenter reported that she, Linda Dickinson and five volunteers will be meeting to begin planning the outdoor Spring Tea.

A "Quilters' Yard Sale" for FCQG members only will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00-12:00 in the upper parking lot of Mt. Airy United Methodist Church where we had been meeting before COVID. We will use the upper parking lot because it is more level. Bring fabric and quilting/sewing items you want to give away or sell. Clearly mark items you want to sell versus give-aways. A small table can be used to display items or set up directly from the trunk of your vehicle. Wear a mask, please.

For the December meeting, we have no guest speaker. Bonny asked members to add a festive touch to the zoom meeting by wearing something festive, adding a cheerful touch to their background, etc. Melinda shared some examples of small items members might be interested in making for holiday sharing, and cited COUNTRY LIVING magazine (October issue) for examples of fall decorations that offer inspiration. Mary Jo Richmond shared an example of a simple holiday ornament that looks like a colorful stack of three bolts of fabric.

The quarterly board/business meeting (Zoom) will be on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00. Committee heads should be ready to share updates. Ideas for the future of the guild should be shared at this time. If not able to attend, send ideas to Marilyn Whalen.

Show & Tell was shared by: Megan Harris, Karen Carpenter, Ann Marie Schmelter, Rhonda Madden, Melinda Horner, Carol Collins and Bonny Kindt.

Prize wheel winners from tonight's attendees were: Maureen Dixon, Rhonda Madden, Sue Dieringer Boyer, Margaret Minton, and Karen Brown. Again, prizes were donated by Web Fabrics.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Whalen, Secretary

### **FCQG Board Meeting – Dec 15, 7:00pm**

The quarterly Board Meeting for the Board of Directors, as mentioned in the bylaws Article VI, will meet Tuesday, Dec 15, at 7:00pm. As we will be discussing business of the guild going forward, all committee chairs and members are welcome. Questions? [Zoom Link](#)

Contact: [president@fourcountyquilters.org](mailto:president@fourcountyquilters.org)

Bonny Kindt

### **Website News**

Some new additions under the Members Only area of the website (<https://fourcountyquilters.org>):

- The 2021 Quilt Challenges have been posted.
- The Bees page has a new section for proposed Bees. Melinda is looking to start a Zoom Bee. A contact form is provided on the website. Melinda's email is also provided. Note that some members have been asked to sign into their Google account when clicking the email link on the website. If you encounter this message and do not have a Google account, please use the contact form, or copy the email and paste directly in your preferred email program.
- The Guild Directory has been updated with members who renewed or joined in the past month.
- The Guild Directory page now contains a condensed directory without pictures as well as an Excel spreadsheet. These new items are in addition to the full directory containing photos of members (where available).
- If you do not have a photo in the directory, and want to have one added, please mail a photo to [websupport@fourcountyquilters.org](mailto:websupport@fourcountyquilters.org) and the photo will be added to the next update of the directory.
- The bylaws will be in the Members Only area.

### **December Guild Speaker – Deb Eggers**

Deb Eggers will be presenting a trunk show of quilts she has designed. Deb's original quilt pattern designs can be found on her website and at quilt shops and shows across the country. Her designs are creative traditional designs of seasonal, winter, and Christmas Quilts. She is the owner of The Cottage Rose Quilt Shop.

You can find more information about Deb and her patterns on her website <https://www.cottagerosequiltshop.com>

You can also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cottagerosequilt>



**Trees—Clustered Spires Quilt Exhibit at the Delaplaine Art Center**



Opening day for the quilt exhibit is Saturday December 5. If you go to the Delaplaine you can view the quilts in person. Fortunately, the exhibit will also be shown online so you can visit and enjoy as many times as you'd like! Link for exhibits and recorded talks: <https://delaplaine.org/programs/virtual-delaplaine/>

Clustered Spires members will be presenting the Artist Talk at 2:00 on Dec. 5. Webinar link for live presentation: <https://delaplaine.org/programs/programs-at-a-glance/>

**FCQG Quilter's Exchange and Yard Sale – Dec 5**

Fabric exchange and yard sale at Mt Airy United Methodist Church on Saturday December 5th from 10am-12pm. Please bring your items to the upper parking lot (where we used to meet) Be ready to open your hatchback/trunk or table. We will wear our masks even though it is outside and keep a 6 ft distance.

Bonny

**Member Messages and Accolades**

**Carroll Magazine: Kindness Abounds in Carroll**

**Emma Bauer and Jane Tegeler** (and Emma's mom Tracey!) are featured in the article *The Fabric of Community* in the Nov 18 issue of Carroll Magazine.

Not only did Emma receive her Girl Scout Gold award this year thanks to contributions from members of Four County and two other guilds, she also joined the quilting and sewing community to make masks. You will be delighted by article about sharing kindness in Carroll County. We salute you for your generosity and community contributions! [Click for the article.](#)



Tracey, Emma, and Jane

**Congratulations to Olga Schrichte** – a winner at the Virtual Quilt Show (VQS)! Linda's Flowers won First Place in the Best Use of Appliqué in the Aspiring category and the Viewer's Choice award for Aspiring quilters. These are Olga's first national awards. Well done, Olga! See more of the [Virtual Quilt Show!](#)

**Congratulations to Etta Stewart and Kay Campbell** – their 1' by 4' quilts were accepted in to the Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA) sponsored [Imagination: 1 x 4 Exhibit at the BlackRock Center for the Arts](#), Jan 9 – Feb 20.



Olga  
Linda's Flowers



Etta  
Rainbow Excluded



Kay  
On the Verge

**Looking for old Cottonseed Glory Pattern**

I have found a kit without the pattern I had purchased at Cottonseed Glory. Pattern is called Abalone Cove, if anyone has the pattern I would love to buy it from you.

Libi Driggers 301-663-3778



...the *FUTURE*

Hi Fellow Guild Members,

Let me start by saying, this is **not** an article about quilting, but a follow-up to my article eight months ago. So, **stop reading now**, if you are looking for quilting.

Still with me? Great! I have missed gathering with you, laughing with you, sharing our life experiences, and oh my goodness...hugging you!

Regretfully, I am not surprised at where we are with the pandemic and we are a considerable period of time away from living our 'new normal'. Some days, I feel like since March 2020, we have lived a decade's worth of history; social injustice, national and local elections, devastating wildfires in California, Utah, and Australia, on again – off again education of our next generation, and so on.

And despite it all, we are all still here. Battered, maybe; bruised, absolutely; but definitely still standing. With resolve, we've continued to put one foot in front of the other and stitch on. And as we enter this end of year holiday season let's not lose sight of this special time to contemplate that which we are most thankful for and will carry into 2021.

Here are a few of my "things":

- **Foundation** – We have varying foundations for our beliefs; lean on whatever yours is. Faith in Jesus Christ is my bedrock and my foundation. In a world of filled with instability and change, it remains my constant and persevering hope.
- **Family** – my inner circle, my closest confidants, my support structure, my counsel and accountability, my most ardent supporters; those are just a few things of what my family is to me.
- **Friends** – my friends are that next layer of support, those who you "do" life with, the people who are willing to walk alongside you through the hills and valleys of life (both personal and professional!). To one degree or another, you all fit that mold to me, and I'm thankful for each one you.
- **Freedom** – the freedoms we daily enjoy are unparalleled when you compare them to history or most places on the globe. I'm thankful for those who sacrificed and continue to preserve them.
- **Future** – "Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." I firmly believe in this proverb, and if there's a single word in the English language that I anchor to the most, it's the word **hope**. It's a confident expectation, a steadfast resolve, an enduring strength, and a realistic optimism. And I'm filled with hope for the future. Personally, my future hope is tethered to my faith. Professionally, my future hope is tied to an organization whose



mission I believe in, with many opportunities. I hope to continue working with organizations I volunteer with and I hope to get back in the classroom with quilters.

So, as we start to close the door to 2020, here's to finishing strong, supporting one another, committing to continue to work together, and being thankful.



I am considering opening the website blog to mindful activities to help keep us positive, healthy, and united. Please connect with me if you want to share your thoughts or help with this.

Stay strong, stay healthy, and stay connected.

Hugs,  
Iris Johnson

| <b>Upcoming Quilting Events</b> |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Dec 5                           | FCQG Quilter's Exchange and Yardsale                            | <a href="http://FourCountyQuilters.com">FourCountyQuilters.com</a>   |
| Dec 8                           | FCQG December Meeting – 6:45pm                                  |  |
| Dec 5-27                        | Clustered Spires Exhibit: <i>Trees</i><br>Delaplaine Art Center | <a href="#">Delaplaine Art Center</a>  |
| Dec 15                          | FCQG Board Meeting – 7:00pm                                     | <a href="#">Zoom Link</a>  |
| Dec 27                          | Guild Newsletter Deadline                                       | <a href="mailto:Kay.CampbellAnderson@FourCountyQuilters.org">Kay.CampbellAnderson@FourCountyQuilters.org</a> |
| Dec 3-5                         | Houston Virtual Quilt Show                                      | <a href="#">Quilts, Inc</a>  |
| Jan 9–Feb 20                    | SAQA Imagination: 1 x 4   | <a href="#">BlackRock Center for the Arts</a>  |
| Jan 26-28                       | Houston Virtual Quilt Market                                    | <a href="#">Quilts, Inc</a>  |

Currently, all FCQG Meetings are virtual. Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:45pm via Zoom!



**Four County Quilters Guild, Inc.**  
**Budget vs Actual Totals September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**  
**As of October 31,2020**

**Beginning Cash Balance PNC Bank 7/1/2020** **\$ 47,323.58**

| <u>Revenue</u>        | <u>Budget</u>   | <u>Actuals</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Amazon Smile          | 250.00          | -              |
| Chance Auction        | 350.00          | -              |
| Interest              | 250.00          | -              |
| Membership Dues       | 375.00          | -              |
| Meeting Guest Fees    | -               | -              |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | -               | -              |
| Quilt Bingo           | -               | -              |
| Quilt Raffle          | 2,500.00        | -              |
| Quilt Show            | 1,000.00        | -              |
| Workshops/Classes     |                 | 180.00         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  | <b>4,725.00</b> | <b>180.00</b>  |

**Expenses**

|                                      |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bank Charges/Pay Pal                 | 50.00             | -                 |
| Challenge                            | 200.00            | 165.00            |
| Community Philanthropy               | 250.00            | 250.00            |
| Door Prizes                          | 200.00            | -                 |
| Insurance                            | 275.00            | 261.00            |
| May Banquet                          | -                 | -                 |
| Membership                           | 50.00             | -                 |
| Miscellaneous (PO Box, Stamps, etc.) | 125.00            | 165.25            |
| Newsletter                           | 50.00             | -                 |
| President's Mystery Quilt Prizes     | 50.00             | -                 |
| President's Quilt                    | 200.00            | -                 |
| Printing & Reproduction              | 50.00             | -                 |
| Program Speaker                      | 5,500.00          | 1,555.00          |
| Quilt Bingo                          | -                 | -                 |
| Quilt Show                           | 1,000.00          | 653.50            |
| Raffle Permit/online fees            | 298.00            | -                 |
| Raffle Quilt (2021)                  | 1,248.00          | -                 |
| Raffle Quilt Design (2020-2021)      | -                 | -                 |
| Refreshments                         | 50.00             | -                 |
| Rent                                 | 450.00            | -                 |
| Service Project                      | 250.00            | -                 |
| Sunshine Committee                   | 150.00            | 178.93            |
| Taxes                                | 150.00            | -                 |
| Thank You Gifts (President's Fund)   | 100.00            | -                 |
| Web Site                             | -                 | -                 |
| Winter Party                         | -                 | -                 |
| Workshop/Classes                     | -                 | -                 |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>10,696.00</b>  | <b>3,228.68</b>   |
| <b>Net Profit(Loss)</b>              | <b>(5,971.00)</b> | <b>(3,048.68)</b> |

**Ending Cash balance PNC bank 10/31/20** **\$44,274.90**