



Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org



February 2022



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February 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda

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

- 6:45 Meet and Greet
- 7:00 Meeting Begins, review of evening activities and guild updates
- 7:15 Speaker: Sandra Mollon presents "My Quilting Journey" from Valley Springs, CA
- 8:15 Questions and Answers
- 8:30 Small Groups
*****Share your most recent quilty purchase*****
- 8:45 Show and Tell
- 8:55 Roulette Wheel of Fortune for Winning Quilters
- 9:00 Dismissal

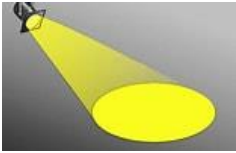
President's Corner

There is nothing like snow to make me appreciate a fire. I am embracing my pioneer roots as we keep a steady fire burning. Our heat pumps failed 3 weeks ago, 2 more to go before the 'part' comes in. Meanwhile I've been thinking of the little red square in the center of the log cabin block, the fire in the hearth, the heart of a home, the quilts made for the ones we care about. Now is the time they are all under them! We can smile and consider what we love doing for those we love. Be warm, be comforted, be quilting!

Bonny Kindt
President



Member Spotlight



Hi, this is **Margaret Minton**, your fellow quilter. My first quilt was made because I needed something to do with some cross-stitch pictures of Great Lakes lighthouses. My father-in-law had spent some years working on the boats on the Great Lakes, and I made the quilt for him. My second effort came from a pattern in "Family Circle" magazine - a Storm at Sea pattern in Christmas reds. It still comes out for the holidays. I have always liked sewing, and quilting slowly became my new hobby...passion...obsession? Pick a word! From then until now, I have increased my time spent playing with fabric. I wish I could tell you how many quilts I have made, but I have lost track.

Currently my tastes run to English paper piecing, and quilts with lots of little pieces. I am trying to use my scraps to advantage, but the buckets will never disappear. There is a long, long list of unfinished projects, because I like to try every new idea I see. I enjoy piecing (I call it "playing with the pretty colors") but let others do the quilting. I will soon finish my "COVID quilt," which I expected to get pieced last year, but, well, too many other good ideas got in the way. My goals for this year include finishing a hand-applied quilt or two, because there are at least three in progress in my sewing room. I enjoy sharing my quilts, and love to see what others are working on, too.

January Sewing Room Declutter Challenge



Quilty news that may help. Do you ever feel that your creativity is being inhibited by a messy sewing room? Ever buy something only to find the original was there all along?

Karen Brown of 'Just Get It Done Quilts' has started a sewing room declutter challenge to help us all both in organizing and coming to terms with legacy items. It is all about efficiency and getting back to enjoying our craft. She can be found on You Tube.

Quilt Show 2023

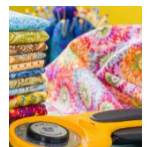


Do you remember how nice our quilt shows have been? How amazing all of our handiwork looked and the fun we had working together to make it happen? Well, it is time to start planning it.

Please consider being on the committee for our next quilt show. It is a great way to meet and work with other members. Some will have no experience; some will have a little and some are veterans at putting on a community quilt show. Come, Learn, Help.

Revamped FCQG Website

Have you visited the guild website lately? Go to fourcountyquilters.org and check it out! Pages have been added for Programs, Bingo, Library Bees, Newsletters, Photos, and more. Visit often because new content is added and updated frequently.



A Little Bit of Humor

Here you go!



A sewing machine walks up to a bar. The bartender says, "Aren't you a Singer?". The sewing machine says, "Why, Ja-no-me?" Ha ha Hope it gets a laugh in this dismal time.

Vicki Brewer

Volunteers Still Needed

The Guild's volunteer project continues to be making lap-size quilts for Tunnel 2 Towers — the non-profit organization building homes for families of fallen first responders and military. You can help by making a lap quilt (approx 50" x 60") in red, white, blue or first responder-themed fabric, or offering long arm services. If you took kits for the 12" star blocks, please bring your finished block(s) to the guild meeting. And, if you want more of these kits, please let me know. Nanci OBrien, (contact info in guild directory)

Field Trip



Interested in being part of a field trip to the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA, followed by lunch and a stop at Patchwork Plus Quilt Shop in Dayton, VA? If the guild has 52 members interested, we can take a charter bus at an approximate cost of \$55/person which includes bus fare, museum entrance fee and a tip for the bus driver). There is a restaurant for lunch adjacent to the museum. Lunch cost and damage at the Quilt Shop is on you!

At this point, six dates are being considered, all on Saturdays: April 23 or 30 and any of the Saturdays in May. To participate, on or before our February 8 guild meeting, email Marilyn (contact info in guild directory) and include any date restrictions you have.

Library Bees

Everyone is once again invited to join us for our very popular Library Bees! Come any time; however, please email Melinda (contact info in guild directory) that you are coming. To continue to reserve this space, we must make use of it. We have reserved the large meeting room at the Mt. Airy Library as follows:



January 29, 2022 10:00am - 4:00 pm
 February 12, 2022 10:00am - 4:00 pm
 March 5, 2022 12:30pm - 4:00 pm
 March 12, 2022 10:00am - 4:00 pm
 March 19, 2022 12:30pm - 4:00 pm

Eldersburg Public Library - Large Meeting Room
 February 5, 2022 10:00am - 4:00 pm
 February 12, 2022 9:00am - 1:45 pm

Please note the correction to the Eldersburg Library Bee dates: It was previously stated that there would be a Sew-In at the Eldersburg Library on the 19th of February but instead it is on the 12th of February. 9-1:45. It's a Saturday.

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



1. If you don't already have one, create an Amazon account at: <https://www.amazon.com>
2. Use the link below for directions for signing up for Amazon Smile.

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

Scroll to "FCQG" and add us as your charity. (FCQG EIN # is 52-1889628.)

Bingo Update

As things stand now, admission price will be as stated on the flyer. We are still waiting for the cost for a lunch provided by the auxiliary. If the food increase is more than we have projected, the admission price may be increased. Stay tuned for an update at the February guild meeting.

Tickets will go on sale to guild members at the July 12 guild meeting--a day before the general public.

As of January 23, we have 16 quilts pledged for the bingo and need 10 more. Additionally, we have four raffle baskets planned and would like 1-2 more. Please email Marilyn at (contact info in guild directory) if you will help.

QUILT BINGO

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

fourcountyquilters.org



Sunday, October 9, 2022

Tickets \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door
(Added charges: \$1 to mail ticket(s) and \$1 if using PayPal)

Included: Lunch by Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary

Location: Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company—Reception Hall
 1008 Twin Arch Road
 Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Features

20 Regular Games
 (included with ticket)
 4 Specials
 Jackpot
 Basket Raffles

Door Prizes

Doors open at 12:00 PM
 Lunch 12:30 PM
 Bingo starts at 2:00 PM



Lunch

Choice of Sandwich:
 Beef Barbecue or
 Chicken Salad
 Choice of Two Sides:
 Macaroni & Cheese,
 Potato Salad or Coleslaw
 Beverage

TICKETS ON SALE
JULY 13
 Cash, PayPal
or Check (FCQG)
marilyn-whalen@comcast.net
 301-363-5419

SEATING
 Reserved seating for
 parties of 8 or more is
 available when tickets
 are purchased.
 Reserve early!

FOR PURCHASE

Desserts
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Quilt Retreats

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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Camp Pecometh
401 Jack Elliot Way
Centreville, MD 21617

Checks can be made out to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed to:
Melinda Horner
(contact info in guild directory)



Spring Retreat is FULL at this point. Please sign up in case there are cancellations.

There are still 11 spots still available for the **Fall Retreat**. There are more rooms available to us this date, which allows for more people to attend and have the special time to get to know one another. These Retreats are for you to work on your own projects. It is a lovely space to create and a very comfortable place to relax.

Quilt Folk Magazine – Focus on Maryland

Several members reached out to let us know that the most recent publication of *Quilt Folk Magazine*, Issue 21, is out and available for purchase. This issue is entirely dedicated to Maryland quilters! To quote one member: “This is a stunning magazine and features several artists guild members may know.” While this magazine is not inexpensive, it is always full of beautiful pictures of amazing quilts and quilters, and there are **no** advertisements! Single copies can be purchased on their website (Quiltfolk.com) for \$22 + \$5 shipping. Many local quilts shops have ordered extra copies which should be available by the time this newsletter comes out. It is our hope that many members will treat themselves to this edition.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Faithful Circle Quilt Show:

Mark your calendars now for the Faithful Circle Quilt Guild’s 2022 Quilt Show entitled “Garden Party”. The show will be held May 19-21, 2022, at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County in Columbia, MD. A picture of the raffle quilt, “Starlit Garden” and more information are available at <https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/quilt-show-2022/>

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



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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."

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

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events

Feb 24-27	Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival 2022	Hampton Roads Convention Center
Mar 23-26	Lancaster Quilt Show	DoubleTree Resort by Hilton
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)
Sep 29-Oct 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo	Fredericksburg, VA

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)

FCQG
January 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

President Bonny Kindt opened the meeting via the Guild's Zoom link as the church is closed until 01/24/2022.

The December 2021 minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

Speaker:

This month's speaker was Nancy Brown of Nancy Brown Quilts (quilts.nancybrownquilts.com). She talked about her amazing animal quilts and her relationship with George Clooney.

Nominating Committee:

President Bonny Kindt reported that volunteers are needed for the nominating committee.

According to the current bylaws, a slate of nominees for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be presented to the membership in April - both in advance in the newsletter and again at the meeting. Voting is to be held at the annual meeting in May and the newly elected officers will take their offices at the close of the June meeting.

Parties interested in serving on the committee or running for office should contact Bonny (soon, please).

Bylaws Committee:

President Bonny Kindt reported that the Bylaws committee has met and should have something for the membership to review in February or March.

Website:

With the guidance of Iris Johnson, Ann Marie Smelter is making big upgrades to the guild's website. Members should check it out.

Financials:

A committee is being put together to perform the annual audit of our books.

Ideas for the use of Guild funds was discussed. Some suggestions were 1) increased budget line items [community quilts, speakers, philanthropy, door prizes], 2) supplies for retreat boxes, and 3) long arm training for members to use to quilt guild charity quilts. No clear decision was made.

It was suggested that the Guild develop a strategic plan prior to committing funds.

PayPal:

Joan Watkins resolved issues with the Guild's PayPal account by providing them a required document.

Amazon Smile:

Marilyn Whalen successfully linked the FCQG bank account to Amazon Smile. She will include instructions for using Amazon Smile in the February newsletter and will ask Ann Marie to put these instructions on the website.

Quilt Retreat/Workshops/Bees:

Melinda Horner reported on upcoming and future retreats & workshops:

1) Miniature Quilt Workshop (Zoom) with Kellie Willy on 1/21/22.

2) The Library Bee schedule is published in the newsletter.

3) Guild retreats at Camp Pecometh retreats on 4/7-10/22 and 8/18-21/22.

The April retreat is full, but Melinda is taking sign ups for a waitlist in case of cancellations.

The August retreat has 11 spots left. Deposits for this retreat can be sent to Melinda or to Treasurer Marilyn Whalen.

4) The International Conference Center in Leesburg, VA is a future 2023 retreat site. It is a facility that can accommodate 60+ guild members at one time. More information will be forthcoming.

5) Mt. Vernon quilt challenge – Contact Cecil Marzulli for details.

5) 2021 Cherry Blossom Challenge quilts will be displayed at the Mancuso Fall Show The Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks, PA this fall 2022.

Trip to Quilters Heritage Museum (www.quiltheritagemuseum.org):

Marilyn reported that the cost/person for the bus for this trip will be ~\$55.00.

Proposed dates and further details will be reported at future guild meetings.

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

Marilyn reported that 12 more quilts are needed for bingo prizes.

If you would like to donate, please contact Marilyn.

The next bingo committee meeting is Thursday, January 20th at 7 pm via Zoom.

Show and Tell

Members shared their fabulous projects.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were given.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Dieringer-Boyer