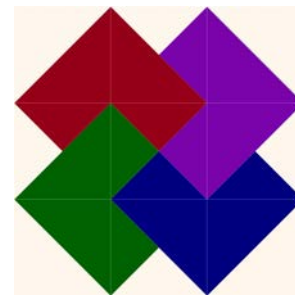




Four County Quilters Guild

Founded in 1988

Mt Airy, MD



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Happy Birthday!

Sandra Maxey	4-Jun
Nancy Turnbaugh	8-Jun
Kate Warner	8-Jun
Annette Dietrich	13-Jun
Linda Dickinson	17-Jun
Jacalyn Roberts	17-Jun
Etta Stewart	18-Jun
Janet Woodfield	18-Jun
Cathy Poland	20-Jun
Sandie Horst	23-Jun
Sherry May	23-Jun
Donna Lucas	28-Jun
Deb Paisie	30-Jun

2019-2020 Guild Officers

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

*It's official! The votes are in!
Your new officers are:*

2020-2021 Guild Officers

Bonny Kindt	President
Melinda Horner	VP Programs
Marilyn Whelan	Secretary
Sharon Harris	Treasurer

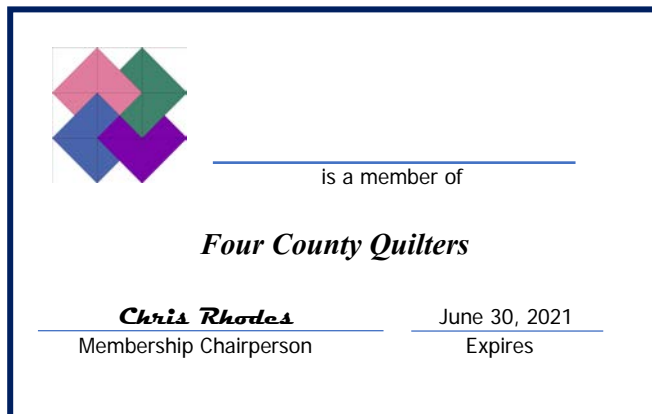


President's Corner

I hope everyone is surviving our current crisis. It is certainly a time of great concern for our families, friends, and our nation. With all of the time that we have had we should all have sooo many quilts to show, whenever and however we are able to do show and tell. But I know, like me, some of you have not had the motivation to do a lot of sewing/quilting for many different reasons. (I at least did get some done this past weekend). Then there are others that have been amazingly busy. Whatever the case, I hope you have stayed healthy and safe. By the time you read this, the board will have met to decide the best course of action for our on-going meetings. Foremost in our minds, will be keeping everyone healthy and protected. I will apologize now, if some of you don't agree with the decision that we make, but as a nurse, I rely heavily on the medical advice that we are receiving and trust the data that is coming in. We have to remember that our members are mostly the group considered at risk (yes I know I have moved into that category as well, and would like to stay that way for many more years) and stay alert to that guidance. Please bear with us during these times and try to keep quilting. As much as possible support our local quilt shops so they can remain in business, particularly shop owners among our members.

This should be my last newsletter article, so I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work the last 2 years. It has been an honor to serve as your President. My fellow officers, Dawn, Sue, and both Carols made my job easy. The committee chairs have done phenomenal work to make successful quilt show, bingo, membership, by laws, community quilts, hospitality, communications, beekeeper, and nominations. It takes the whole guild to make the meetings inviting, and because you have reached out our membership has grown.

Ollie



No Meeting Minutes

Membership Dues 2020-2021

Given the current circumstances Membership Dues for FCQG 2020-2021 will be *free* for quilters who are guild members as of 6-30-2020.

New member dues will be \$15.00 for 2020-2021.

Print and complete the membership *card* on page 1.

Treasurer's Corner

Financial Results As of 4/30/20

Total Revenue: \$19,749.80

Total Expenses: 12,332.14

Net Income: \$7,417.66

The 2020-2021 Budget will be sent to you soon.

Virtual FCQG Meeting – June 9, 7:00pm

Welcome to our new world. While we continue to honor and respect our family, friends, and quilting friends, and limit gatherings to no more than 10 people, we still need to be able to get together as a guild. Our first virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 7 PM. You can join via the web, or just dial into the meeting. The meeting will begin at 7PM as usual, but I think we will be done by 8 or 8:30 at the latest. If you are using your cell phone for the interactive web meeting, please be advised that this will use your data. This is going to be our test run to see how it goes, so we can have meetings with our speakers in the future. We know that there will be some bumps in the road, but please be patient as we work thru the new normal. We welcome you to share your opinions on the format with Ollie at obgray@verizon.net

Subject: FCQG Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: 06/09/2020 7:00 PM US/Eastern

Description: FCQG Monthly Meeting.

Agenda--Welcome and rules for meeting, Announcements, Installation of Officers, Show n Tell

Dial-in number (US): (978) 990-5000

Access code: 385128#

International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/obgray>

Online meeting ID: obgray

Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/obgray>

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text 'Call Me' to the Dial-In number above and you will be called into the conference. Message and data rates may apply.

Please try to sign in ahead of time to make sure that you can connect. We would love to see your face, but if you prefer, you can always turn off your camera on laptop or phone and just listen.

Here are a few rules for the meeting

Please mute your mic if you are not speaking.

It is best if you are directly in front of your camera, rather than looking up or down to the camera.

The host will be able to mute everyone, and when you have a question you can unmute yourself

There is an area to the right of the screen where you can type in a chat to send a question. You can send just to a specific person or the entire group.

FCQG July Program

Our virtual July speaker will be Marisela Rumberg, a quilter, fiber artist, and Zentangle Certified Teacher. [Click to see her work!](#)



Bingo Update

At the May 27 board meeting, we made the difficult decision to cancel our October 25 Quilt Bingo. With so much uncertainty facing everyone in the months to come, it seemed the prudent choice.

To date, a \$500 deposit is the only money that has been spent on the event. The contract with the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company, which was signed on September 3, 2019, allows us to cancel the event with a full refund by mid June (120 days before the event).

The bingo committee has been asked to explore alternative ways to generate income for the guild. One idea we will study is sponsoring an on-line bingo—this would be a major technological challenge, but it is a popular alternative to traditional bingo! If you are tech savvy and can help with an on-line bingo, or if you have participated in one and can share your experience with us, please get in touch with me—whalen51@comcast.net or 301-363-5419.

I hope as we brainstorm, other ideas will surface for our committee to consider. We welcome all suggestions, so please email me with your thoughts and ideas concerning fundraising.

Susan Eitnier is holding a small number of quilts that were destined for bingo. In the coming weeks, Susan and I hope to get those quilts back to their owners. Feel free to call her if you can pick yours up at her house in Walkersville—301-845-6746. Otherwise, one of us will get in touch with you about doing a convenient return.



A few door prizes and quilt storage bags have also been donated for bingo. We plan to hold those for the time being.

Finally, whether it be beautiful quilts, clever items for a specials basket or cute door prizes, please safely tuck away the items so they can be featured in an upcoming “to be determined” fundraiser!

Thanks . . . Marilyn Whalen

Bees Update

Bee members have been keeping in touch with one another in various ways. Some have been emailing, some texting, some zooming, etc. With pleasant weather coming, maybe some outdoor get togethers will be happening in back yards and parks! Please continue to explore new ways of staying connected with your bee buddies. **Have one person in your bee email me (whalen51@comcast.net) with what you're doing to stay in contact**, and I'll list the ideas in next month's newsletter for other bees to consider trying.

FYI: If you have a gmail account, you can set up a free Google Meet account for your bee. The person with the account would become the administrator. The other members do not have to have a gmail account.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project - Request for Volunteers

Hi, my name is Emma Bauer. I am a girl scout in troop 2142 and I am working on my Gold Award project. For my project I chose to make blankets for babies in the NICU, since I was a preemie myself. I originally planned on hosting a sew-a-thon event where all of you would be invited to spend a day and sew as many blankets as you want to help. However due to COVID-19 I am unable to do that now. I am reaching out to all of you to see if you have the time during the next few weeks to help me by making blankets. They must be 24"x36" and be finished by July 31st. Jane Tegeler is my project advisor and together we will work out a plan to pick the completed blankets up. Thank you in advance for any help and support you can give me. If you have questions, you can email me or Jane. Emmabauer8527@icloud.com

Pecometh Retreat Center

I have the pleasure of connecting with some of the Pecometh staff regularly.

Richelle, Camp Director, is well despite a broken wrist, two root canals and poison ivy all in a 3-week period. She is grateful not to have COVID-19.

Jack, the Executive Director, is well and still maintaining the staff on payroll, although all camps have cancelled through September.

Hal & Bev, our hosts, are both well. The pandemic has forced Bev to pick up a needle and thread, which I understand is not a pretty picture.

Knowing what the best decision is for someone else is a very difficult position to be in. However, the health and well-being of camp participants under my name are my priority. Given the uncertainty of our health crisis, along with the health and ages of those who attend Pecometh, I have decided not to hold a retreat during 2020.

Currently, Pecometh is unable to serve meals in the dining room, masks are required and the maximum number of guests per room is one.

So, for me to take a group to Pecometh, there needs to be a vaccine available for all, with the ability to eat together in the dining hall, sit by the fireplace as a group, share rooms, etc. These are impossibilities for 2020.

So, continue to look ahead. I am thinking on how to hold retreats and classes. If anyone has suggestions, please share them with me. We are having discussions on smaller groups, spaced apart at the dining tables, rearranged sewing rooms (not to be rearranged by participants) practicing social-distancing, food served at the tables, and so forth.

I will keep you updated with any developments. In the meantime, stay healthy and strong!

Iris

Guild Challenge: Where's Waldo?

Notice: Waldo has ignored all "shelter in place" orders and has carelessly taken a trip hopscotching around the world using a Chinese passport! To his credit, he did deliver face masks to multiple hospitals and medical clinics on the way. However, it is believed that Waldo may be the carrier of COV-19. If he has visited your home, please put any quilting artifacts in an isolated place for 3 days (or months). Waldo will return home to Mt Airy soon and at that time you may present your quarantined challenge project! Let's all wish Waldo a safe journey!"

The rules are very simple:

- 🌐 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

Scraps Request!

Scraps of Kaffe Fassett requested if you are discarding them. No piece is too small for a Susan Carlson project! Thanks! Vicki.

Thank You from Ollie

I can't thank all of you enough, for all of the cards, calls and prayers after the death of my daughter Sharon in April. Even though I didn't always answer the phone, (and please accept my apology if I didn't), I knew you were there for me, and showered me virtually with your care and concern. I have said it before and I will say it again, this guild is my family, and always will be. God bless each and every one of you, and here is a big virtual hug!!!!!! Love you all. Ollie

Thank you from Libi

Just a note to all of the wonderful members of Four County Quilt Guild. What a blessing you ALL are. I have had the wonderful experience to hear from many of you in my recovery from surgery. Each conversation, text, card was so welcomed and beautiful. Thank you all for your kindness and thinking of me. I trully appreciate the amazing persons that make up Four County. Libi Driggers

Mystery Quilters!

Do you know these quilters?



"Flowers" is one of two to win the Robert Renneberger Award for Show at the 25th annual County Quilters Guild Show. The 82x104 features a Mexican

Life Changes in an Instant

Where were you, and what were you doing, when you realized that a shift in the universe had taken place and some of what you knew to be true, was now uncertain? The pandemic gave me a wakeup call on the evening of March 13th, 2020. I had spent the evening with friends and returned home around 8:30 PM, to find a new work assignment – COVID-19.

Wow! How quickly plans change. What we did every day the days before the health crisis, without second thoughts is no longer available to us; how we redefine our days and time spent, becomes the key to remaining safe, healthy (physically and mentally), and contributing members to our families and society.

2020 is another year of hope, dreams and possibilities combined with the challenge of how to conquer those things safely, while defining our new normal. But we can do this...we have done it before. HIV was an unknown; 9-11 changed our travel habits and taught us to not characterize types of people or religions as the enemy by sight alone; and 10/2/2002 through 10/24/2002 --- sniper attacks in our four counties --- fear of being shot while performing every day, normal tasks. If those are not enough, the challenges of our daily relationships while any of those events occurred, could push anyone to the edge. Births, deaths, loss relationships, new relationships, milestones, being a parent, spouse, friend, sibling, and so on requires commitment and work, even during the best of times.

We don't know when we will all be able to physically get together in one room again to share our lives and our craft; but I pray that the day will return. Many members have called, emailed, texted and sent hand written notes to say hi. How are you? Do you need anything? Thank you for something done in the past. I'm hope that we all receive those.

Thank you for reaching out; it means a great deal! My commitment to work is high and demanding. I don't have a lot of time for calls, but know I think of you every day.

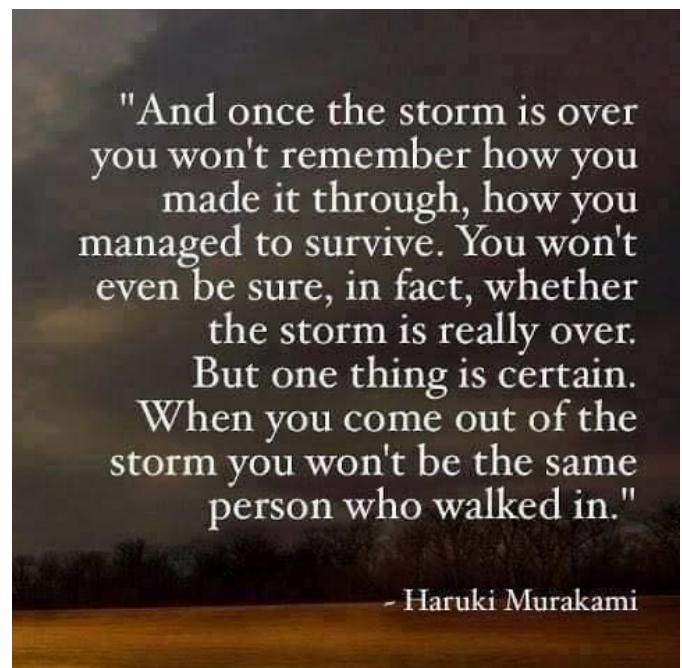
I want to share a few thoughts of how to get through the difficult days.

- The rat race around us has slowed down. Spend the time to reconnect with a passion you have not had enough time for recently.
- Smile and by all means laugh. It is a waste of time to list all that you don't have. What do you have that you can use as a substitute?
- Try a new recipe with pantry and freezer ingredients. Perhaps clean out the pantry, refrigerator and freezer. Share your foods with neighbors or a friend by leaving it at their doorstep and calling to let them know it is there.
- Go outside for fresh air every day. Listen to the sounds. All birds do not sing alike; can you identify them? Have you watched the sunrise and / or set recently? Can you identify any stars in the sky at night? Can you enjoy the feel of rain on you without worrying about hair, makeup and clothes?
- Have you read any good books lately? How many quilting, cross-stitch, knitting, etc. UFOs have you finished? How many new ones have you started?
- Redefine your daily schedule, if necessary. Call someone you trust and tell them how you are really doing. Then, put your big girl panties on and move on, because there is so much more life to live, in a new and different way.
- Be positive. You can. We can.

Why am I sending this? Well, as I alluded to earlier, I have spoken to or heard from so many of you and I try to share the same message with all, so that you will share it with someone else. So, I started this mini dissertation a few weeks ago, undecided if it should be shared. I think I made the right choice in sharing it.

Lastly, a friend shared the following with me and my friends and extended family, I am sharing it with you.

Stay healthy, safe and strong,
Virtual hugs and much love,
Iris



Resources from your Library

Check out your local library for video entertainment and education as well as ebooks, newspapers and magazines. "Kanopy" offers documentaries, educational videos, classic films, and more. Libraries are also interviewing authors – you can register for a recorded interview session. Most county libraries have on-demand self-directed education videos, tutorials, language learning, homework help, as well as music and video entertainment. Check out Niche Academy for tutorials on access to these materials.

The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims

This website has multiple levels of membership, including FREE access, and a special "Stay at Home" membership. [Check it out!](#)

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives

Keep a count, or good guesstimate, of the masks you have made. When we have made our last mask, we will collect your numbers.

FCQG has always been a strong community service guild.

Thank you for all the masks, caps, and other acts of kindness you have shared!

Upcoming Quilting Events		
Jun 27-Jul 5	71 st Annual Kutztown Folk Festival VIRTUAL EVENT	Kutztown Festival
Cancelled	AQS Quilt Week Manheim, PA, The Nook	American Quilt Society
Aug 19-22	AQS Quilt Week – Grand Rapids	American Quilt Society
Sep 2-5	AQS Quilt Week Paducah, KY (rescheduled from April)	American Quilt Society
Cancelled	AQS Quilt Week Charleston, SC	American Quilt Society
TBD	2020 Vision Quilt Show & Artisan Boutique Kensington, MD	Needle Chasers of Chevy Chase
Cancelled	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.