



# Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

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FourCountyQuilters.org



## March 2022



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### March 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda

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

- 6:30 Meet and Greet Social  
Please bring your Challenge quilt to the tables set up for them
- 6:50 Zoom attendees meet and chat
- 7:00 Agenda review for the evening  
Pass Minutes from February's meeting  
Note: Business Meeting March 8th via zoom. (It's Your Money)  
Bingo Updates  
2 ½ inch squares, join the fun  
Awesome Website Changes!  
See Library Bees for times  
Excellent Cross Stitch Samples for your focus blocks (sale)  
Challenge instructions for voting  
Survey results and Guild Concerns
- 7:10 Speaker Judi Kirk from Canterbury, England
- 8:10 Questions and Answers
- 8:20 Break (Zoomers will go to small groups & vote with poll option)
- 8:30 Agenda items & discussion
- 8:45 Review of Challenge Quilts, Voting, Show and Tell
- 8:58 Results and winner of \$50 gift certificate to Patches
- 9:00 Meeting Adjourned

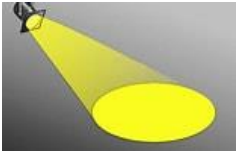


### President's Corner

Welcome March! We have waited for you for months! Spring is around the corner. We have a lot going on in the guild and I hope everyone is sewing faster than a speeding bullet, with stacks of blocks higher than the highest building and may all our seams be stronger than a toddler that jumps on the bed trying to test its limits. This month we have a great speaker from England, Judi Kirk, with some great new ideas. We have our President's Mystery Quilt Challenge due at our March meeting. Who will take Burgoyne Surrounded to the most creative limits? Who will win the \$50 gift certificate? Do not forget our April Challenge, The Gardens of Mount Vernon. So much to look forward to and being warmer is first on that list. We will be meeting in person at the church and zooming. See you then!

Bonny Kindt  
 President

## Member Spotlight – Meet Ann Marie Schmelter



It was 1976, the year of our country's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, which is noteworthy for two reasons: the year is considered the beginning of the current quilt revival, and I started my first full-time job in Manhattan. Yes, I am that old. The Cooper Hewitt Design Museum had an exhibit of antique quilts, so off I went to see it, and I was immediately smitten. However, the likelihood of actually MAKING a quilt seemed as remote to me as flying to the moon. All those small pieces fitting together so precisely! Even somewhat precisely was beyond me.

Fast forward a couple of years when I decided I would go nowhere in my job without a college degree. I had friends at the University of Buffalo, so off I went for a visit and to attend a couple of classes. I enjoyed it so much, I applied and was accepted. My residence hall had 6 quads, linked by several indoor areas that contained amenities for the students. One of these was the Creative Craft Center which had non-credit classes you could take for fun at night. In my sophomore year, a local quilter offered six 2-hour classes, all supplies included, for the princely sum of \$15. Total, not for each class. A friend wanted me to take the classes with her, but I was unsure about spending that much money. Well, as you probably have figured out, I took the class and loved it. Keep in mind that this was back in the day before rotary cutters; we made templates out of cereal boxes and hand-sewed everything.

After making a few pillows, I decided to make my boyfriend a quilt, totally by hand, with diamonds in the blocks. Yes, I was crazy, and yes, I had to marry him to get the quilt back.

Fast forward a few decades and I still have the quilt and the hubby.

My taste in quilts runs towards traditional designs, English Paper Piecing and bright colors. I have more fabric, books, patterns, and rulers than I could have imagined back in the day, but that doesn't stop me from being distracted by and buying new fabrics, book, and patterns. I'm trying to not buy any more specialty rulers; I'll let you know how that goes. One thing does remain the same: my love of hand quilting.

## President's Mystery Quilt Challenge

I am sure everyone has been discovering how easily the Burgoyne Surrounded block goes together. Remember, if you followed the instructions in the November 2021 through January 2022 newsletters your block will finish at 26 inches. Add a border and you have something for the Mt Vernon Challenge too! So, the rules:

- Must have the Burgoyne Surrounded block in it, any size.
- Single block or multiples accepted. Must be finished.
- Patriotic fabric, Floral, Christmas, it's all good, your choice.
- \$50 gift card to Patches awarded March 8th.

**IMPORTANT:** All Zoom Attendees, please send the picture of your quilt to Megan Harris (email address in directory) the day before our guild meeting. In person, bring your quilt to the challenge tables set up for review. Questions? Call Bonny Kindt (phone number in directory). Theme 'May all your troubles be surrounded'.

## Sewing Exchange 2 ½ inch Squares

Have you ever noticed that you always buy the same colors? In an opportunity to expand our creativity, we are going to start an exchange. For now, please start gathering 2 ½ inch squares for an upcoming exchange. 25 squares per bundle (not all the same fabric) You can stop at one or go make more. Stay tuned.

## Four County Quilt Guild Pins

Four County Quilt Guild Pins from years gone by will be on sale at the next few meetings for the great price of two pins for \$1.00. See you then!

## Member Kudos



Helen Choma and Claudia Chapman had a quilt accepted into the Mancuso Hampton Roads Show that occurred February 24 - 27.

*Note from the Editor: Pictures cannot do justice to this gorgeous quilt and quilting! I saw it firsthand, and it is stunning.*

## FOURCOUNTYQUILTERS.ORG

Have you visited our guild's website lately? If not, what are you waiting for! I've added lots of new content, including Block-of-the-month programs and finding free patterns online. Need to show someone a picture of our beautiful Opportunity Quilt? It's on the home page. Want to know when the next Library Bee is scheduled? Go to More/Library Bees to find out. Want to know what quilt shows are happening? Look at More/What's Happening? Are you new to quilting? I've added some resources you can check out under More/Fun and Free/New to Quilting? There's also some fun stuff, like quilters' acronyms such as FART and WOMBAT. Want to know what they mean? Look under More/Fun and Free/Quilters Acronyms.



Any questions or comments? Contact Ann Marie Schmelter (contact info in directory)

## Thank you!

I wanted to give a shoutout to the Sew Inspired Sewing Bee for helping to donate 115 pillowcases to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Cancer Center on our most recent delivery. In 2021, Sew Inspired Sewing Bee donated a total of 198 pillowcases to help put smiles on the faces of these children going through such a tough time. My nephew is still going through treatments at Johns Hopkins for Leukemia.

Thanks again for all your support!

Tessa Gordon



## Volunteers Still Needed

The Guild continues to support Tunnel 2 Towers by providing quilts to 110 homes the Foundation is donating to families of fallen soldiers and first responders. Please help by making a lap size quilt in red, white, blue and/or first responder fabrics. Longarm services also are needed.

To help, please contact Nanci Obrien (contact info in directory). Quilt kits will be available to pick up to make a quilt. Also kits available for 12" star block.

## March Guest Speaker

We will welcome Ms. Judi Kirk for our March meeting. From her website:

I have always enjoyed crafts of all kinds, from flower arranging to rug making, and I collected quilts long before I began to make them. I began patchwork and quilting more than 25 years ago, and it became a life-long passion, I am delighted to say! I enjoy all kinds of patchwork and quilting but I particularly love the bold designs of modern quilts. I am a member of both the Modern section of the Quilters Guild of the British Isles and the US-based international Modern Quilt Guild.

## March Library Bees

Please email Melinda (contact info in 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

March 5, 2022 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

March 12, 2022 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



### Eldersburg Public Library - Large Meeting Room

March 19, 2022 11:15 am – 4:00 pm

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## 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.)

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## Bingo Update

The committee has decided the admission price will be \$35. We are still tweaking the menu for lunch--final decision in April newsletter. As far as advertising, in June we will be emailing fliers to members and local guilds and will have a limited number of paper fliers available for members to share with friends. Tickets will go on sale at the July meeting to guild members and to the public the following day. As at previous bingos, tables of eight or more can reserve seats together. We need at least 5 more quilts for game prizes. Please contact Marilyn Whalen if you have a quilt you will donate.



We have five raffle baskets . . . one more would be nice. For door prizes, you can let Marilyn know if you'll make some small items. You can sign up on the trifold pledge board at the guild meetings or contact Marilyn (contact info in directory). In June we'll share info about the jobs we'll need help with on bingo day. Many jobs will allow you to still play bingo; however, a few jobs will make that impossible. If you are volunteering for a job for which you cannot play bingo, your ticket price will be adjusted accordingly. Thank you for any support you can offer!

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## Quilt Show 2023

We will be holding a quilt show in 2023 and are in the initial planning stages now. We need you to help! If you would like to be a part of putting together the 2023 FCQG Quilt Show, please let Bonnie Kindt know.

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## Quilt Retreats

<p><b>Spring Quilt Retreat:</b>            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><b>Fall Quilt Retreat</b>            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 directory)



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

There are still 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.

### For Sale:

Hi Quilters,

My wife, Mary Etta Landis, passed away recently. She was an avid quilter and crafts person. I am selling some of her sewing machines. All are in excellent condition.

Dave is available to answer questions about the machines: [landis38@yahoo.com](mailto:landis38@yahoo.com)

1. Baby Lock Solaris Embroidery Machine. (Model BLSA) Purchased 2019, excellent condition, with table. \$10,000.00.
2. BabyLock Imagine Serger (Model BLEW1AT) Excellent Condition: \$1000.00
3. Baby Lock Jubilant (Model BLE1AT). Excellent condition, \$300.00.

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

### The Lancaster Quilt Show

The Lancaster Quilt Show will be held at the Doubletree Willow Valley Resort March 23-26. This show will feature 40+ vendors, classes and demonstrations, as well as an antique quilt show. The location makes this show perfect for a day trip, so grab your quilting pals and plan a road trip to Lancaster!



### 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](http://www.nsvquiltshow.com)



### 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/>

### 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](http://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."

## 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

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Mar 23-26	Lancaster Quilt Show	DoubleTree Resort by Hilton
Apr 22-24	Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show	<a href="http://www.nsvquiltshow.com">www.nsvquiltshow.com</a>
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	<a href="http://www.annapolisquiltguild.org">www.annapolisquiltguild.org</a>
Sep 29-Oct 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo	Fredericksburg, VA
Nov 11-12	Tidewater Quilt Guild Show	<a href="http://www.tggva.org">www.tggva.org</a>

Meeting information on next page...

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

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**Minutes and Treasurer's Report on following pages...**

**FCQG**  
**February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Speaker:**

This month's speaker was Sandra Mollon. Her quilts were fabulous, looking just like photographs. Check out her website: [www.sandramollonquilts.com](http://www.sandramollonquilts.com)

**Bylaws Committee:**

President Bonny Kindt reported that the Bylaws committee will have a report next month.

**Website:**

Check it out! [Fourcountyquilters.org](http://Fourcountyquilters.org)

**Member Survey:**

An electronic member survey will be sent out. It is critical that all members complete this survey.

**Service Project: Tunnels 2 Towers**

Nanci O'Brien reported that quilts for this project should be  $\geq 50 \times 60$  inches. She has kits, fabrics, etc. for members who can help. Completed quilts are due at the end of summer.

**Opportunity Quilt:**

Sue Heslin reported on the current schedule for ticket sales and is looking for volunteers to staff these events.

**Newsletter Spotlight Member:**

Margaret Minton spoke about her extensive quilt journey.

**Membership Pins:**

Pins will be on sale at the March meeting, 2 for \$1.00

**President's Challenge**

Don't forget!

**Quilt Retreat/Workshops/Bees:**

- 1) The Library Bee schedule, with updates, is published in the newsletter.
- 2) Guild retreats at Camp Pecometh retreats on 4/7-10/22 and 8/18-21/22.  
No change from February newsletter
- 3) Mt. Vernon quilt challenge – Contact Cecil Marzulli for details.

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

Committee is moving forward.

**Show and Tell**

Amazing quilts were shown by AnnMarie Schmelter, Tessa Gordon, Robin Keyser, Lauri (sorry but I missed your last name), Margaret Minton, and Nancy Willett.

**Door Prizes**

Door prizes were given.

**Next Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 7 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Dieringer-Boyer