

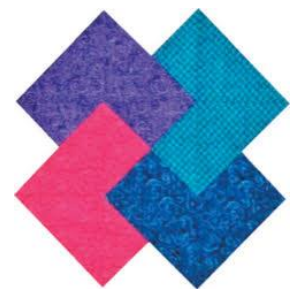


# Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org



## May 2022



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### May 10, 2022 Meeting Agenda

\*\*\*Banquet\*\*\*

Sign up by contacting Maryjean Spencer

This meeting will be in person only; no Zoom Meeting tonight

- 6:00 Arrive for Banquet**
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Business:
  - Pass April's Minutes
  - Membership pins are still available
  - Bingo is being planned for October 9th
  - Quilts in the Park date is September 17th
  - The challenge for Quilts in the Park is:
    - 'Wild Life' (any size) - Awesome prizes
  - A Spring Challenge is being planned by committee
  - Opportunity Quilt updates
- 8:00 LET THE PARTY BEGIN!
  - Raffle
  - Games
  - Show & Tell
  - Raffle



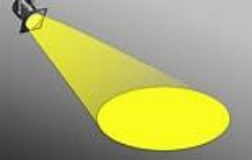
### President's Corner

We have had quite a ride these last two years. It has felt like going through a tunnel but now we are stepping back into the light. The view on the other side of this tunnel/pandemic is different but the friendships are something we took with us and met others on the way. I thank everyone for tolerating my learning curve and forgetfulness. I have seen some great quilts made for loved ones and made for donation to unknown recipients. There is something to admire in everyone.

I look forward to working with everyone over the coming year! I know we will be in good hands and this mighty guild will be stepping out of the dark of the pandemic and into the light of the sunshine and blue skies!

Bonny Kindt  
 President

## Member Spotlight – Meet Leslie Cole!



My name is Leslie Cole and I live in Mount Airy, MD, right across the street from Twin Ridge Elementary School. I've been married to Randy for almost 35 years, and we have one son, Ryan. I've spent the last 34 years working at Marriott International in hotels and at the headquarters in Bethesda. I have been a traditional scrapbooker for 25 years and recently started working on digital scrapbooking.

Last year, I realized that I was no longer taking many photos because my son is grown, and our dog of 11 years has passed. I wanted to find a new hobby, so I tried crochet and knitting but didn't really care for either. I hadn't done any sewing for 40+ years so wasn't sure if I would like quilting. I decided to buy a Bernette B36 as a starter sewing machine last March and began to experiment with quilting placemats to learn the basics and then moved on to create several throw quilts. I loved it so much I realized I would need a bigger, better machine so I recently purchased a Bernina 770 QE Plus.

I have found that quilting satisfies my desire to "touch and feel" the materials just as I found with scrapbooking - I love all the colorful paper and embellishments! This is the same with quilting; instead of paper and stickers, now I am collecting fabric and thread. I have often thought that if I had it all to do over again, I would own an Office Supply store so I could play with all the paper, pens, clips, etc.!

I am currently working on a queen size quilt for my son. I want to be able to say that I did all the work myself, and so far, I have quilted all my projects on my domestic machine. This one will be a challenge to complete, but I am experimenting with edge-to-edge quilting to see if I can make that work. I am enjoying learning from all the talented members of the guild and looking forward to participating in many upcoming activities. You are all so inspiring. I'm hoping to retire in a couple of years so I can spend more time on this new passion (and need the new puppy to grow up a little so I can re-open my sewing room).

## Fall Quilt Challenge

Quilting  
Challenge



We will hold our next quilt challenge at *Quilts in the Park* on Saturday, September 17, 2022. The theme is "Wildlife". Your quilt could include woodland animals, birds, reptiles, fish, or any other kind of wildlife you might find outdoors in North America or throughout the world. (No, that does not include your teenagers or rowdy neighbors, although some of them may lead a pretty wild life sometimes.) Your entry can be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, embellished, or a combination of techniques. Use your imagination. Your quilt can be king size, tiny, 30" by 30", anywhere in between, or incorporated into a bag, table runner, or other useful item, but it must be quilted.

## Quilters' Tea

The Quilters' Tea will be on Saturday June 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It will be at Nancy Willet's house or in her yard depending on the weather. Nancy lives on an historic farm that has been in her family for many years. Her address is 5501 Griffith Road, Laytonsville. You will need to put in Gaithersburg for directions, as Laytonsville does not work.

Get your fascinators ready. They are optional, however... There will be prizes for the most creative homemade fascinator, the prettiest, vintage and the largest fascinator. We will have information at the May Guild meeting on how to sign up. You can sign up to bring a sweet or savory treat to share. Bring a quilt for show and tell, as well as a folding chair. We can visit, enjoy tea and tasty sweets and savories, play a game, and view quilts on a pretty Spring Day. It is a great chance to get to know more of our members. Hope to see you there!



*Quilter's Tea*

## Quilts in the Park 2022

If you would like to help make the first item for the "Quilts in the Park" craft table, we're having a sewing session on Friday, May 13, from 10:00-2:00 at Marilyn Whalen's house. Linda Dickinson and Marilyn will be teaching you to make a 2 ½" square "Bitsy Box" ready for purchasers to fill with candy, money, trinkets, etc. We'll have the supplies--just bring your machine with white and black thread and a bagged lunch--Marilyn will have something sweet for you to enjoy! Please RSVP to Marilyn (contact info in directory).



## Sewing Exchange 2 ½ inch Squares

The two- and half-inch square exchange continues! Please bring your next set of 25 to the banquet for another exchange of 2 ½" squares.



## Tunnel 2 Towers Recap

The guild's current term volunteer project is to make 100 quilts for homes given mortgage-free to survivors of fallen first responders and military. By the end of June we still need about 35 quilts to make the goal. PLEASE HELP! Make an approximate 50" x 60" lap quilt in red, white, blue or first responder fabric. I'll have some quilt kits available at the May meeting. If you've taken a kit or star block from a previous meeting, please get them sewn and returned. Also, I have fabric for tops and wide backings if you need. Thanks in advance for making this project a success!

Nanci Obrien (Contact info in directory)

## Refreshments



The church has approved refreshments for our meetings. We need sign-ups for future meetings starting in June. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings or you can call me (contact info in directory).

Thank you --Linda Beavers

## May 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.

**Eldersburg Public Library - Large Meeting Room**

May 7, 2022 – 10:00 – 4:00 pm

## Bingo Update

A sandwich menu will be the lunch offering. We will also have baked items available for purchase!



The committee will be ordering supplies and finalizing marketing and advertising materials this month. For the June meeting we will have flyers ready for emailing and some paper flyers for distribution. At our July meeting, tickets will go on sale to members . . . more info about that at the June meeting.

We have six baskets for raffles so we're set. We have 25 quilts pledged which is the minimum needed for the 20 games, the 4 Specials and the Jackpot. More quilts would be appreciated as we can pair up some of the smaller quilts as a prize. Door prizes are always a hit so please help in that area if you can. Thank you for any support you can offer!

Remember Sunday, October 9, doors open at noon--put the date on your calendar.

## Quilt Retreats

**August Quilt Retreat – August 18-21, 2022** - Camp Pecometh, 401 Jack Elliot Way, Centreville, MD 21617

Double Rate: \$377.00 – 3 nights, 6 meals

Double Rate: \$293.00 – 2 nights, 5 meals

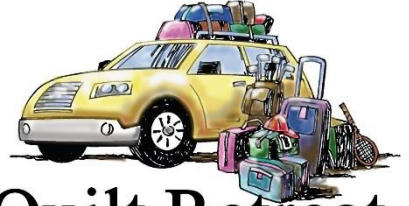
Single rate: \$569.00 – 3 nights, 6 meals

Checks can be made out to Four County Quilters Guild and mailed to:

Melinda Horner

P.O, Box 40

Walkersville, Maryland 21793



## Quilt Retreat

Spots still available for the **August Retreat**.

Please contact Melinda Horner (contact info in directory) for more information.

### FCQG Members:

How do you define a bad day? Read the following from beginning to end and do what it says at the end. Then, define what is a bad day?

#### Worst Day Ever?

By Chanie Gorkin

Today was the absolute worst day ever  
 And don't try to convince me that  
 There's something good in every day  
 Because, when you take a closer look,  
 This world is an evil place.  
 Even if  
 Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
 Satisfaction and happiness don't last.  
 And it's not true that  
 It's all in the mind and heart  
 Because  
 True happiness can be attained  
 Only if one's surroundings are good  
 It's not true that good exists  
 I'm sure you can agree that  
 The reality  
 Creates  
 My attitude  
 It's all beyond my control  
 And you'll never in a million years hear me say  
 Today was a very good day.

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way, and see what I feel about my day.



## Member Request

### The Joanna S. Rose Red and White Quilt Collection - On Exhibit until September 10, 2022

International Quilt Museum

University of Nebraska Lincoln, 1523 N. 33rd St. Holdrege St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68503, 402-472-6549

Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts last displayed March 25, - March 30, 2011 at the Park Avenue Armory by the American Folkart Museum of New York City in celebration of Joanna S. Rose's birthday. This collection has been inherited by the International Quilt Museum.

I am planning to go to the International Quilt Museum to see this exhibit. If anyone would like to travel with me or if we have a "group" to make the trip, I would love to get together and discuss this great Quilt Adventure. If you are interested, please email me (contact info in directory).

Melinda Horner

## Proposed Bylaw Changes for our Guild

Over the course of the past several months, the bylaw committee composed of Joan Watkins, Vicki Brewer, Linda Beavers, Kristi Dillard and Mary Jo Richmond met to review and update our bylaws. The proposed document is just that, a proposed document with some changes that might take us through the next few years. If you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to discuss, please reach out to a committee member or call or email Mary Jo Richmond (contact info in directory). Many of the changes can be described as editorial with words like create being changed to creating. Also, because we now have the capacity to have virtual meetings in the case of a weather event, we used language to update the cancellation policy. Other changes were more substantial, and those highlights follow. Please remember that these are proposed bylaws. We will be discussing them over the next several months before adopting the entire document.



Articles I and II: the paragraph in Article I on purpose was moved to Article II which is about Purpose.

Article III: Membership: added some new language in this section.

Article IV: New officer structure will include Past President, President, and President-Elect. President Elect will be a move-up position to the president. President-Elect will not be Program Chair. This section also describes the duties of the officers. We have changed the description of duties of treasurer from requiring our books to being audited to being reviewed quarterly. Marilyn Whelan and Carol Collins have presented a well-written policy that can serve as the first policy of our guild that very accurately describes what has to be done. The first quarterly review has already been scheduled.

Article V: no changes.

Article VI: changed the number of officers on the Board of Directors to reflect the new position (past-president), added two lines that state that Committee chairs are encouraged to attend Board meetings and that board meetings are open to all members.

Article VII: added the option of a virtual meeting at the discretion of the board in the case of snow.

Article VIII: changed the dates of when we collect dues. Dues should be paid by July 15th to reflect the fiscal year of July 1 - June 30th. Other membership committee work was updated.

Article IX: No officer may approve an unbudgeted expenditure exceeding \$75 - this was increased to \$150.00. (without the approval of the majority of Guild members present....)

The proposed bylaws can be viewed at the end of this newsletter following the Treasurer's Report.



## Upcoming Quilt Shows

### 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

### Faithful Circle Quilt Show:

Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, Md., will celebrate the art of quilting with the **Garden Party Quilt Show 2022**, on May 19, 20, and 21, 2022.

The **Garden Party Quilt Show 2022** showcases quilts made by group members and will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md.

More than 300 quilts displayed include traditional, modern, and art quilts of all sizes and a wide range of quilting techniques. In addition, there will be quilting technique demonstrations, quilting vendors, a \$10-and-under boutique, a silent auction, peddler's table, raffle baskets and quilt art presentations.

The show also features the guild's award-winning raffle quilt, *Starlit Garden*, which placed second at the 2021 Maryland State Fair. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held on May 21, 2022. Winner need not be present to win.

The Garden Party Quilt Show hours are Thursday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$10.00 for the whole weekend. Children 10 and under are free. Parking is free.

### 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."

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
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>

**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: 4cggisfun  
Phone Number: 301-715-8592,  
Meeting ID: 4041727482#  
Password: 800720123# US (Washington D.C)

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Mary Jo Richmond, Membership  
(contact info in directory)  
Maryjean Spencer, Newsletter  
(contact info in directory)

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

**FCQG**  
**April 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

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

The March 2022 Guild minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

New Member: Janel Jenkins

Returning Member: Deb Curtis

The Carol Yonetz fabric sale continued.

The 2.5" square exchange was held.

**Speaker:**

This month's speaker was Barbara Burnham. She told us of her quilt journey using "One Stitch at a Time", We also learned about the usefulness of blue Dawn in removing color bleeding.

Check out her website: <https://www.barbaramburnham.com/>

**Treasurer/Budget Review:**

Treasurer Marilyn Whalen reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 budget for the members.

The budget will be approved by the membership at the May meeting.

**Bylaws**

Mary Jo Richmond reported that the review and approval of the proposed changes will occur section by section over the next several months.

The membership approved the changes to Sections I and II at the April meeting.

**May Annual Meeting and Banquet (Tuesday, 5/10/22, 6:30 pm, Calvary Methodist Church)**

Our next month's meeting is our annual meeting and banquet.

The membership voted to transfer unspent funds of \$412 from the December meeting budget and an additional \$500 to the annual meeting budget for a total May banquet budget of \$1412.

Contact Maryjean Spencer to sign up for a dish to bring or a monetary contribution.

**Virginia Quilt Museum Trip (Saturday, 5/14)**

Those carpooling for this trip will get details from trip organizer, Marilyn Whalen.

**Spring Tea (Saturday, 6/4/22, 1 – 4 pm at Nancy Willett's house):**

Contact Karen Carpenter to sign up to bring a sweet or savory dish for the tea.

Don't forget to wear a fascinator for the contest.

**Quilts in the Park (Saturday, 9/17/22, Piney Run Park)**

Quilts in the Park will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Start time is yet to be determined.

A quilt challenge will be held as well. The theme is "Wildlife" and it can be any size the quilter the desires.

Challenge quilts will be due at the event.

**Quilt Bingo (Sunday, 10/09/22, doors open at 12:00 pm, Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company):**

Mary Jo Richmond's son will serve as caller for the bingo.

The committee needs three more quilts for game prizes and more door prizes.

Contact Marilyn Whalen to pledge a quilt.

**"Gardens of Mt. Vernon" Quilt Challenge:**

Seven quilts were entered, and they were all beautiful.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Kristi Dillard. She won \$100

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Robin Keyser. She won \$50.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was Vicki Brewer. She won \$25.



**Website Scavenger Hunt**

The winner was Leslie Cole.

Leslie won a rotary cutting mini mat with 1x6" ruler and an Oh Sew! Organized Stash & Store.

**Show and Tell**

Amazing quilts were shown by Annette Dietrich, Megan Mathews, Adrienne Smith, Ann Marie Schmelter, Jeanne Luke, Sandy Denning, Jane Dennis, Olga Schrichte, Janel Jenkins, and Bonny Kindt

**Door Prizes**

Door prizes were given.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dieringer-Boyer

**More information on following pages.**