

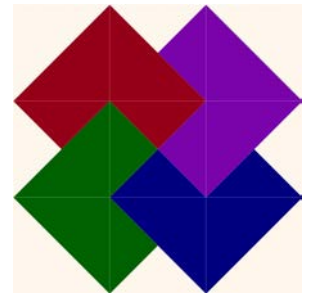


Four County Quilters Guild

Founded in 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org

Quilt Forward!



October 13, 2020 – 6:45pm Virtual Guild Meeting

Happy Birthday!

Ava Boyer	2-Oct
Maureen Dixon	2-Oct
Pam Copenhaver	7-Oct
Libi Driggers	8-Oct
Lucy McGinty	12-Oct
Dawn Cynamon	14-Oct
Ann Marie Schmelter	15-Oct
Ila Beck	20-Oct
Megan Harris	20-Oct
Jeanie Edmonds	22-Oct
Rhonda Madden	23-Oct
Phyllis Miller	23-Oct
Diane McCurdy	24-Oct
Linda Beavers	25-Oct
Julie Howell	30-Oct

2020-2021 Guild Officers

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



Picking Mrs. Bobbins out of a crowd has always been really easy.

Zoom Meeting – October 13, 6:45pm

Topic: Four County Quilt Guild Meeting

Time: October 13, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US, Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 404 172 7482, Password: 800720123

Agenda

6:45 pm: Zoom Meeting connecting with other guild members

7:00 pm: Welcome/Birthdays/ Minutes and More

7:10 pm: Sylvia Schaefer presents her lecture, *Quilts from Science*

8:10 pm: Business updates, brief discussion

Voting to accept bylaws as amended in the September Minutes

President's Pocket Quilts

Quilts in the Park Picnic Pictures

Challenge for 2020 TBA

Business meeting/Committee updates

Show and Tell

Door Prizes

Meeting adjourned

President's Message

I was putting together a quilt block in front of my sewing room window when a blue butterfly caught my eye. As I looked up, it was gone in a second and was replaced by a hummingbird. The little guy was face to face with me inches from the screen. It lasted for maybe 10 seconds or so. I thought it was special because, here I did not follow my own advice and sew outside but the outside was looking in!. Then I realized that the fabric I was piecing was red. No wonder. While he may not have seen me, he was a joy. The joy is all around us, you just have to look up.

Happy Sewing, Bonny Kindt President

FCQG September 8, 2020, Meeting Minutes via Zoom

President Bonny Kindt began the meeting at 7:00 with tips for members to keep in mind as we conduct virtual meetings. She said a vote will be coming on the bylaws changes.

Vice President Melinda Horner introduced our guest speaker Kathy Doughty from Sydney, Australia. Kathy's love is applique using big scale, colorful prints. She owns her own shop, has written several quilting books, teaches workshops, designs fabrics, and does much more! She shared numerous quilts from the books she has written. Her newest workshop is "Organic Applique." Some tips she offered were: use variegated Wonderfil Threads—Pearl 8—EF-01, which comes in ten neutral colors; use wash-away paper for applique pieces; read Quilt Mania, which is her favorite quilting magazine; and try repetitive stitches to hold fabric—The Japanese method is called "boro" while the Indian method is called "kantha".

Ideas for a guild picnic were presented by Libi Driggers who is working on this task with Vicki Brewer and Nanci O'Brien. The proposed date is Friday, October 2, starting at 11:00 at Piney Run Park in Carroll County. A pavilion is available for rental for \$200. We have \$500 budgeted for our 2020 spring banquet and \$500 for our holiday 2020 dinner that is available to use for this picnic, if the guild votes to transfer the money. Some of that budgeted money could be used to cater a lunch from a restaurant like Panera or Chick-Fil-A or possibly a food truck could be brought in. Members would bring lawn chairs, sit distanced from one another and wear masks. "Show and Tell" with items made during the months at home would be shared and there would be a table for free fabric/items donations. Bonny asked for a show of hands of who would be interested in participating in a picnic and the majority of attendees indicated "yes." Libi Driggers made a motion that we subsidize up to \$1,000 (but probably much less!) for a caterer & pavilion rental. Discussion followed and focused on the negatives of a picnic during COVID, cost of renting pavilion versus poor weather, safety of food that would be brought in as well as the cost if the event had to be cancelled due to weather. We tried to vote on this motion, but the voting mechanism on Zoom would not work. Though Bonny wanted to vote by show of hands, some members thought the vote should be anonymous and that the entire guild should vote on this issue. Bonny reminded participants that according to our bylaws, motions are to be voted on by the members who are present at the meeting. It was decided that the questions that need to be addressed would be put on the website for members to vote on. Picnic decisions will be tabled until results are tabulated.

In Vicki Brewer's absence, Carol Dowdle announced the winners of the "Where's Waldo?" Challenge. In the "Art" category, first prize went to Linda Kalman for "Tree of Life," second prize to Ann Marie Schmelter for "Morning Stroll," and third prize to Jane Schiemer for "Mega Star." In the "Traditional" category, first prize went to Melinda Horner for "The Best Farm," and second prize to Robin Keyser for "The Great Smokey Mountains." Awards will be arriving by mail.

Bonny reminded members that we can have a challenge each year, and members can submit suggestions for the coming year.

Bonny announced a business meeting (Zoom) on Wednesday, September 23, from 7-9:00. She asked all committee chairs to join in as well as encouraged all members to participate. Roberts Rules of Order will be in place. Problems can be voiced at this time.

Iris reminded members that the next quilt retreat will be planned for fall of 2021.

Bonny asked members for ideas for simple crafts that the guild could do at the December Zoom meeting. Email her or Melinda with suggestions. Bonny will present the idea of "Pocket Quilts" at the October meeting.

If you can help, check the September newsletter p. 7 for the request for help with making masks for the Catactin Furnace Historical Society. FCQG member Damita Green can be contacted for more information.

We still get a discount at Patches on guild meeting nights.

The Maryland Historical Society is reopening this weekend. Of interest might be "Wild & Untamed" Dunton's Discovery of the Baltimore Applique quilts.

Show & Tell was presented by: Ann Marie Schmelter, Linda Kalman, Margaret Minton, Jane Dennis and Bonny Kindt.

Door prizes donated by Web Fabrics were won by: Libi Driggers, Diane Van Lonkhuzen, Cecilia Marzulli, Connie Richman, Billie Meseke and Dawn Cynamon.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Whalen
Secretary

FCQG September 23, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes via Zoom

Old Business:

- President Bonny Kindt began with discussion on the by-law changes. Comments should be sent to Joan Watkins. Members received the draft in the September newsletter. Voting on acceptance will be done at the October 13 guild meeting.
- The September newsletter will be approved at the October meeting and then posted on the website. Kay Campbell Anderson noted one correction - instances of "Quickbooks" should have been "Quicken". Errors noted should be sent to secretary Marilyn Whalen.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: See Sharon Harris's report in the October newsletter.
- Membership: Chair Chris Rhodes asked that renewals be done via the guild website. Membership is at 147. Chris will contact the 28 members who have not renewed.
- Communications:
 - Website--Iris Johnson and Jane Schiemer were complimented on the website. The bylaws will be posted there after approval.
 - Newsletter--Kay requested a list of the committee chairs. Bonny will send that to her. Kay said two members are having the newsletter snail mailed.
 - Facebook--Kate Vastermark was not in attendance. Bonny will check in with her. Iris reached out earlier this week and will try again to see if Kate needs help. Dawn Cynamon emphasized that Kate be kept in the information loop and sent planned content for posting. Advantages to using Facebook to post happenings and advertise the guild were noted. Robin Keyser asked if we were a closed group on Facebook. Dawn thought "no" because we do get visitors on our site.
 - Google Suite--Email addresses for board members and a few others were established this week.
- Philanthropy: Chair Dawn Cynamon reported The Carroll County Arts Council and the Delaplaine are recommended as possible recipients of our \$250 donation. Dawn listed considerations for each. Bonny made a motion to increase the budgeted donation amount. There was no second so the motion died. Dawn recommended Carroll County get the donation because they are smaller. Debbie Brehm said voting on this issue would be appropriate because it meets the budget limit and the committee has

met its goals. Bonny called for a vote; the majority of attendees approved. Dawn will contact Sharon Harris with the check mailing info.

- Community Quilts: Chair Marywhite Oliver, Cindy Leonard & Carol Zahorodny are collecting the charity quilts. Currently, 10-15 are ready for distribution; however, organizations are not accepting them yet. The quilts are earmarked for hospice and for foster kids who are graduating from the system. Members are encouraged to continue working on piecing, binding, quilting, etc. Marywhite will collect/distribute quilts at "Quilters in the Park" on Oct. 2. Sue Dieringer Boyer and Linda Beavers volunteered to bind some; Bonny volunteered to quilt some. The committee is preparing a slide show for the guild of the 90-95 quilts that have been made so far.
- 2021 Spring Quilt Retreat--Chair Iris Johnson said it is too early to make a decision.
- 2021 Fall Quilt Bingo--Chair Marilyn Whalen said it is too early to make a decision.
- Quilt Show--Chair Iris Johnson is 90% sure a show will not happen until 2022 due to COVID and vendor scarcity.
- Bees--Chair Marilyn Whalen asked Kay to talk about bees 'use of Google Suites as a virtual meeting option. Advantages were mentioned. Kay offered help in training, and Marilyn will email each bee's contact person about the opportunity. Our Zoom account can be used also; however, that requires a member monitoring its use because only one URL is available for the guild. Members should contact Bonny to use Zoom for a bee.

The difficulty of joining a bee was discussed. Iris said new members get discouraged when openings are not available. Linda Beavers suggested new members be encouraged to join committees to help out and to get to know other members. Once a new member fills out an interest form, Marilyn will contact the person when an opening comes up and try to facilitate opportunities for forming new bees. Marilyn said in the past year at least three new bees have formed due to someone initiating a start-up. Debbie Brehm reiterated that it is not the guild's task to find bees for people nor should bees be used as a membership incentive, since only a few existing bees have openings.

- Welcoming Committee--TBD--Bonny will ask for volunteers at the October meeting. Melinda will write a "Help Wanted" paragraph listing the job description per Dawn's suggestion. Sue Dieringer Boyer suggested this committee provide some type of introduction to guild activities.
- Banquet Committee: Bonny recapped the "Quilts in the Park" on Oct. 2. All members are welcome; an enjoyable afternoon is being planned. Large plastic bags will be used to cover the quilts if weather necessitates. Bonny will have yardsticks around the area to remind members about keeping 6' distancing. Don Driggers will be our photographer. Bonny has four passes for those under the age of 62—contact her.
- Historian: TBD--A volunteer will be sought at the October meeting.
- Photographer: TBD--A volunteer will be sought at the October meeting. Bonny will ask Megan Harris to send photos from ZOOM meetings to Iris for possible posting on the website . . . names for each quilt are not needed.
- Robert's Rules of Order--Marilyn made a motion that the guild purchase a few copies of this book for a reference when conducting meetings. Iris seconded the motion. Discussion: The newly published 12th Edition featuring rules for electronic meetings is available in paperback for \$17.99. The electronic version costs more. Iris is concerned that guild-owned items seem to disappear. If ordered, she suggested that Sharon Harris add the purchase to the guild inventory that she maintains. Marilyn suggested ordering two copies--one for the president and the other for the parliamentarian, who will be

Nancy Willett. Copies would move to the new officer each year. Bonny called for a show of hands in favor of purchasing two copies of the paperback version. The majority of attendees approved. Marilyn will order two copies from Amazon.

- 2021 Guild Quilt Challenge: Chair Vicki Brewer suggested “Hindsight from 2020” and Melinda Horner suggested “Cherry Blossoms.” Melinda will write up a description for each challenge. Bonny made a motion that we have two challenges. Iris seconded the motion. After brief discussion, Bonny called for a vote and the majority voted in favor. Melinda will write up the specifics for each challenge including prize distribution; information will be in the October newsletter. Bonny said \$200 is budgeted for prizes.
- Spring Tea: Chair TBD--Bonny said this event will probably have to be outside. She encouraged the committee to look for an outdoor space within Frederick County. Iris suggested “Blue Dreams” which is a tearoom & lavender farm off of Old Annapolis Road be considered. Melinda will write a “Help Wanted” description for this committee. Iris will add a “Help Wanted” page to the website.
- Melinda suggested that since we may be moving to outdoor events for the foreseeable future, we consider adding a “Chance Auction” to the next outdoor event that comes along. She thinks we could accomplish this with COVID precautions.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Whalen, Secretary

October Guild Program: Sylvia Schaefer of Flying Parrot Quilts

Sylvia Schaefer presents her lecture *Quilts from Science*

Inspiration is everywhere—in my case, I often find it in science. I'll show you my quilts and talk about the science behind them. You'll leave with a few fun new factoids about the way the world works and inspiration to look to your own career for quilt ideas.

Sylvia's background as an environmental scientist and oceanographer, shows her love of combining her science career with her love of sewing. She has created quilts that convey some aspect of science, yet are still beautiful to look at. Not all of her quilts are science-related though--she also love fresh modern designs and bright colors. She blogs at Flying Parrot Quilts.

Visit Sylvia's website at www.flyingparrotquilts.com where you can learn more about Sylvia, view her gallery, purchase her patterns and book, as well as finding links to Sylvia on social media.

www.flyingparrotquilts.com



Community Quilts

Marywhite Oliver and the Community Quilts Committee thank the guild members for their generous contribution of 90+ quilts to distributed across the four county community. Though Covid 19 has restricted the actual delivery of quilts at present, the organizations set to receive quilts are delighted to be recipients. Two of the organizations are:

Foster children in all four counties, who are turning 18 and will be "graduating" from the foster care programs (also known as "aging out") will receive quilts made by FCOG.

Montgomery County Kids - Pediatric Hospice Services will also receive quilts made by guild members.

Other organizations will be shared with you in the future.

Would you like to participate? Lap to Twin size quilts are requested – these are general sizes and do not need to be exact. You can also volunteer to quilt or bind quilts. Please contact me at quiltimo@gmail.com

Thank you!
Marywhite

FCQG Committee Committees -- Volunteers Needed

The Guild currently needs volunteers to fill these much needed positions.

Welcoming Committee

Several people are needed to work together to greet and connect with visitors and new members. Though the Guild is meeting virtually, reaching out and connecting with visitors and new members is still very important. Committee members would work together as a team sharing the duties and responsibilities.

Resources such as a "New Member" brochure and a guild business card are available along with previously used materials that could be updated. These types of items could be mailed to visitors and new members as their contact information is received. Possibly creating a form for them to fill out expressing their quilting interests could be developed. A phone call or a thank you note sent after attending one of our virtual meetings would be a positive gesture. Visitors and new members should be invited to return to the next meeting where a "Pre-Meeting" Meet and Greet with the committee members could take place before the regular scheduled guild time. This would provide a small group setting for new people to be introduced to one another and to ask questions about the guild. When we were meeting in person, it was kind to introduce a visitor or new member to other guild members. This was a practice appreciated by our visitors and new members.

These are only suggestions. Those who volunteer for this committee would work together to create the best plan to approach visitors and new members.

Photographer(s)

The Guild is in need of volunteer(s) to photograph our gatherings and events. This will be needed more when the Guild is able to meet in person. If an outdoor event is taking place, photographs would be taken to share on the Guild's Website, on Facebook, and on Zoom, where our Zoom facilitator can create slideshows for our monthly meetings. It would be nice to have volunteers to share the responsibilities in case someone will be absent from a guild activity or meeting. This is an exciting opportunity to get up close to exquisite quilts and their makers!

Spring Tea 2021

Volunteers are needed to host a Spring Tea. This would involve gathering information about possible sites, choosing a location and planning the specifics of the event. It has been suggested that a state, city, town, or county park in Frederick County be used for this event. This is a great opportunity to meet other guild members and spark new friendships.

See Committee list -- next page

FCQG Committees as of 9/27/20

Committees — 2020-2021	Chairperson
Bees	Marilyn Whalen
By-laws & Policy Making	Joan Watkins
Challenge Quilts 2021	Vicki Brewer & Melinda Horner
Communications—Facebook	Kate Vestemark
Communications—Newsletter	Kay Campbell Anderson
Communications—Website	Iris Johnson & Jane Schiemer
Communications—Wellness	Ruth Poffenberger
Communications—Zoom Coordinator	Megan Harris
Service Projects/Community Quilts	Marywhite Oliver
Door Prizes	Ann Marie Schmelter
Hospitality	Linda Beavers
Meeting Location Search	Iris Johnson
Membership	Chris Rhodes
Nominations—Spring 2021	TBD
Opportunity Quilt 2021	Melinda Horner
Philanthropy	Dawn Cynamon
Photographer	TBD
Pre-Meeting Demos	TBD
Programs/Workshops	Melinda Horner
Quilt Bingo—Fall 2021	Marilyn Whalen
Quilts in the Park	Bonny Kindt
Quilt Retreats	Iris Johnson
Quilt Show— Summer 2022	Iris Johnson
Social—Quilts in the Park	Libi Driggers
Social—2021 Spring Tea	TBD
Welcome	TBD

2020 Challenge

This year the 4COG challenge subject was, "Where in The World is Waldo?" The idea was taken from the children's books in which Waldo travels to different countries and immerses himself in the customs of that culture. Our quilters were challenged to create a quilt based on their own travel experiences and using some of the fabrics that they had collected along the way. There were two categories: Art Quilts or Traditional Quilts.

After several delays caused by our new quarantine lifestyle, the quilts were finally posted on the website and the winners were selected by membership vote!

The winners are:

Traditional Quilt category:

1st place and \$50.00 went to Linda Kalman for her original quilt design, portraying Southwestern Native American culture.

2nd place and \$25.00 was awarded to Ann Marie Schmelter for her quilt recalling a recent trip to Alaska.

3rd place and \$15.00 went to Jane Schiemer for her quilt with an unusual placement of the Texas Lone Star pattern.

The voting was very close in this category and the winners were separated by only 2%! Hurrah for them!

Art Quilt category:

1st place and \$50.00 went to Melinda Horner for her original design portraying a local historical farm.

2nd place and \$25.00 went to Robin Keyser for her quilted panel she obtained while traveling to the Smokey Mountains. New to quilting, she designed and quilted her creation completely on her own!

Congratulations to all of the entrants and winners!

And so . . . next year? . . . **Will YOU** participate?

Send ideas for the next challenge to me at jandvbrewer@gmail.com

The following suggestions have been submitted:

Cherry Blossoms. The arrival of Cherry Blossoms means consistently warmer daytime temperatures and welcoming longer days of sunlight.

Hindsight is 2020 – LOTS of ideas from 2020!

Let the Games Begin! – So many interpretations!



Do these potential challenges suggest other ideas? Send your ideas to Vicki and Melinda!

**** FOR SALE ****

Downsizing Sale

1- Handquilter Simply 16 on 10 foot studio frame, automatic bobbin winder, ruler base, Red Snappers, Tevo tension gauge, tools for assembly, 8 bobbins, posterior handles, laser light, needles. \$4000. OBO

2- Featherweight, serial number AH126853. Sews beautifully recently serviced with new LED light, carrying case with tray and several feet. Original booklet. \$435.

3- Vintage Jones hand-crank sewing machine with yellow rose decal (scratched). Bobbin intact. Wooden case. \$400

4 - Brother Scan n Cut 2 CM650WX. Used once extra format sheet. \$150.



5 – Accuquilt electric cutter with 3 dies. Used once \$350

6 – Pfaff Creative Performance sewing and embroidery machine, Plastic case for sewing machine and fabric case for embroidery unit. 4 hoops, additionally Grand Dream hoop and Grand continuous hoop. Multiple feet including 6D embroidery foot. Included in sale choice of ten embroidery programs from my stash. \$1400.

7 – Singer basic serger, \$30

For all above, buyer is responsible for take down, transportation, shipping or reassembly or any associated cost.

Contact Libi Driggers 301-663-3778, 301-676-8470, or libidriggs@aol.com

Husqvarna Viking Designer SE Sewing/Embroidery Machine

Via the FCQG Website:

Designer SE is in excellent condition, would be serviced prior to purchase, includes 17 feet and Viking foot storage case, including the interchangeable Dual Feed Foot, + Sensor Buttonhole Foot, Ruffler Foot, Mega Hoop (360 mm x 150mm), Hoop (240mm x 150mm), Hoop (100mm x 100mm), and 34 Bobbins. All original manuals and CDs plus servicing with documentation. I live locally and could deliver it. I am asking \$800.00.

Contact me @ janicelinder@comcast.net or 443-324-8888.

Thanks for your consideration!

Janice Linder

Upcoming Quilting Events		
Oct 2	Quilts in the Park	
Dec 3-5	Houston Virtual Quilt Show	Quilts, Inc
Jan 26-28	Houston Virtual Quilt Market	Quilts, Inc

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

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Four County Quilters Guild, Inc.
Budget vs Actual Totals August 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
As of August 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		-
Total Revenue	4,725.00	-

Expenses

Bank Charges/Pay Pal	50.00	-
Challenge	200.00	165.00
Community Philanthropy	250.00	-
Door Prizes	200.00	-
Insurance	275.00	261.00
May Banquet	-	-
Membership	50.00	-
Miscellaneous (PO Box, Stamps, etc.)	125.00	127.11
Newsletter	50.00	-
President's Mystery Quilt Prizes	50.00	-
President's Quilt	200.00	-
Printing & Reproduction	50.00	-
Program Speaker	5,500.00	855.00
Quilt Bingo	-	-
Quilt Show	1,000.00	-
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	-	-
Total Expenses	10,696.00	1,587.04
Net Profit(Loss)	(5,971.00)	(1,587.04)

Ending Cash balance PNC bank 7/31/2020 **\$ 45,736.54**