



# Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

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FourCountyQuilters.org



## APRIL 2023

### April 11, 2023 Meeting Agenda



Kristina Crowe  
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 Phyllis Heffner  
 Helen Layton  
 Marty Simmons  
 Nancy Willett  
 Neani Mee  
 Deborah Cera  
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Four County Quilters Guild  
 P. O Box 431  
 Mount Airy, MD 21771

- 6:30 Snack & Chat  
 Demo by Marsha Greenslit on DIY fascinators  
 Quiltporium Table: Take-It/Make It Items
- 7:00 Welcome and Acknowledgement of April Birthdays
- 7:10 Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Lay  
 "The Work of Women's Hands—Maryland Chintz Quilts"
- 8:00 5-Minute Stretch Break
- 8:05 Old Business
- 8:20 New Business—Proposed 2023-2024 Budget
- 8:40 Door Prizes
- 9:00 Adjourn



### President's Message



Springtime is officially here with lots of media tips appearing for deep-cleaning of houses, readying flower and vegetable gardens, sorting through clothes closets—basically our yearly reminder to declutter and enjoy the benefits of a more appealing personal environment. My challenge began with the time-honored tradition by cleaning my quilting room. First, I bundled all fat quarters that were purchased, won, gifted, etc.; ones I would be unlikely to use but might be attractive to someone else at our upcoming Quilt Show's "Bargain Bin"; the rest I threw out! Next, I have lots of miniscule fabric scraps stored in clear boxes by color so I sorted through those, pulling out the small pieces that at one time I was convinced were worth saving . . . and threw them out. Unless, of course, the scraps were at least the size of my palm—those I designated for the cute scrap bags we will sell at the "Quiltporium". Weeding through the drawers of my sewing table came next—duplicate small tools, once-loved patterns, books to motivate me, etc.—all still in good condition—I know you can guess where those items will be going!

So, hope is that as you tidy up, you will create space for what is sure to be coming: new lines of fabrics, new patterns which you absolutely will have to have, and at least one miracle tool that will solve a quilting dilemma, keep the "Quilt Show" in mind to be the recipient of the treasures you are parting with as you participate in this springtime ritual of cleaning and purging!

Marilyn Whalen, President

## APRIL PRE-MEETING DEMO

This month Marsha Greenslit we be doing a demo on how to make a fascinator. Make sure to attend the demo if you are planning to attend the Quilters Tea in May or if you just want to know how to make a fascinator. You never know when you will need one!



Please note that this is a demo and not a workshop. Marsha will be showing you how to make a fascinator and giving you tips so that you can make one later at home or with your friends.

The demo will start at 6:30 on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the back corner of the room we meet in at the church.

## MAY BANQUET



Thanks to Robin Keyser and Melinda Horner for volunteering to work on the May Banquet Committee. We would need quite a few more members to work on this project to make it happen. Since we have had no other volunteers, we are going to cancel the banquet portion of the May guild meeting and fill it with other activities that we will announce at the April meeting.

Instead, the board is proposing a September/October event to celebrate our guild's 35th anniversary and the hard work we did planning and hosting the August Quilt Show. If the guild approves this change at the April meeting, the budget of \$1,000 from the May Banquet can be moved into the 2023-2024 budget to fund this fall event.

Of course, for this celebration, we will need a chairperson and a group of at least six more members to comprise the committee and plan the celebration. More about this at the April meeting.

## QUILTERS TEA

The tea will be held on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>** at Kristi Dillard's home from 1-4. Please let us know if you plan to attend, if you will bring a savory or sweet treat and if you will be bringing a quilt for the Spring Challenge. You can either sign up at the April meeting or email Karen and Kristi (contact info in guild directory).



There will be a contest for the most creative/quilt related, the prettiest, and the largest fascinator. Join your fellow quilters for a fun quilting afternoon.

No need to bring a chair, but please bring your own teacup.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AND BY-LAWS

Attached to the newsletter you received this month was an updated membership directory. Because we are no longer posting our by-laws on our website, they are now included in our membership directory.

## SPRING QUILT CHALLENGE

Theme: "Country Living"

Size: Minimum 20x 20 or larger (as large as you want, but no smaller than 20x20)

Date: May 6th (at the tea)

Get your creative mind going and make a challenge quilt on whatever you think of when thinking of country living. Voted on by fellow guild members, prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given.

*The Mancuso Show PA has asked if FCQG will be providing an entry this year in September. I told them our theme is "country living" and they are excited for our entry. The only requirement is your quilt has to have a 4 inch hanging sleeve. They will send more information in a few weeks and I will provide any updates at upcoming guild meetings.*

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## MEMBERSHIP

It's time for membership [renewals](#) for the next fiscal year. The new by-laws state that membership dues will be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, only members can enter quilts in our quilt show. Lastly, we're going to offer an incentive for all current members who renew by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. Here are the rules:

1. You must fill out the 4 questions on the [form](#)
2. You must hit SUBMIT on the form (ask me how I know how easy it is to forget)
3. The Guild must have your money by close of business June 30<sup>th</sup>

There will be three \$10.00 gift cards to a LQS for three random members who meet the above criteria. All of the members who are current as of the publication of the April newsletter and who renew by July 1 are eligible for this drawing. This drawing will be held at our August meeting.

Here is the [link](#) you can use to renew your membership. It is also now on the membership page of our website.

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## QUILT SHOW

I recently brought a small stack of our quilt show postcards to the break room in my office and have had some great conversations with work colleagues that I didn't even know were quilters. I believe that I've convinced all of them to come to our show though. It would be so nice to convince these women to join our guild, but at the end of the day, it's just been wonderful to connect with them about quilting instead of about work.

Speaking of our quilt show, have you filled out the registration form so that your quilts will be hanging in our show?

### [QUILT SHOW REGISTRATION](#)

This is the next most important thing that we need members to do. We have many people on our committee that are doing jobs for the first time. The more people that can fill out this form now, the easier it will be for the people on the hangers/stagers committee to do their work. Please reach out to Deb Cera for quilt registration questions. I will be picking up two quilts in the next couple of days that just got quilted and then I'll have my 2<sup>nd</sup> quilt to enter on this form. I'm so excited to finally be able to exhibit instead of just being able to attend.

## QUILT SHOW DEMONSTRATORS NEEDED



## We need demonstrations for our show!

Do you have a skill or technique you will share? It can be a specialized skill or something basic that a newer quilter might love to learn. We need at least ten demonstrations lasting approximately one half hour each for our quilt show on August 4 and 5. We will hold them in the classroom with tables across from where we hold our monthly meetings in a room that will hold about 15-20 people comfortably. We will teach you how to use the camera and microphone so you can project what you do on a screen for your audience.

So far, we have four volunteers that have signed up to demonstrate making crumb quilts, bowl cozies, and quilted note cards, how to color with Inktense pencils and how batting makes a difference. We have requests, but no volunteers, yet, to share how to care for and oil a sewing machine and ways to care for quilts. Would you be willing to share your method for traditional or paper piecing, doing appliqué, binding, adding borders, pressing, choosing fabric, or making a specialized kind of quilt? We need a variety of topics. Please let Robin Keyser know if you are willing to demonstrate. (contact info in guild directory)

## FABRIC YARD SALE (YIPPEE!)

Sew Inspired Sewing Bee is having a Fabric Yard Sale. Come out and get some great fabrics, books, patterns, notions, etc. for a great price. There will be a large selection of items to choose from!

**Friday, April 21, 2023 10-4**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 10-4**

**6201A Green Valley Road  
New Market, MD 21774**



If you use GPS, please only put in 6201 Green Valley Road, it will be the house to the right when you pull in the driveway.

Tessa Gordon, Sew Inspired Sewing Bee

## CANVA

As a member of our Guild, do you ever have the need to design graphics? Make a postcard or a flyer and find the graphics on Microsoft Office limiting? Our guild has access to a robust program called Canva. We have a limited number of professional accounts available to us for free in this platform. To access these accounts, members need to sign in with a Four County Google email address. If this describes you reach out to Mary Jo Richmond (contact info in guild directory) to secure an account. You are also welcome to just use the free resources that are available to everyone on [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com) for your personal use.

## LIBRARY SEW-IN DATES

**Friday, May 19** – Eldersburg Library, Large Meeting Room – 10:00 to 4:00 pm



Library dates are getting harder and harder to come by as more people find themselves willing to get out and about. If anyone has suggestions on alternative places to meet for these Saturday Bees, please let me know. I am looking into several other options, but am open to suggestions (and help)!

Maryjean Spencer

**QUILTPORIUM..** Our Quilt Show is getting closer every day! I hope you've enjoyed seeing my "Scrapbuster" projects in the newsletter each month and have been stitching lots of wonderful things for sale at Quiltporium. My Florida getaway is over, but I have more ideas to share with you and will be at April library sew-in's with several hands-on projects so bring a machine. This is YOUR show and your help is needed filling the Quiltporium with a variety of what you do best. Our "guests" will come to see the quilts, express amazement over the beautiful quilting, and take note of what we offer at Quiltporium. Thank you from the bottom of my scrapbasket for giving your time.

For those still considering being among the Quiltporium Crafters and seeing a return on handmade saleables, let me know ASAP. (contact info in guild directory)

STOP AT THE QUILTPORIUM TABLE AT APRIL MEETING TO PICK UP "GOLF COASTERS" KITS

## April Scrapbuster!

### QUIK & EASY SCRAPBASKET BATIK POTHOLDER

**MATERIALS:** 6 strips batik fabric / 1 1/2" x 8"

Hanging tab - 2" x 4"

Back - 7 1/2" sq. fabric

Mid-weight fusible fleece or batting - 7 1/2" sq.

1. Stitch strips together on long edge using narrow 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams to one side.
2. Square strip-block to 7 1/2" x 7 1/2".
3. Press fusible fleece to wrong side of strip-block.
4. Make tab - fold 2" x 4" in half lengthwise. Fold again. Topstitch along both long edges.
5. Fold hanging tab in half to make loop. Set aside.
6. Lay back square right side up. Place loop at one corner with loop toward inside of block. Baste.
7. Lay strip-block right side down on top of back square, matching cut edges.
8. Using 1/4" seam allowance stitch around cut edges, leaving a 2" opening for turning. Clip corners.
9. Turn right side out, poking at corners gently with tool. Close opening. Press.

### A NEW BEE?



Do you have an Accu-quilt cutting system with a few (or more!!) dies tucked away in a closet? It cuts like a dream.. that's why you bought it and you've made some blocks or even a lovely quilt or two. Let's get together at an "Accu-Bee" for some fun and see what can be created by sharng ... and maybe learn some useful tips about our cutters as well?



What's your convenient day and time: Contact Linda Dickinson (contact info in guild directory)

## SECOND MONDAY, SEW 'N SIP

There will be no Second Monday Sew N Sip due to the Spring holidays. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 15 at The Sew 'N Place in Fayetteville, PA.

## AN INVITATION FROM CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD

Clustered Spires Quilt Guild invites our friends from Four County Quilters Guild to join us in a virtual workshop conducted by West Coast quilter, David Owen Hastings. David is from Washington State and will speak on Thursday, May 11 via Zoom as the guest lecturer for the Clustered Spires program. David is a modern quilter, graphic designer, and textile artist. He creates modern minimal quilts and textiles inspired by architecture, modern abstract art, and Japanese textiles and crafts. His one hour lecture is entitled, "Minimal Design, Maximum Impact". **David will then conduct a virtual 3 hour workshop on Saturday, May 13, "Mini Mid-Mod Quilts" from 12:00 – 3:00 ET. Anyone signing up for the Workshop is invited to view the lecture at the monthly meeting, May 11 at The Delaplaine in Frederick, MD. Participants may also view the lecture via Zoom if unable to attend the meeting in person.**

Registration is now open. You may register on our website, send an email or text to Sandy Dunning (contact info in guild directory). Cost is \$40 for a three hour workshop, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. You may send a check to the treasurer, Robin Rippeon at 201 Bennett Court, Thurmont, MD 21788 or by PayPal via a link of the CSQG website: <http://www.clusteredspiresquiltguild.org>

## DAVID SIROTA COLLIDE-O-SCOPE WORKSHOP



At the request of many of the participants at David's "Storm at Sea" virtual workshop, Clustered Spires Quilt Guild has booked one of his newest workshops, Collide-O-Scope, for Saturday, September 23. The quilt has all straight lines which result in the illusion of curves, which create the kaleidoscope pattern. It's a play of the shapes and contrast between light and dark fabrics that makes it all happen.

*Registration is now open. You may register via the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild website or send an email or text to Sandy Dunning (contact info in guild directory). Cost is \$40 for a six hour workshop, from 10:00 pm - 4:00 pm, with an hour break for lunch. You may send a check to the treasurer, Robin Rippeon at*

*201 Bennett Court, Thurmont, MD 21788 or by PayPal.*

## NEW RETREAT FOR 2023

June 5 - 7, 2023

Hallowood Retreat Center, 7300 Banner Road, Dickerson, Maryland 20842;  
301-588-4363; [www.hallowood.org](http://www.hallowood.org)

2 nights and 3 days - arrival before lunch Monday, June 5, 2023, and departure after lunch Wednesday, June 7  
Monday - Lunch, Dinner  
Tuesday - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Wednesday - Breakfast, Lunch  
Departure - to be determined possibly an extra 4 hour sewing time after lunch  
Meals are prepared by Chef Howard  
Please check out their website to see the Meeting Spaces and Room Accommodations

Double Room Rate (2 people per room)  
\$260.00 each - until lunch only Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
(If we get the extra 4hrs after lunch -\$285.00 per person)  
Single Room Rate - \$284.00  
(If we get the extra 4hrs after lunch - \$309 per person)

An announcement will be made if the extra 4 hours after lunch is approved. **If it is it will be the same price for everyone, even if you do not choose to stay the additional time.** We are paying as a group.



Please call or email Melinda Horner (contact info in guild directory)  
If you want to attend. You may send your deposit to Guild Treasurer Annette Dietrich 7202 Costello Dr.  
Sykesville, Maryland 21784

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### ~~QUILTY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS~~

#### FOR SALE ITEMS:

**Koala sewing cabinet** with manual lift. Asking \$1000 but will consider best offer. Very heavy - buyer responsible for moving. Contact: Libi Driggers (contact info in guild directory ) for more information and photos.



**Bernina 830 Sewing Machine** with embroidery unit, carrying case, and built-in stitch regulator. Recently serviced and in great condition - \$2500. Contact Maryjean Spencer (contact info in guild directory) for more information.

#### ARTISANS' ATTIC FABRIC SALE

Nimble Fingers Quilters is holding an Artisans' Attic Fabric Sale on Sunday, April 16, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at the Izaak Walton League, 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown, MD 20874. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

**Nimble Fingers Quilters, Inc Presents**

# **Artisans' Attic Fabric Sale**



**Sun. April 16, 2023 12-4PM**

**Where: Izaak Walton League  
18301 Waring Station Rd.  
Germantown, MD 20874**

- \*Fabric - \$8/lb. ( 1 lb. equals ~ \$2/yd. OR Approx 15 fat ¼'s)
- \*Thousands of Fat ¼'s \*Massive Yardage & \*Many 3+ Yard Pieces
- \*Notions & Patterns Galore \* Huge Scrap Bin
- \*Quilt Kits, \*Gorgeous Pre-Cuts, \*Many Designer Fabrics, \*Batiks
- \*Silent Auction, \*Raffle Baskets
- \*UFO's Waiting For You To Complete (unfinished projects)
- \*And Sew Much More!

**Credit cards accepted. Bring a friend!**



BALTIMORE HERITAGE QUILT GUILD  
PRESENTS



Saturday, April 22  
and  
Sunday, April 23  
10am to 5pm

Maryland State Fairgrounds  
4H-Home Arts Building  
2200 York Road  
Timonium, MD 21093

Free Parking

Admission \$12 at the door  
Advance Tickets \$10  
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[www.baltimorequilters.com/expo-2023](http://www.baltimorequilters.com/expo-2023)

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
April 11-15	Maple Festival Quilt Show Meyersdale, PA	<a href="#">Maple Festival Webpage</a>
April 13-15	Ocean Waves Quilt Show Georgetown, DE	<a href="https://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show">https://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show</a>
April 21-23	Celebration of Quilts Asbury Methodist Village Rosborough Center, 301 Odendhal Ave., Gaithersburg, MD.	
April 26–29, 2023	AQS Quilt Week Paducah	<a href="#">American Quilter's Society - AQS QuiltWeek – Paducah 2023</a>
2023	Various Shows	<a href="#">The Big List of 2023 Quilt Shows   Rona the Ribbiter</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: (NOTE: NEW ZOOM INFORMATION)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTIZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: Quilts2022

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Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: 4209865904

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTIZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

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### FCQG Minutes, March 14 2023

What a sweet meeting we had tonight! In celebration of National Pi Day, 4CQG chose to celebrate with PIE! Members were treated to many varieties of Baugher's pies. Thank you Linda Beavers, Tessa Gordon, Maryjean Spencer and Karen Carpenter for serving us.

During a time of snacking and chatting, there were several activities in progress. Rosie Hormuth and Linda Belecki of Friendship Star Quilters presented their guild's raffle quilt with tickets available. Larry Ogletree, assisted by Joan Watkins, had quilting supplies for sale from his late wife's stash. Over 30 fidget mats were on display. Chris Rhodes had kits available to make rotary socks for the "Quiltporium."

Marilyn Whalen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. She welcomed our visitor, M.J. Greer, as well as a new member, Laurie Mombay. March birthdays were announced and those members invited to take a fat quarter from the birthday basket. Rhonda Madden introduced the Zoom guest speaker, Debbie Kratovil. Debbie is a seasoned quilter and author with over 25 quilts on covers of magazines. Her topic was "Strips, Logs and Scrap Busters." Debbie offered 25% off her Etsy shop; however, the site was temporarily down so she asked us to visit in one week.

#### Old Business:

The February minutes were approved with a motion by Margaret Minton, a second by Kay Worley, and a majority vote. Treasurer Annette Dietrich announced that the financial review was complete.

Thanks to Tessa Gordon and Sheri Wastler for their expert review of records and suggestions for things to improve. To tighten up several recordkeeping procedures, Annette went over the following changes that go into effect immediately. First, for reimbursement, members must submit an original receipt with only guild items listed on the receipt (no personal items); photocopies of receipts or handwritten notes will not be accepted. No highlighting should be done on the receipt. Second, regarding making handouts/copies, members must have a receipt from a business such as Staples to be reimbursed. While home printing is appreciated, it is not reimbursable.

Nanci O'Brien and Marilyn Whalen are still looking into tags for charity quilts and a new design for business cards.

The fidget mat charity project is now complete. Marilyn thanked Sandy Dunning and Olga Schrichte for chairing this effort. The mats will be delivered to Rock Creek School by Mary Jo Richmond during the week after Easter. A school system photo op will be included for exposure on social media.

#### New Business:

The position of Vice President is open for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The major responsibility is planning and implementing programs and workshops. Rhonda Madden (current VP) has worked ahead to secure several months of speakers. She will help acclimate the new officer who may choose to form a committee to help with programs.

Marilyn noted an urgent need for volunteers to form a May Banquet Committee. There is a \$1000 budget! There was a discussion of changing the event to June but a guest speaker is already scheduled for that month.

#### Committee Reports:

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Maureen Dixon and Libi Driggers are spearheading this committee. They clarified that the quilt size must be 65" x 85". There is a money budgeted for batting. Olga Schrichte will long-arm some of the quilts. Other long-armers are needed to volunteer.

Tea Party: This year, Kristi Dillard will host our tea at her home on Saturday, May 6, from 1-4 PM. Address is in the guild directory. Karen Carpenter is her partner in organizing this fun activity. Wear your fascinator! Don't have one? Well, no worries! At the April meeting, Marsha Greenslit will present a demo on how to make your own fascinator! Remember to bring your challenge quilt to the tea! The theme is "Country Living". Prizes! Just saying!

Philanthropy: No report.

Quilt Show: Mary Jo Richmond, General Chairperson, called for sub-committee reports. Robin Keyser passed around a sign-up sheet for demonstrations that included ideas for presentations. Janie Benton presented a poster with suggested raffle basket themes. She asked “bees” to consider sponsoring a basket. Chris Rhodes reminded members to pick up kits for rotary socks, needle books, felt Christmas trees, owls, and “Miss Jubilee”. She is working with Linda Dickinson. Deb Cera announced that the Quilt Show registration for quilts will be on-line. Quilt size is important for staging. Include a picture when you can. Each quilt entered must have a sewn-on label. Members may enter two quilts. State on the form if you want to sell your quilt. Most importantly: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER BEFORE JULY 1 to have a quilt in the show.

The next Quilt Show Committee meeting will be at 7:00 PM on April 6, via ZOOM.

Retreats: Melinda Horner asked for final payment for members signed up for the April retreat at Pecometh. The next retreat will be at Hallwood Retreat Center in Dickerson MD–June 5-7 (Monday through Wednesday). Contact Melinda to sign up: (contact info in guild directory )

Library Sew-in: The scheduling of library sew-ins has been taken over by Maryjean Spencer. The next dates are: March 31 at Mt. Airy Library and April 1 at Eldersburg Library

Sip and Sew: Note: The April meeting has been canceled. Contact Sandy Dunning with questions.

Miscellaneous:

Leftover Pie was sold for \$1/slice.

The next board meeting will be March 21 at 7:00 via Zoom. The budget will be discussed. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Sew-Inspired Sewing Bee is having a quilters’ yard sale on April 21 & 22. Contact Tessa Gordon or Libi Driggers for info.

Roberta Christie, our guild Historian, asked for any snippets of news or photos of guild happenings.

Clustered Spires Quilt Guild invites us to a lecture and workshop with David Sirota (quiltmavendave.com) on Sat., Sept. 23, 2023 from 10-4. The cost is \$40. Contact Sandy Dunning for details.

Door prizes were given out by Anne Marie Schmelter.

Show and Tell was presented by the following quilters: Margaret Minton, Kay Worley, Melinda Horner, Ann Marie Schmelter, Marsha Greenslit, Ellen Esbrand, Joan Watkins, Olga Schrichte, Laura Schwartz, Marilyn Whalen and Vicki Brewer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Virginia Brewer, Secretary



## FCQG Board Meeting – Minutes

March 20, 2023

**Attendees:** Marilyn Whalen, Linda Dickinson, Rhonda Madden, Kristina Crowe, Sandy Dunning, Chris Rhodes, Melinda Horner, Joan Watkins, Bonny Kindt, Sue Heslin, Robin Keyser, Kristi Dillard, Leslie Cole, Ann Marie Schmelter, Mary Jo Richmond, Annette Dietrich, Linda Beavers, Roberta Christie, Tessa Gordon, Karen Carpenter

**Old Business:** Before the April meeting (6:00), Marilyn will try to schedule a Zoom training session for technology volunteers to increase comfort with handling zoom issues which continue to surface each month.

**Review of Minutes:** Mary Jo Richmond made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 Board meeting. Kristi Dillard seconded the motion and it passed.

**New Business:** After discussion and the board approved the purchase of floor covers for the wires connecting audio to computer at meetings to solve a tripping hazard. The estimated cost is \$40. Marilyn Whalen will purchase.

**July Program:** Rhonda Madden reported that the July speaker will be moved to August due to a schedule conflict. The Ice Cream Social will move from the August meeting to the July meeting. The July meeting will have the Ice Cream Social, Guild business meeting, extended Show and Tell and viewing of the Spring Challenge Quilts for those who didn't attend the Spring Tea. A discussion was held and it was decided not to hold the Chance Auction in July. A discussion was held to consider having some sort of celebration in September for both the Guild's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for our hard work on the Quilt Show. Rhonda Madden will look into getting David Sirota as a speaker for the November meeting.

**Spring Tea –** Kristie Dillard reported that she researched getting chairs and a tent for the Spring Tea on May 6. She found that a tent, 40 chairs and associated tables can be rented, including set up and take down, for \$350. It was discussed and agreed to bring before the membership at the April meeting a request to add the money to this year's tea budget. Annette Dietrich will present this information for member approval.

### Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

The proposed budget was reviewed and changes were made as marked.

The following points were discussed:

- Bank Charges/PayPal fees - \$xxx reflects fees we lose to PayPal/Square. It was discussed and noted that the budget needs to reflect this money going out
- The budget for Challenges was reworded to reflect two Challenges for the fiscal year at \$xxx/challenge for awards.
- Insurance was increased in anticipation of increases.
- May banquet was increased to \$x,xxx. Mary Jo Richmond suggested establishing a formula for banquet budgets – number of members x \$10.
- Membership costs were increased to \$xxx to reflect purchase of screen -printed fabric for new membership badges.
- Newsletter was increased to \$xx for printing and mailing to two members. Previously this cost was under Operational Needs.
- Operational needs was kept at \$xxx. This past year \$xxx was spent due to technology upgrades and equipment cabinet purchase.
- Quilt Bingo was changed to \$x,xxx for startup costs for deposit, bingo machine rental, advertising, bingo supplies
- Opportunity Quilt was removed. There will be no Opportunity Quilt this year. Fabric has already been purchased by Melinda. Bonny Kindt will ask her to submit receipts for the fabric.

- Refreshments was increased to \$xxx to include purchase of paper goods and potential pie night and two other treat nights.
- Rent was increased to \$x,xxx to reflect the possibility of renting the auditorium for a few community sewing events during the fiscal year.
- An item was added for possible rental for a storage unit for Quilt Show supplies and for guild items currently stored privately by various members. One local estimate for a 5' x 10' unit is \$90/month. Cost for storage of items that are used infrequently may not be wise—rental of items may be more costs effective. More discussion will follow later in the year. Currently, most Quilt Show items are stored with Iris Johnson and will soon be moved to Mary Jo Richmond's garage.
- The budget for Community Service Projects was increased to \$x,xxx to cover more costs for 3 potential projects. For example, committee could use the allocation to fund batting.
- Bonny Kindt shared that money for taxes needed to be increased to reflect sales we will be paying on guest purchases as the Quilt Show. Joan Watkins will pull past Quarterly Comptroller Reports to estimate amount of money to add. She will send reports to Marilyn who will make the change on the proposed budget.
- Spring tea was increased to \$xxx to allow for optional chair and tent rental for next spring's tea.
- Thank you gifts for the President's fund was increased to \$xxx based on Bonny's recommendation.
- The Go-Daddy website was kept at \$xxx, but Ann Marie Schmelter said this year's fee was \$xxx, not \$xxx as noted on the budget sheet. Annette Dietrich will check to see what else was included in the \$xxx.
- Zoom fees and technology needs were increased to \$x,xxx to reflect the planned purchase of a new laptop, carrying case and virus protection software for guild use at meetings.
- Advertising was added at \$xxx to include guild business cards and a possible one-year small ad in The Maryland Register.
- Pre-meeting demos was given \$xxx for possible printing needs of handouts.

Minutes submitted by Karen Carpenter

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The "**Proposed Budget for 2023-2024**" is attached as an Excel spreadsheet. Annette will be explaining the proposed budget at the April guild meeting. Members will have a chance to comment and ask questions. If necessary, editing will be done and the final version included in the May newsletter. Voting on the budget will take place at the May meeting.

**The proposed budget is attached as an Excel spreadsheet to this newsletter.**