



Four County Quilters Guild

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February 14, 2023 Meeting Agenda MASKS OPTIONAL

- 6:30 Snack & Chat
A demo by Margaret Minton
- 7:00 Zoomers: Please mute yourselves & turn off cameras when moving around.
Welcome & Acknowledgment of February Birthdays
- 7:10 Guest Speaker: Joy Duke of Joyous Applique Designs
- 8:00 A 5-minute Stretch Break
- 8:05 Old Business
- 8:20 New Business
Committee Reports
Miscellaneous Announcements
- 8:40 Door Prizes—Ann Marie
- 8:45 Show & Tell
- 9:00 Adjourn & Clean-up

President's Message



Recently, Megan Mathews and Terri Sipes brought along a stack of postcards and beautiful samples to lead our "Sunny Bee" in making fabric postcards. This turned into a fun activity as we brainstormed various arrangements using the fabrics we had brought along. Shown here is my simple creation which took advantage of the upcoming Valentine's Day holiday for inspiration. If mailing, our bee decided we would use an envelope rather than risk that the card would be damaged in transit.

February offers an opportunity to share your love of quilting with children by participating in the making of twin-size quilts to grace the beds made by "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." Consider making a quilt with a friend or small group! Libi Driggers and Maureen Dixon will be showing a quick video about the program at the February meeting.

Remember to share the love by hugging your sewing machine this month!

Marilyn Whalen, President

PRE-MEETING DEMO



Margaret Minton will be doing a demo on how to make a chatelaine before the meeting at the February guild meeting. All are welcome! Don't know what a chatelaine is? Well, come on in early and see our dear friend, Margaret, show you! Thank you, Margaret!

Quilt Show Update

Plans for the **Quilt Show** continue to move forward. One area that is still missing a chairman though is Raffle Baskets. However, we are going to begin to collect items for baskets. There will be sign-ups at our meetings in the coming months for themed baskets for members to donate items. If you have other ideas for themed baskets, please share with Mary Jo Richmond. The first two themed baskets that we are collecting items for will be a Red, White and Blue Basket and a Christmas Basket. Mary Jo will have a bin where she will be collecting donated items for these baskets. FCQG Bees are asked to think about Raffle Baskets too! If our Bees would like to donate a Raffle Basket, please be in touch with Mary Jo about the theme of your basket. Lastly, if you would like to take over the responsibility of pulling the baskets together to make them look pretty, be in touch! Some people have this knack.



A NOTE OF THANKS!



Dear Four County Quilt Guild members,

Like many people, as the New Year started, I felt compelled to do some reorganization, tossing lots of garbage, literally and figuratively. Then I tried to prioritize what is most important to me.

In counting my many blessings, I include you, the numerous members and Bee groups that have reached out to me over the past year.

I cannot express how heartwarming your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, visits, and gifts have been. Many times, I have been brought to tears by your kind sentiments, actions and thoughtfulness. Even on my lowest days, I knew I had an army of support holding me up and encouraging me to keep strong.

With my sincerest thanks,
Susan Eitnier

FOUR COUNTY QUILT GUILD FEATURED!

Be sure to pick up *The Maryland Register* in your favorite quilt store soon. The Jan/Feb edition features a write-up on our guild on Page 5. You can access the article at [Read the latest edition \(themarylandregister.com\)](https://www.themarylandregister.com). Thank you, Marilyn, for taking the time to provide this lovely interview!



HOW THE WORLDWIDE WEB WORKS

If you post it, they will come! The following came to us via our website:

Ocean Waves Quilt Show April 13, 14, 15, 2023 - Hello! We are having our quilt show in Georgetown Delaware. Please let your members know. **Edyta Sitar** is our featured speaker on Friday April 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Your \$10 admission for the day gets you in to her lecture. Please check out our website for more information. <https://www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Heidi Kuchta Ocean Waves Show Co-chair heidimail@comcast.net.

Good info. Thank you to Ann Marie Schmelter for sending this in for publication in the newsletter. I mean, c'mon, \$10 to see Edyta!

Easy Nine Patch Demo



At the January meeting, Bonny Kindt was kind enough to demonstrate an Easy Nine Patch. For those that missed it or are looking to review the information, simply log on to YouTube and search Quick Quilt Tricks by Billie Lauder. She has several wonderful videos.

ANOTHER ROAD TRIP OPPORTUNITY



Join members of the Annapolis Quilt Guild on a bus trip to fabric stores in Lancaster County, Pa. to shop, shop, shop! Bus leaves Harry S. Truman Parkway Park & Ride at 7:00 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50.00 per person plus tip. Payment secures seat. Contact Debora Clovis at 410 721-1007 or deboraclovis@yahoo.com for more information.

SECOND MONDAY, SIP AND SEW

The Second Monday Sip 'N Sew will be February 13 at the Sew 'N Place in Fayetteville, PA. from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Quilters from Four County Quilters Guild and Clustered Spires Quilt Guild are invited to join each other at The Sew N Place for a fun day together sewing, laughing, sharing, and indulging in one of the many coffee drinks offered at the cafe bistro. Cost is \$10 per person. To register or for more information, please contact Sandy Dunning (contact information in guild directory).



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING THREE PAGES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AS SEPARATE PDFs ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL THAT BROUGHT YOU THIS AMAZING NEWSLETTER. 😊



February SCRAPBUSTING

by Linda Dickinson

Pick up a "kit" at Guild meeting Tues. Feb. 14
Return (finished) at March Guild meeting.

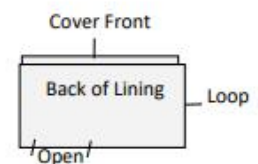


I am enjoying the sunny days and warm evenings in Estero, Florida at present and even here a quilter *never* passes up the chance to visit a Quilt Shop. I did just that one day last week.. **Flash & Sew** in Naples. Of course I found tropical and coastal fabrics galore, but couldn't resist these little 4" squares from Cloth Works. Even with no real purpose in mind, I bought yardage with 36 squares. Sometimes the fabric just speaks out to you and these little squares shouted "Valentines Day!", like the funny little cards in Valentine boxes in grade-school. Remember those? No matter your stitching passion.. embroidery, crewel, tapestry or hand-quilting.. you can always use acute little "book" to keep specialty needles close at hand.

YOU WILL NEED:

- 2 - 4" x 4" squares for cover (1 "From The Heart" square + 1- 4" print square)
- 1 - 4" x 8" print / inside cover (lining)
- 1 - 3 1/2" / inside pocket
- Fusible fleece— (2) 3 1/2" x 7 1/2" for cover & lining
- Lightweight fusible interfacing - 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for pocket
- 1 - elastic hair loop
- 1 - 1/2" 2-hole button

1. Place the two 4" squares right sides together with "From The Heart" square on top. Make sure it is also pointing toward the top. Stitch a 1/4" seam on the right length of square. Press seam open. This will be the cover front.
2. *Note: 4" x 8" for lining may be a tad to long and need trimming to be the same length as the stitched cover front. To check length—Place 4" x 8" lining and cover front right sides together, matching edges. Trim excess fabric from opposite end.*
3. Center fusible fleece on wrong side of cover front and lining. Press, set aside.
4. Adhere interfacing to wrong side of pocket square. Fold square in half diagonally and press a crease. Topstitch along crease line.
5. Lay lining right side up and place pocket on bottom left corner, matching cut edges. Pin to hold and set aside.
6. Lay cover front right side up. Mark center on right short edge. Place elastic hair loop at mark with loop toward center and 1" to left of seam line. Pin to hold. Place lining right side down on top and aligning all cut edges. Clip to hold.
7. Using a 1/4" seam allowance stitch around outside edge, backstitching at loop and leaving an opening as shown. Clip corners. Trim excess elastic. Turn right side out, tucking in fabric at opening.. pushing corners out. Press flat. Topstitch at bottom edge, catching seam allowance at opening. (I found topstitching around entire needle-book unnecessary since I liked the softness at the outer edges.)
8. Stitch on felt. Attach button on back cover opposite loop.



QUILTPORIUM is busily preparing for a flock of quilt lovers that will attend JUBILATION '23 in August to ogle at all the quilts, check out the vendors, and shop at our Guild member display of handcrafted goodies. From past shows we know visitors will be ready and willing to spend and will be on the hunt for that unique item that speaks to them. We need help in gathering together some extra special "gotta have" items for **Quiltporium** and we're truly excited to offer guild members the opportunity to earn some cash this year. If you are among those with thoughts of a cash return for the items you make by hand, consider becoming a **Quiltporium Crafter**. Do you have a "specialty" or just love to quilt and stitch and create with your hands? Do you make handbags, quilts, accessories, totes, aprons, baby gifts, t-shirts, bowl cozies, quilted wearables, jewelry, holiday themed ornaments, or another form of handcraft? Let us know!

If you wish to be included at JUBILATION '23 as a **Quiltporium Crafter** and earn a return for your creative expression, submit the Registration Form for review ASAP in order to determine display space and minimize like handcrafts. Please give a complete description of your saleable items. Photos are always good. A 10% commission to the Guild on gross sales *plus* a commitment to work a 4-hour shift during the show will be required. Inventory Sheets, specific instructions for tagging, drop-off dates, and a three-letter code will be given to each Crafter in the coming months. Please let us know your intentions soon. Questions—contact Linda Dickinson wdickins99@comcast.net or 301-922-8100 (If you call and I don't answer, please leave a voice-mail).

PS—We LOVE the willingness so many have given to sew the volunteer projects presented in the newsletter and at library sew-ins and we hope you continue your enthusiasm. Watch for more of these fun projects over the months ahead to help fill our FCQG display baskets at Quiltporium. Keep up your amazing stitching!

Quiltporium '23 Crafter Registration

A 10% commission to the Guild on gross sales is required

CRAFTER _____

CELL # _____

E-MAIL _____

CRAFTED ITEMS : *Please list all items so that we can minimize duplication by other crafters*

LIST ANY DISPLAY PIECES YOU CAN BRING IF NEEDED — DIMENSIONS PLEASE!

INDICATE YOUR WORK PREFERENCE BELOW - WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMODATE YOUR SCHEDULE

I prefer a 4-hr shift on _____ Thurs. Set-up _____ Friday AM / PM _____ Saturday AM / PM

You may fill in & scan; e-mail wdickins99@comcast.net as PDF OR mail to Linda Dickinson 16419 Camalo Dr. Mt. Airy MD 21771

BALTIMORE HERITAGE QUILT GUILD PRESENTS



Guest Quilter:
Devida (Dee) Bushrod
of Pixel Quilts

April 22-23, 2023

Maryland State Fairgrounds

4H-Home Arts Building

2200 York Road

Timonium, MD 21093

Hours: 10am to 5pm

Admission \$12

Advanced Tickets \$10

(Available Online Starting 3/1/23)

Free Parking



- More than 300 quilts on display
- Certified Quilt Appraiser by appt.
- Stash to Treasure Sale
- Buy or Bid Auction
- Members Boutique
- Vendor Mall
- Demos and Tours
- Sewing Machine Raffle
- Raffle Baskets
- Raffle Quilt (pictured)



For more information and to purchase advanced tickets,
visit www.baltimorequilters.com/expo-2023

HOW TO CONNECT: (NOTE: NEW ZOOM INFORMATION)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTVmhVTlZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

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Four County Quilters Guild Minutes – January 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Whalen, President.

Four new members were welcomed: Dottie Hicks, Mary Jo Rucker, Bridget Jenkins, and Kitty Heywood. There was one visitor: Margaret Shiner.

Bonny Kindt shared a pre-meeting demonstration, “A New Approach to the Four Patch”. She was able to use our new projection camera and portable microphone.

Marilyn noted that Ollie Gray and Celeste LaJoie’s December birthdays were missing from the birthday list in the December newsletter. She then recognized them as well as all of our January birthdays and invited members to help themselves to a fat quarter from the birthday basket.

Marilyn announced that refreshments would be available at the beginning of each meeting from 6:30-7:00. Everyone should feel free to get up and move around if they need to stretch their legs at any time during meetings. She clarified that items for “Show & Tell” can be placed on the table on the main floor so members can look at the quilts more closely before they are presented on stage. She also asked that a few members volunteer to stay for about 10 minutes after meetings to help return tables and chairs to their correct spots and generally straighten the room. Additionally, in the absence of Linda Beavers, Hospitality Chair, Marilyn asked for volunteers to bring snacks to the February meeting. Megan Matthews and Terri Sipes agreed to do that.

Speakers: January is traditionally our “Mystery Speaker Month”. This year’s nominees did not disappoint us.

Ginny Brown, a long-time member, told of her progression in the quilting world. Her favorite tools are rulers. She is a Studio 180 certified instructor and teaches classes at Patches and other locations. The many quilts she shared were “perfectly” lovely.

Sandy Dunning has been quilting for only seven years. She was taught by her mother-in-law Ruth Dunning who never purchased fabric but instead used old clothing and textiles in her quilts. When Sandy took Ruth to a fabric store, Ruth couldn’t believe that Sandy was actually going to BUY fabric for quilt making! Sandy showed many lovely projects of her own. Sandy’s husband came along to hold and display his mom’s quilts.

Tessa Gordon was our youngest speaker of the evening. She told how she visited her aunt at the age of 14 and asked to make a quilt. Her aunt sat her down in front of a Featherweight and said, “Go for it.” And she did! Tessa’s most amazing accomplishment has been making 130 T-shirt quilts!

The business meeting was then conducted by Marilyn Whalen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The November minutes were approved.
- There was a correction to the December minutes: The Opportunity Quilt winning ticket was sold at the Boonsboro Days Festival.
- Since the previously reviewed bylaw articles had not been approved, Bonny Kindt made a motion to approve them; the motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
- Nanci O’Brien is working on a guild label to be placed on charity quilts.
- Marilyn passed around a draft of a new guild business card.
- In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled speaker will be on Zoom, as usual. Check your e-mail for announcements on these days.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sixty member-made Christmas stockings were filled and delivered to Lincoln Elementary School in Frederick County by Marilyn. The assistant principal gratefully accepted the stockings as well as gift bags filled with items

that had not fit into the stockings. Thirty additional unfilled stockings are being stored for next year by Linda Dickinson.

Website: Ann Marie Schmelter has renewed the contract with Go-Daddy for our website. She asks that members send pictures or "Tips and Tricks" for the site.

Spring Challenge: This year Kristi Dillard is coordinating the challenge. She announced the theme of "Country Living". The only stipulation is the size must be 30" x 30".

Fidget Mats: The first charity project of the year is being organized by Olga Schrichte and Sandy Dunning. Fidget mats will be made for Rock Creek School in Frederick County. An informational Zoom meeting will be held on Friday, January 12, at 7:00. A workshop will follow in our regular meeting room at the church on Saturday, January 28 from 10:00 - 3:00.

Children's Quilts: The second charity project of the year is being spearheaded by Libi Driggers and Maureen Dixon. "Sleep In Heavenly Peace" has asked for 20 twin-size quilts with children's (age 2-16) themed fabrics. If you have any large scraps of colorful, fun fabrics to donate, see Libi or Maureen. FYI: A twin-size quilt will take about six yards of fabric. The backs of the quilts should be either flannel or fleece.

Quilt Show: Sandy Dunning has obtained all vendors for the show. Their names will be posted on the website. Chris Rhodes had kits and patterns at the back table for "Ms. Fancy" and "Jubilee" (pincushions) for members to make for the "Quiltporium". The kits were made by Linda Dickinson and Chris Rhodes and are adorable! The patterns are in the January newsletter. Please help by making up one or more.

A Raffle Basket chair is needed! See Quilt Show Chair Mary Jo Richmond to volunteer. Patti Laird is setting up "Sign-up Genius" for members to volunteer blocks of time at the show. More news on that later in the year.

By-Laws: Mary Jo Richmond presented the final segment of the by-law review. There were only slight changes to Articles 5 and 8. The most notable changes were the dates for membership dues and the amount of money the board can approve for expenses. A vote for approval was called and the remaining by-law changes were approved by unanimous vote. By-laws are available for viewing on the website. This concludes a year-long committee's work. Special thanks to Mary Jo Richmond and the committee members: Kristi Dillard, Vicki Brewer, Linda Beavers, and Joan Watkins.

Lancaster Bus Trip: The Annapolis Quilt Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster on March 11 for a full day of fabric shopping. Cost is \$50 with registration ending on February 6. Contact the guild if interested.

Applique Retreat:

If interested, there is a week-long Academy of Applique retreat in Williamsburg, VA, February 27-March 1. Contact the Academy for info.

Door Prizes: Ann Marie Schmelter drew raffle tickets with tonight's lucky members winning patterns, label books, pin cushions and journals.

Show And Tell: Members Jane Benton, Annette Dietrich, Kitty Heywood, Janelle Jenkins, Margaret Minton, Ann Marie Schmelter, and Nancy Willett showed their amazing works.

Submitted by Virginia Brewer, Secretary