



Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

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FourCountyQuilters.org



JULY 2022



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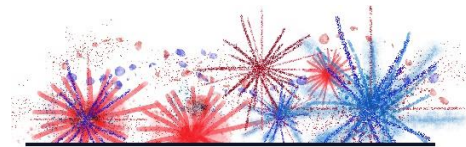
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July 12, 2022 Meeting Agenda

MASK MANDATE BACK IN EFFECT – MASKS REQUIRED

- 6:30 – “Sewcial” time to meet and greet one another
- 7:00 – Welcome visitors, acknowledge birthdays, approve June Minutes
- 7:10 – Speaker: Jennifer Houlden’s Trunk Show “Creating with Color”
- 8:15 – Stretch Break
- 8:25 – Guild Happenings & Committee Updates
- 8:45 – Show & Tell
- 9:00 – Meeting Adjourned & Cleanup



President’s Message

Hello Ladies,

As a change from heading to Bethany Beach for a family vacation and to shake things up a bit, our family of seven are at a lake-front house on Deep Creek Lake. We’re thoroughly enjoying the ever-changing water views and the opportunity to explore a new area. Yesterday’s find was the white-water rafting training course atop Wisp Resort. If you’re envisioning me in a raft navigating through rapids, that’s funny! Instead, I walked the one-mile trail around the course and frequently paused to marvel at the maneuvering the “sporty” people were doing, many while screaming, as they struggled to outsmart the course. In the evening, a severe lightning storm competed with the Stanley Cup finals for our attention; however, when we caught sight of the neighbor’s large inner tube floating out into the lake followed by a bright blue Adirondack chair that was left on their dock, I admit that we all had a good laugh!

So, in terms of quilting, this new vacation location has allowed me to reflect on the varied shades of greens that hug the area around the lake. Though I gravitate toward blues when choosing fabrics for quilting, I’m going to challenge myself to move around the color wheel just a bit to the greens . . . not a huge change, but one that is achievable (though several UFOs are waiting in line).

As we begin a new fiscal year, consider little changes you, too, can make. Our guild offers many opportunities to meet others, to learn from others, and to share our time and talents in ways that enrich the guild for all of us.

Marilyn Whelan, President

July Speaker



Our July speaker will be Jennifer Houlden. Jennifer presents trunk shows and workshops to Guilds, Shops, and groups of interested folk. She lives with her husband and dog in beautiful Muskoka, Ontario, Canada. She is a textile artist by passion and was a nurse by profession. Jennifer works in her cottage studio surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Canadian Shield, creating one-of-a-kind art quilts, modern and traditional quilts, memory quilts as well as design patterns and custom quilts.

Jennifer will be presenting “Creating with Color”.

FCQG Membership

It is time to renew your membership to the Guild. Here are the directions:

- Click on this [link](#) and fill out the form
- Based on your selection in Section One, the form will take you to the relevant section for you to continue filling out to renew YOUR membership
- Determine if you'll be paying by check or PayPal
- If you are using PayPal, go to [PayPal](#) to send your dues to Four County
 - You'll need to login
 - Click on My PayPal
 - Click on Send
 - Search for: Treasurer@fourcountyquilters.org, then hit next
 - If the name of our organization and our logo don't display, you haven't found us - check your typing:)
 - Type in 2500 (no decimal point, PayPal assumes it for you)
 - Add a note if you'd like to, I put in Richmond dues
 - Click Continue
 - Verify payment method and amount
 - Send Payment Now
- If you don't have PayPal, you can still mail a check to our Treasurer
 - Mail your \$25.00 check which is made out to **Four County Quilters Guild** to:

FCQG Treasurer

c/o Annette Dietrich

(Address info in guild directory)

Members should renew by August 31 to be included in the Guild's 2021-2022 directory, and to receive the monthly newsletter in their email.

Members who are renewing will be moved to the new membership database after MJ Richmond is notified by Annette Dietrich (checks) or Joan Watkins (PayPal) that their membership dues have been received.

Please reach out to Mary Jo Richmond if you have any questions – (Contact info in guild directory)

Tunnel2Towers



TUNNEL 2 TOWERS — The guild will continue to collect quilts for this worthwhile cause through the end of summer. If you still want to make an approximate 50 x 60" quilt for the cause, please do so. I have plenty of patriotic fabric if you need any. If you've finished a quilt or one of the star blocks, please bring them to the July or August guild meeting. THANKS so much for your participation.

Nanci OBrien (Contact info in guild directory)

Opportunity Quilt News

Just want to give everyone an update of the progress on our Opportunity Quilt. We have sold about 750 tickets. Margaret Minton, Karen Carpenter, and Melinda Horner have generously helped out by taking the quilt to some of our fellow guilds. Their help is greatly appreciated!

I have arranged to have a booth at the Brunswick Railroad Days and Middletown Heritage Days. I will be looking for volunteers to assist in covering our booth at both events. We have been invited to come to the Uhuru Quilt Guild meeting July 16, but I will be out of town, so would love to have a volunteer (two would be better) to visit their guild with our quilt.

In addition, only about 30 of our 100+ members have taken tickets to sell. If you have not received your tickets, please see me at the meeting or contact me by phone and I will get tickets to you! Please let me know if you can help with any of these scheduled dates:

July 16: Uhuru Quilt Guild

September 24: Middletown Heritage Days

October 1-2: Brunswick Railroad Days

Thank you, Sue Heslin, Opportunity Quilt Chairperson



For Sale

Here are a couple of opportunities for purchase:

Go Cutter with all accessories, including an assortment of 17 dyes; 6, 9, 12 inch blocks mix and match, also books that go along with the Go Cutter with case. All of this for \$375.00. Email dianemccurdy541@gmail.com -- Happy Quilting

Bernina 1130 - \$300

Bernina Artista 200 - \$500

Bernina 830 w/Embroidery Unit - \$2000

Cabinet with lift: \$1000

Please call Charles at 410.370.8689



Thank You, Gracias, Merci...

Quilts in the Park

Thanks to our June crafters who met at the Mt. Airy Library and/or at Marilyn's house to create pumpkins and little birds for the craft table--Karen Carpenter, Chris Rhodes, Mary Jo Richmond, Sandy Dunning, Vicki Brewer, Robin Keyser, Libi Driggers, Linda Dickinson, and Marilyn Whalen.

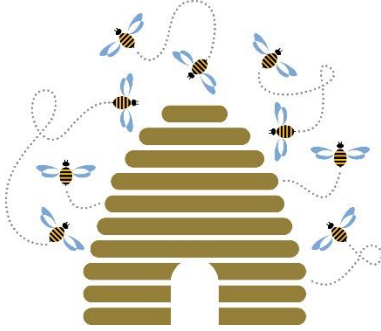
Audit

Shari Wastler and Cathy Turner each deserve a huge pat on the back for donating two afternoons to completing a financial review of the guild's treasurer's books. They diligently went through receipts, bank statements, PayPal statements, spreadsheets, etc., and have signed off on the books being in order as of 5/31/2022.

thank you

July Library Bees

Please email Melinda at hornermelinda@yahoo.com to let her know that you are coming. To continue to reserve these spaces, we must make use of them.



Mt. Airy Public Library

July 9, 2022 - Large Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm
 July 16, 2022 - Large Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm
 August 6, 2022 - Large Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm

Eldersburg Public Library

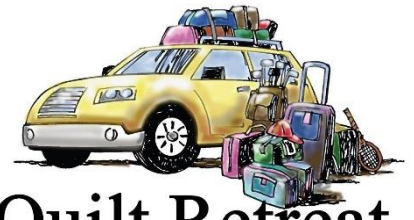
July 23, 2022 - Mid Size Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm
 August 13, 2022 - Mid Size Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm
 August 27, 2022 - Mid Size Meeting Room 9 am – 4 pm

Quilt Retreat

Quilt Retreat is approaching fast! It will be held August 18 - 21, 2022 at Camp Pecometh. There are still a few openings, and we will have the facility to ourselves.

If you would like to join the retreat, send your deposit to Marilyn Whalen or our new Treasurer, Annette Dietrich.

Retreat is a lovely time and place to relax, sew, and get to know each other doing what we love and have in common - Quilting.



Quilt Retreat

“Quilts in the Park” Needs Your Help with Some Summer Scrapbusting!



Quilts In the Park (QIP) at Piney Run Nature Center, Sykesville was a huge success last year... remember the gorgeous quilts, the Challenge display, the demos, AND the Craft Booth under the tent with those cute little owls! The 2022 QIP Committee and the Craft 'n Sew ladies have already been busy planning and stitching to make a variety of “gotta have” saleables for this year’s September 17 Quilts in the Park... and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The July and August Newsletters (and possibly an e-mail send out!), will include Summer Scrapbusting projects that you can do at home. The first one is the following quick-to-sew pincushion to get your juices flowing and help fill a basket in the QIP booth. Our theme this Fall is North American Wildlife and with September just beyond tomorrow, it’s time to dig thru those scrap baskets and pull out two contrasting fabrics to stitch a few 4-patch pincushions. If you choose to lend a hand this Summer by spending some stitching time making 3 (or 4!) pincushions, please do so and bring your finished pincushions to the Tuesday, July 14, FCQG meeting at Calvary United Methodist Church.

WATCH FOR SPECIAL QIP SEW-IN DATES TO BE LISTED IN YOUR NEWSLETTER!

MAKES A 3 1/2" PINCUSHION

You will need:

- 2 — 2.5" squares print fabric
- 2 — 2.5" squares contrasting fabric
- 1 — 4.5" sq backing fabric

Material for stuffing

Small decorative button

Note: 1/4" seam allowance used

1. Take one 2.5" print fabric square and one 2.5" contrasting fabric square, lay right sides together and sew a straight stitch along one side. Press seam to dark fabric. Repeat with the other two small squares.

2. With the two pieces right sides together (lining up the center seams), stitch along one long edge to connect all 4 small squares together making a 4-patch unit.

3. Lay "4-patch" right side facing up. Set 4.5" back piece on top facing down. Stitch a 1/4" seam allowance around the entire unit, leaving a small opening to insert stuffing. Clip corners without cutting into stitching.

4. Turn pincushion right side out, pushing all corners out gently with your "Purple Thang". Insert stuffing (I used fiberfil) until slightly firm and hand stitch opening closed using a ladder stitch or preferred method.

5. Add decorative button in center using 6-strand embroidery thread or pearl cotton thread, compressing pincushion slightly and tying knot securely.



Craft Making Session for "Quilts in the Park"

If you're feeling crafty this month, drive over to Marilyn's house on Wednesday, July 6, from 10:00-2:00, to help with sewing a cute item to sell at "Quilts in the Park" (September 17). Bring your machine, basic thread colors, sewing tools and a bagged lunch. Linda Dickinson will have a fun fall item ready to amaze you! Please RSVP to Marilyn (Contact info in guild directory)



Quilt Bingo – Sunday, October 9



Bingo tickets go on sale at our July 12 meeting for members and on July 13 for non-members. Remember that tables for 8 or more players can be reserved. Cash or check is preferred for payment with PayPal being a third option. To see a copy of the bingo flyer, look at your June newsletter (p. 6), the guild website, or the guild Facebook page!

As you begin to finish your quilts, raffle baskets and door prizes, look for the following committee members who will be collecting them at upcoming meetings and storing them until the big day: Tessa Gordon gets quilts; Rhonda Madden gets raffle baskets and Sue Dieringer-Boyer gets door prizes.

QUILT BINGO

FOUR COUNTY QUILT GUILD
fourcountyquilters.org



Sunday, October 9, 2022

Ticket includes Lunch: \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door
(Added charges: \$1 to mail ticket(s) and \$1 if using PayPal)

Lunch provided by Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Co. Auxilliary

Location: Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company—Reception Hall
1008 Twin Arch Rd.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Features	Door Prizes	Lunch
<p>20 Regular Games (included with ticket)</p> <p>4 Specials Jackpot Basket Raffles</p>	<p>Doors open at 12:00 PM Lunch 12:30 PM Bingo starts at 2:00 PM</p> 	<p>Choice of Sandwich: Barbeque or Chicken Salad Choice of Two Sides: Macaroni & Cheese Potato Salad Coleslaw Beverage</p>
<p>TICKETS ON SALE JULY 13 Cash, PayPal Or Check (FCQG) marilyn-whalen@comcast.net 301-363-5419</p>	<p>SEATING Reserved seating for parties of 8 or more available when tickets are purchased Reserve early!</p>	<p>Desserts & Bingo Daubers Available for purchase</p>

Two and a Half Squares Exchange Continues.... (Encore Article)

Anyone can join in at any time. Gather 25- 2 ½ inch squares from your stash and exchange every month at our meetings (usually at the piano) Just run a thread through them to organize in groups of 25. So many things to make with them! What each of us makes is our choice. This is a way to get us out of our 'usual' fabric choices and add that zing to your project (or in my case, it's the quiet) either way, it takes our creativity up a notch.

What is your favorite North American Wildlife Creature? (Encore Article)



I love turtles. My husband picked Possums. Possums? Then there are the birds, foxes, rabbits, squirrels, deer and owls. What is your favorite wildlife creature? Put him in a quilt (30" square) up to king size, on a bag, table runner, or clothing. Quilt any size and enter the wildlife challenge for **Quilts in the Park on September 17th**. Piney Run Park has a 300-acre lake and down from our pavilion - a nesting Bald Eagle - a lot of wildlife.

Attention Singer Featherweight Owners (Encore Article)

Capital Quilts will teach a Featherweight Maintenance Class for us. We need at least 4 people for the class. A date, day, and time can be determined if there is interest in the class. If you are interested, please contact Melinda Horner (Contact info in guild directory) .



Upcoming Quilt Shows

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
Sep 29-Oct 1	Original Sewing & Quilt Expo	Fredericksburg, VA
Nov 11-12	Tidewater Quilt Guild Show	www.tqgva.org

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 2nd 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)

Other Guild Contacts
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Maryjean Spencer, Newsletter
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FCQG
June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

President Bonny Kindt opened the meeting.
 June birthdays were recognized and awarded fat quarters.
 Members were asked to sign cards for member Susan Eitnier.
 The Uhuru Quilters brought their raffle quilt.
 Sign-ups for volunteering opportunities 2022-2023 were passed around.

May Minutes:
 The May minutes will be considered for approval at the July meeting.

SPEAKER

Brita Nelson was our speaker this month and she spoke via Zoom. Members unable to attend in person were also able to hear her on Zoom.

She spoke on "Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks". She gave us great instruction on 4-patch, 9-patch, and hourglass blocks and showed many "magical" quilts. She awarded a door prize to one lucky member. Her website is <http://www.thequestioningquilter.com/> and she placed a 10% off FCQG coupon there good for one week.

Officers for next year:

The officers elected at the May meeting for the upcoming year were installed by outgoing president Bonny Kindt –
 President – Marilyn Whalen to whom she gave a light to guide us and money-themed fabric
 Vice President – Rhonda Madden to whom she gave Roberts Rules of Order
 Secretary – Vicki Brewer to whom she gave pens & notepads
 Treasurer – Annette Dietrich absent

Recognition gifts were presented to the outgoing board:

Ollie Gray gave Bonny a fabulous quilt with blocks of embroidered barns with quilt blocks.
 Karen Carpenter and Maryjean Spencer made a wall quilt for VP Melinda.
 Ann Marie Schmelter made a table runner for Secretary/Treasurer Marilyn Whalen.

Bylaws

Changes to Article III, Sections I and III were approved by the members in attendance.
 Changes to Article III, Section V were removed by vote of the members in attendance.

Tunnels 2 Towers Service Project

Nanci O'Brien reported that we are closing in on our target.
 Members are encouraged to finish up their quilts and turn them into Nanci by the end of summer.

2023 Service Project/Community Quilts recommendation

Nancy Willett suggested cradle or Project Linus-sized quilts for Shady Grove Pregnancy Center
 Purchase of Document Camera

Mary Jo Richmond proposed purchase of a AverVision F17HD document camera for \$325 according to my notes.

The members in attendance approved the purchase.

UPDATE: A newer model was found that would cost \$380.54. In accordance with the bylaws, the board approved the purchase of this better camera.

2 ½" square exchange continues

Virginia Quilt Museum Trip (Saturday, 5/14)

Everyone who went enjoyed the quilts, the lunch, the Patchwork Plus shop, the great weather, and each

other.

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

The tea was fabulous, and everyone had a great time.

There are pictures on the website.

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

The upcoming library bees will be used to make crafts for Quilts in the Park.

Check the library bee schedule for details or contact Marilyn Whalen (marilyn-whalen@comcast.net) or Linda Dickinson (wdickins@comcast.net).

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

Signup sheets for workers were available. There are jobs for those who also want to play bingo and well as jobs that will not allow the volunteers to play.

Tickets will go on sale to the members at the July meeting (7/12) and to the general public the next day.

Tickets are \$35 each which includes lunch. Payment by cash or check is preferred.

FCQG Quilt Show, 8/4-5/2023

Show will be held at the Calvary Methodist Church in the Good Shepherd Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Door prizes were given.

Show and Tell

Fabulous quilts were shared by Kay Worley, Ann Marie Schmelter, Kristi Dillard, Margaret Minton, Leslie Cole, Robyn Keyser, Olga Schrichte, and Bonny Kindt.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dieringer-Boyer

Board Meeting Minutes on next page...

FCQG BOARD MEETING – June 22, 2022

A board meeting of Four County Quilters Guild was held on June 22, 2022, via Zoom.

Attendees: Bonny Kindt, Rhonda Madden, Sue Heslin, Mary Jo Richmond, Ann Marie Schmelter, Nancy Willett, Marilyn Whalen, and Sue Dieringer-Boyer.

Review of Minutes

March Board meeting minutes were not presented for approval.

This will be done at the next Board meeting.

Reports

1) Review of last year's accomplishments

Survived COVID

Have \$xx,xxx.xx in the bank as of this date

Sponsored two Quilts in the Park

Trip to Virginia Quilt Museum

2) Looking ahead to next year

Updating bylaws to continue

Quilts in the Park "Wildlife" challenge

Finish Tunnels 2 Towers project this summer

Guild retreat at Pecometh August 18 – 21, 2022

3) Bylaws Review Committee

Review process will continue with more discussion to be held at the Guild meetings. Board suggested that all the committee members be available to speak to the membership during these discussions.

4) Miscellaneous

Other ideas discussed were:

- a) publish Opportunity Quilt sales schedule in newsletter
- b) continue use of Zoom for members unable to attend in person as well as snow day meetings
- c) Website issues – GoDaddy or something else, website for members only
- d) possible uses of Google Meets
- e) Membership payment – cash, checks, PayPal (reminder that Guild loses money with use of PayPal). Also need to set deadline for payment to be included in updated directory.
- f) access to Google Docs for all members
- g) Zoom help for Megan

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dieringer-Boyer