



Four County Quilters Guild

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FourCountyQuilters.org



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July 11, 2023 Meeting Agenda

- 6:30 Membership—See Mary Jo Richmond if you missed the renewal deadline
 “Quiltporium”—Turn in completed projects to Linda Dickinson or Chris Rhodes
 “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”—Final donation(s) will be shown during “Show & Tell”
- 7:00 Welcome and acknowledge July birthdays
 Vote to approve June minutes
 Directions for a quick Quiltporium craft to make while waiting for your ice cream
- 7:10 Ice Cream Social: Thanks to Chris Rhodes & Libi Driggers for chairing this event.
- 8:00 Results of Philanthropy Survey
 Vote to approve 2023-2024 Budget
 2023-2024 Committee Sign-ups via Sign-Up Genius—Update
- 8:10 Mary Jo: Final Information Update for the August 4 & 5 Quilt Show
- 8:35 Door Prizes
- 8:40 Show & Tell
- 9:00 Adjourn

President’s Message

My family and I recently returned from a vacation at Deep Creek Lake. Though the week’s weather did not cooperate, we were fortunate to have enjoyed a lake-front house from which we spent our days gazing at beautiful water views including watching a mother duck swimming trailed by her eight ducklings. There were walks along wooded roads, fishing off a floating dock, and brain exercises courtesy of a 1,000-piece Hallmark Christmas jigsaw puzzle. To add a little more holiday spirit, I worked on a festive snowman wall hanging that is nearing completion and just may make it into our upcoming quilt show! As we head into the final days of preparing for that show, start thinking about small holiday gifts you might find at the Quiltporium, inspiration you might find as you study the 200+ quilts that will be displayed, how happy the vendors will be if you make a few purchases, and the comraderie you will experience as we work together to make this show a memorable one.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” – Helen Keller
 Marilyn Whalen

QUILT SHOW UPDATES

Quilt Registration: Currently there are 175 quilts registered in our quilt show. We now have a map of the area at the church for our show. We have determined that the limit for the number of quilts is going to be 200 quilts. We are going to close registration when we have 200 quilts registered, or on July 20, 2023. By closing registration on July 20, 2023, it will give us two weeks to have the materials prepped and printed that we need for our quilt show. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the midnight deadline or 200 Quilt limit. Please use this link to register your [quilts](#).



Volunteers: All guild members should think about volunteering at our show. It's fun and we need our members to help to make this a successful show. Many members, whether on the committee or not, have already stepped up and have agreed to work all day for both days of the show. But still, that's only about 50% of the volunteers necessary for a successful show. If you volunteer for four hours, which is two – 2-hour shifts, you won't have to pay to attend the show. Please use this [link](#) to sign up to volunteer. While attending or volunteering at the quilt show, please take photos and send them to Mary Jo Richmond during or after the show so we have a historical record of our show.

Links don't work well for you in our newsletter for the quilt show? All links for the Quilt Show are on our webpage under Quilt Show 2023.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership: Over 100 people have renewed or joined as new members already! Thank you to everyone for getting your dues in by the start of our fiscal year in our transition year.



Member Name Tags: Is there someone in the guild who is willing to work on member name tags? The task involves formatting our logo on your computer with the member's name and printing it on special fabric paper and cutting it apart. Then you would bring it to our next meeting to be delivered to our new members. It isn't hard, but it is something I struggle with on my computer. Some people are more gifted with graphic images than I am. Please contact Mary Jo Richmond if you are interested in helping with this (Contact info in guild directory).

COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS



Sign-ups for this year's committees are electronic via Sign-up Genius which has been emailed to all members. Sign-ups for this year's committees are electronic via **Sign-up Genius** which has been emailed to all members. Our guild is a very active one. There are many different ways that each of us can volunteer to help it to continue as an avenue for growth in our common enjoyment of quilting and in offering opportunities for our members to socialize, learn from one another and help our community.

One new committee has been added. Maryjean Spencer is stepping down as Newsletter Chair—please thank her for the cheerful monthly updates you have been enjoying from her for the past two years. Because compiling the newsletter and emailing “Shout-Outs” throughout the month have evolved into two large tasks, I have created the “Communications — Ad Hoc” Committee, whose Chairperson will use the guild's contact list

to send out electronic messages throughout the year to our members. That will allow the “Communications – Newsletter” Chairperson to focus solely on the newsletter itself. So . . . new opportunities to help out!

Remember “Change is good!” as we move to this electronic sign-up. I learned a lot as I worked on creating it, and I look forward to the possibilities it offers for the guild to efficiently communicate.

Email or call me if you have any difficulties with signing up for a committee--president@fourcountyquilters.org or (Phone number in Guild Directory).

RAFFLE BASKET ROUND-UP

A big thank you to all who have signed up for our 18 Raffle Baskets - there are some very exciting combinations being created including gift certificate for one hour massage, designs for 62 Blocks of the Month, and more! There is still time to raffle with us- for anyone who is waffling or shuffling about what to do for a donation, we can help! For example, there are two group baskets being compiled - America - (includes new items you may have picked up from your travels) and “Tools of the Trade” new unopened items you may already own but not need...for these two baskets we will take your donations up to July 31, and wrap it up. For the Sixteen groups who are making up most or all of their basket contents, we will begin taking those baskets/items at the July guild meeting. Christine Daily will collect your things as long as there is a complete inventory and donor listing with the submission. She will also have extra baskets with her for anyone needing them. If you have questions, please contact either Chris or Janie Benton by email or cell phone text. Here is what to do to get your creations into our show on time.



INSTRUCTIONS:

All donations must be clean, organized for your desired theme, with a descriptive inventory of each item, and the name of the stitcher, etc. attached if desired.

1. Descriptive inventory, name(s) of group and individuals providing the basket should be given to the raffle committee. Chris also appreciates electronic format submissions.
2. Final packaging is not required. The raffle committee has supplies to finish the baskets for display. However, feel free to wrap your baskets with clear cellophane and ties if you desire.
3. We can pick up any donations not brought to the July guild meeting. Please contact one of the committee members, Christine Daily, Janie Benton or Leslie Cole on email or telephone to arrange. Sunday July 31 is the deadline for all submittals.
4. At the show your basket will be assigned a number, and we will display them to get maximum attention. Attendees will have the drawing schedule in their show program, with times of the drawings twice a day, at 1:00 and either 4:00 or 3:00. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. We expect that basket numbers 1-5 will be drawn first, numbers 6-10 at the end of Friday, and the last half will be drawn the same way on Saturday, ending at 3:00.
5. All winners not present at the time of the drawing will be contacted by telephone, with instructions to call Marilyn Whalen to arrange receipt of their prize within one week.

Have fun finishing your group creations and see you at the Raffle Table!

SPRING CHALLENGE QUILTS EXHIBIT IN OAKS, PA PAPERWORK DUE JULY 10 TH

Please email Kristi Dillard (Contact info in guild directory) by JULY 10th your liability release form along with the show required information: Name, size of your quilt, insurance value & description of quilt.

For example:

Name: Sue Smith

Size: 31x31

Insurance: \$250

Description: This is an original design I created and was inspired by the Four County Quilters Guild (FCQG) theme country living. I thought of barns and a picturesque landscape resulting in my challenge quilt. (this will be on the printout by your quilt)



WEBSITE NEWS FROM ANN MARIE

In a clear case of "You never know what impact you have made," I received an email through our website's contact form from a library media specialist in New Hampshire. She and some student volunteers are updating their library's Textiles and Fiber Arts guide, and the students asked her to reach out to thank us and let us know how much the links to free stuff for quilters on our website have helped them. And as a thank-you, one of the students even recommended a site to link to our website which I have placed in the "New to Quilting?" page under Fun and Free.



I have received many emails from people contacting us through our website, and this one was the best by far!

ELEGANT VASE WORKSHOP TAUGHT BY KARA MASON AND TERI YOUNG

When: October 7, 2023

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Where: Calvary United Methodist Church

Cost: \$31

Full kit cost: \$40 (includes all material needed to complete block)

Ribbon Kit only: \$25

Maximum # participants: 25

Two options available: Multi color or neutral (See website)

<https://www.needleseystories.com/classes>



This elegant vase of flowers is a wonderful introduction to basic wool appliqué and ribbonwork. Your friends will be in awe of your skill when you show them your block, but you can decide whether to tell them how easy creating these exquisite blooms really is. The class will begin with the basics of wool appliqué, as we prepare the vase and leaves. And then we will become florists: using only three new techniques, we can create all these beautiful blooms. You will be amazed how a simple running stitch can be used in different ways to create petals for our pansies and chrysanthemums, and wire-gathering does the trick for our roses. A couple of basic embroidery stitches for stems will add the finishing touches. And all the while, fun will be the focus!

To sign up contact Rhonda Madden. Her email is Rhonda.Madden@fourcountyquilters.org

FALL PICNIC—A CELEBRATION OF OUR GUILD’S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Kristina Crowe, Karen Carpenter, Robin Keyser, Sue Heslin and Linda Dickinson are planning a celebration picnic for the guild. In addition to marking our anniversary, the quilt show will be over, and all of our volunteers will be ready for a party! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, at Kemptown Park Pavilion #3. The park is located behind Kemptown Elementary School in Frederick County. The committee will be planning a memorable afternoon for us and finalizing the time and menu at their July meeting. Attendees will be asked to bring a dessert or side to share. This is a photo of the pavilion—the beige building in the back is the restroom—no shuttles needed to get there! You can see the edge of the large parking lot on the left side of the photo.



APRIL 11 - 14, 2024 CAMP PECOMETH QUILT RETREAT

2 nights, 4 meals, Double, per person \$233.00

3 nights, 8 meals, Double, per person \$329.00

3 nights, 8 meals, Single \$489.00

To reduce the cost of the Retreat, going forward there will only be one entree served at dinner.

Quiltporium!

WooHoo—4 more weeks to Show time! Quiltporium do-bees have been busy from the beginning stitching needlebooks, tagalong bags, table runners, cord wraps, earbud pockets, key tags, owls, chickens, jellyroll pin quilts and spoolies among other awesome things. You won't want to miss checking out the FCQG Quiltporium booth, the display baskets have been filling nicely because of YOU! Please, please, please finish up any kits you've taken home or any handmade projects you've been working on for donation to the Quiltporium. Bring finished items to the July 8 guild meeting so an Inventory Listing can be completed and prepared before August 3. If coming to July guild meeting for drop-off isn't convenient or a little extra time is needed to complete a project, please contact Linda Dickinson ASAP to arrange for pick up the following week .

Quiltporium Crafters, we are so excited to see what you have been creating and wish you well \$\$ at the Show. Please let me know if you need display assistance or have any last minute questions.

DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW...EVERYONE IS NEEDED!!!

SAVINGS REMINDER \$\$\$

Did you know that on Guild Tuesdays (a very important day each month), guild members receive a 20% discount at Patches! Be sure to stop by and get all the goodies you need and save 20%. A big thank you to Jackie and her amazing staff!

BARGAIN BIN - QUILT SHOW

The description and quantity of the items you are selling in the Bargain Bin were due to Shari Wastler or Melinda Horner by July 1, 2023.



LIBRARY SEW-IN DATES

July 1, 2023 Eldersburg - Mid Size Meeting Room - 9am - 2pm

July 8, 2023 Mt Airy - Large Meeting Room- 10am -4:30pm

August 19, 2023 Mt. Airy - Large Meeting Room - 9am - 1:30pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4-5, Jubiliation – FCQG Quilt Show – Friday, 10 – 5; Saturday, 10 – 5. Visit www.fourcountyquilters.org.

September 9 - 10, 2023 Schuylkill County Quilters Guild "It Takes Two" Quilt Show Walk In Arts Center 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA 10 am - 5 pm

September 23, 2023 Helping Hands Quilt Guild Wyoming United Methodist Church, Dover, Delaware 9 am - 4 pm "Gathering Piece by Piece" Quilt Show

Anna Maria Horner will present "Anna's Blueprint Quilting" Lecture/Trunk Show for all attendees
Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 1pm

October 13 -15, 2023 "Sew Many Colors" Fall Festival of Quilts Brookhaven Municipal Building 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven, PA 10am - 4 pm

November 4 - 5 2023 Quilting on the L9ne Quilt Guild " Autumn Ribbons" Quilt Show Jarrettsville Fire Co. 3825 Federal Hill Rd, Jarrettsville, MD 10am - 5pm

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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: (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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Passcode: 4209865904

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdC67U3FCK>

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Minutes 4CQG June 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Marilyn Whalen, President

Two visitors, Peggy Ledell and Cindy Monroe, were introduced and welcomed as were two new members—Megan Myers and Emi Izquierdo

June birthdays were acknowledged and those members were invited to take a fat quarter from the Birthday Box.

Rhonda Madden, Vice President, introduced our guest speaker, Karen Kehl. In the past, Ms. Kehl worked as a nurse. She currently works at NIH as a scientist researching pain management. Her topic was "Sick Day Quilts". This is a quilt kept by a household and used by family members only on a sick day! These types of quilts were common in the Midwest but unheard of by the majority of our members. Ms. Kehl also spoke about many people's allergies to fiber dust and suggested bamboo batting and sturdy, pre-washed fabric be used when making these quilts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the May minutes was raised by Kristi Dillard and seconded by Cathy Turner. There was majority approval.

Receipts: When submitting receipts for reimbursement, they must be originals and be clearly labeled. Annette will accept original receipts showing multiple quantities of an item purchased for the guild with only some of those items actually used for the guild. Example: Three bags of cups are purchased but only one bag is used for the guild—purchaser keeps the other for personal use or returns them. Clearly label the original receipt in a situation like this. Email or text Annette with reimbursement questions.

Budget: There was a discussion of the budget which was previously sent electronically to members for review. Of note is the increase to \$3,000 for community service projects. Marilyn asked members to remember that our Philanthropy donations and our service projects monies together represent money donated to the community. Additionally, Marilyn clarified that monies allocated for the May Banquet were moved to fund the fall picnic. Several questions were raised by members Sue Deringer-Boyer and Chris Daley. To be sure the amount of money earmarked for Philanthropy is the amount the majority of members are comfortable with, Marilyn send out a brief survey electronically. The results (amount) will be shared at the July meeting and at that time members will be voting on the budget!

Officers: Rhonda Madden has completed her Vice-Presidency. Robin Keyser was nominated by Bonny Kindt to be her replacement. This was seconded by Teri Sipes and approved by majority vote. Marilyn presented board members Rhonda Madden, Vicki Brewer and Annette Dietrich (in absentia) with Patches gift cards to thank them for their service this year. Additionally, she thanked this year's chairs with small treats and notes.

Fall Picnic: In lieu of a May banquet, FCQG wil hold a picnic at Kemptown Park on Sat. Sept. 16, 2023. Since this is the date of Rosh Hashanah, members were polled if they would be unable to attend because of the holiday. There were no hands up so the decision was to keep the date as planned.

Ice Cream Social: Marilyn asked for volunteers to organize our annual ice cream social night for the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request: Member Sue Boyer asked the guild for help with ideas for how to see antique quilts. She and past president and member Laura O'Neal are helping a family with this task to help them cover overwhelming medical expenses. The family has several antique quilts from the 1800's that they would like to sell. Marilyn solicited comments and referred the decision to the quilt show committee as to whether or not space would be available at the show.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Jo Richmond, chair, reported renewal by 100 members to date. You must be a member by June 30, 2023, in order to exhibit a quilt in the upcoming show.

Quilt Show:

Registration of quilts has been opened so that members may now register more than two quilts per person! Quilts completed since 2019 are eligible. Table runners and wall quilts are acceptable. Registration will be capped at 200 and will close July 26. To sign up, go to the guild's website fourcountyquilters.org. Under "Quilt Show 2023," find the link to the electronic registration form. Complete it and you're set for the show!

Quilt Show Volunteers will be signing up via "Sign-Up Genius." The link is on our website under Quilt Show 2023 (see address above). If you sign up for two slots, you will get free admission to the show. There will be dinner provided for volunteers on Thursday, Aug. 3.

Quilt Take-In will be between 6:00 and 8:30 pm on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Volunteers should arrive at 5:30.

Parking location for the show volunteers is TBD.

Janie Benton asked that any raffle baskets with non-perishable items be turned in by July 15.

Save the Date: Workshop:

Rhonda has arranged a class with Teri Young and Kara Mason of "Through the Needle's Eye". It will be held in our usual meeting room on October 7, 2023, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The cost is \$31.00. A kit is available for an additional \$40.00. More information will be in the July newsletter.

Door Prizes: In Annette's absence, Kristi Dillard called raffle ticket numbers for numerous door prizes.

Show and Tell:

More quilts were shown for our charity project "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". Afterwards, members showing their own quilts were: Terry Sipes, Janelle Jenkins, Bridget Jenkins, Margaret Minton, Melinda Horner, Mary Jo Richmond and Cathy Turner. Visitor Cindy Monroe showed a quilt which she designed, hand pieced, and hand quilted.

Submitted by Virginia Brewer, Secretary