



Four County Quilters Guild

Mount Airy, Maryland

Founded 1988

FourCountyQuilters.org



NOVEMBER 2022



Laurie Ansoerge
 Carol Dowdle
 Susan Anderson
 Billie Meseke
 Debby Brehm
 Donna Largent
 Diano Coll



FCQG Officers

Marilyn Whalen	President
president@fourcountyquilters.org	
Rhonda Madden	Vice President
programs@fourcountyquilters.org	
Annette Dietrich	Treasurer
treasurer@fourcountyquilters.org	
Vicki Brewer	Secretary
secretary@fourcountyquilters.org	

Four County Quilters Guild
 P. O Box 431
 Mount Airy, MD 21771

November 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda MASKS OPTIONAL

- 6:30 - "Sew"cial time to meet and greet
 Slideshow by Mary Jo Richmond featuring:
 August Retreat, Quilts in the Park, Bingo
- 7:00 - Welcome and Acknowledge November Birthdays
 Approve October Minutes
 Treasurer's Report
- 7:15 - Guest Speaker: Rhonda Pierce: <http://sewmorestitches.com>
- 8:15 - A Quick Break
- 8:20 - Old Business--
- 8:30 - New Business--
- 8:45 - Door Prizes & Show & Tell
- 9:00 - Meeting Adjourned & Cleanup

President's Message



On vacation last month in Astoria, Oregon, my husband was quite excited to visit Fort Clatsop—the 1805 winter encampment site of the Lewis and Clark Expedition near the mouth of the Columbia River. As a social studies teacher, he had taught about the Expedition and was honored to walk in the footsteps of these famous explorers. As I was learning more in the Visitors' Center, what did I spot but a large quilt that had been made by 8th graders as part of their U.S. History unit. Each student chose a discovery or fact to

research, composed an essay and presented his/her findings. As a culminating activity, each student designed a quilt square representing their topic. A local quilt guild was involved with helping the students with their stitching, and volunteers handled the quilting. As I said last month, inspiration for quilting is everywhere! Here's a photo of part of the students' quilt.

Marilyn Whalen, President

TUNNEL TO TOWERS WRAP-UP

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Guild and its members who made this a very successful project!!



Drone photo of quilts made and donated by Four County Quilt Guild members. Photo courtesy of Nanci O'Brien

Recap: Tunnel To Towers is building a “village” of 110 homes in Florida which will be given mortgage-free to surviving families of first responders and military. Additionally, some of these homes will be ‘smart’ homes to be given to first responders and military survivors with catastrophic injuries. The objective of this quilt project was to make a quilt for each of these homes as a small ‘thank-you’ for the huge sacrifice these families have made. The loss these families endured enables millions of other Americans to live a happier, more secure life.

Guild members made 74 quilts!! Quilts were received from: Linda Beavers, Megan Harris, Sandie Horst, Helen Layton, Nanci Willet, Pam Copenhaver, Carol Yonetz (2), Barb Bracy, Fran Noyes, Carol Zahorodny, Ruth Poffenberger, Janet Woodfield (2), Ann Layton, Leslie Cole, Chris Daily (2), Bonny Kindt (3), Vicki Brewer (2), Carol Dowdle, Libi Driggers (3), Susan Anderson, Kay Worley (4), Carol Collins, Sharon Harris (4), Valerie Koegel (9), Janie Tegeler, Jane Dennis, and Nanci OBrien (26). Additionally, 58 of the frustrating star blocks were completed by members and made into quilts. The Guild also donated \$275 for material purchases.

Thanks also to the following ladies who completed the bindings on a number of quilts: Linda Stromberg, Joan Watkins, Sue Dieringer-Boyer, Nancy Willett, and Linda Beavers. And thanks to Margaret Minton for donating TWO bolts of 108” wide star material for backings.

In addition to the quilts made by Four County Quilt Guild, three other guilds made quilts. In total, I’m sending to Tunnel to Towers 155 quilts!! These have an estimated value of \$75,000. Each quilt has approximately \$100 in materials, and each took an average of 19 hours to make, start to finish. Given an estimated labor cost of \$20 an hour, that’s approximately \$60,000 in labor.

Much appreciation also goes to Spring Water Design in Columbia and Ellicott City Sew & Vac in Ellicott City. They each donated approximately \$250 in fabric. Burkholder's Fabric in Denver/Lancaster, PA also donated approximately \$1,000 in fabric and batting, and the Animal Health Center in Mount Airy donated approximately \$2,000 in batting and other materials." Please thank and patronize these stores for their generosity.

I thank all you ladies from the bottom of my heart for making this project such a success, and I apologize if I left any names off the above list. I tried to keep good notes, and hopefully didn't miss anyone. Please let me know if I missed you.

These quilts are small tokens of appreciation to the families who gave so much more.

Nanci O'Brien

December Meeting: Christmas (Holiday, if we must) Party!

Beep beep! Just around the corner there's a little red truck busy getting ready to bring you some Christmas cheer FCQG style! December 13 is the date, so mark your Christmas calendar and plan on joining in for some special Quilty Christmas fun. This year the menu will feature TURKEY & HAM graciously home-roasted by some truly awesome Banquet Ladies!

You'll want to wear your Christmas sweater, tote your best Potluck savory or casserole to share, and bake your favorite homemade cookies! Yes.. Cookies! (We'll supply the cake!) We're looking for that oh-so-good, butter stained, well-loved Christmas recipe and wishing on a Christmas star that you will make some awesome cookies/bars for the dessert table. Send your recipe to wdickins99@comcast.net before Dec.10 and Santa will give out recipe sheets at the banquet. Sign-up sheets for potluck/savories will be available at the back table during the November Guild meeting.



On a warm fuzzy note, the little red truck would like help with an FCQG Christmas project, to sew (and fill...more on that later) Christmas stockings. We're making it a contest and inviting you to join in by sewing a 13" stocking before the holidays. Melinda will be at the guild meeting to explain the contest and hand out the pattern with instructions. You won't want to miss it! See you there!

MEMBERSHIP



I hope you noticed that with the email that brought you this beautiful newsletter you also received both a PDF and a Word version of our Membership Directory. If you notice any errors or changes that need to be made to you or another guild member, please direct those changes to maryjorichmond@gmail.com by November 20th. An updated version of the directory will be emailed to all members before the end of November. Currently the guild has 115 members which includes 14 women who were not members of our guild last year. You will notice that it says **NEW MEMBER** under their name in our directory. Thank you in advance for helping to make them feel welcome at our meetings.

SPRING QUILT RETREAT

Quilt Retreat - Camp Pecometh April 13, - 16, 2023 - \$100.00 Deposit will hold your spot. As of now the prices quoted are for 2023. I am working on hopefully securing a lower price. I have requested both Large Sewing Rooms but that has not been confirmed by Richelle, the manager at Camp Pecometh. If we have only one Large Room, we will limit this Quilt Retreat to 14 people. If we are able to secure both Large Sewing Rooms, the Retreat will be available for 24 people. This will be an unconstructed Quilt Retreat, wherein quilters will bring their own projects to work on.

Double Occupancy: \$381.00 Thursday, - Sunday April 13, - 16, 2023 - Dinner Thursday, 3 Meals Friday, 3 Meals Saturday, and Breakfast Sunday.

Single Occupancy: \$561.00 Thursday, - Sunday April 13, -16, 2023 - Dinner Thursday, 3 Meals Friday, 3 Meals Saturday, and Breakfast Sunday.

To secure your spot, send a \$100.00 deposit to Treasurer, Annette Dietrich, 7202 Costello Drive, Sykesville, Maryland 21784, and email Melinda Horner at hornermelinda@yahoo.com when you have mailed or given your \$100.00 deposit to Annette Dietrich

Melinda Horner

LIBRARY SEW-IN DATES AND NEWS

10/29/2022 - Mt. Airy Public Library - Large Meeting Room - 10:00am - 4:00pm

11/5/2022 - Urbana Regional Library - Small Conference Room - 2nd Floor - There is an elevator - 10:00am - 4:00pm (This Room is not a "Small" Room)

11/12/2022 - Urbana Regional Library - Small Conference Room - 2nd Floor - There is an elevator - 10:00am - 4:00pm (This is not a "Small" Room Room)

11/19/2022 – Eldersburg Public Library – Mid-size Meeting Room – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

12/10/2022 - Urbana Regional Library - Small Conference Room - 2nd Floor - There is an elevator - 10:00am - 4:00pm (This is not a "Small" Room)

Mystery Make and Take Christmas Ornament - This will be offered at a Library Sew In - 11/12/2022 and/or 12/10/2022.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the November Guild Meeting so the appropriate amount of supplies and kits can be put together. All will only need to bring a smile and a willingness to be with others.

Frederick County Libraries are now open 7 Days a week. If anyone/group of friends would like to reserve a Meeting Room any day during the week (Sunday - Saturday) please let me know, and I will gladly reserve a room for you and/or your group.

Another possible fun activity and a way to connect with another local Sewing Group:

November Adult Program - November 22, 2022 at 10:00am at the Walkersville Public Library: Holiday Make and Take with Frederick Threads, American Sewing Guild.



QUILT SHOW UPDATE

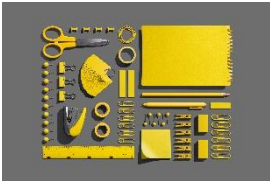
Our quilt show is less than 10 months away. You are going to start seeing frequent communication pieces from your fellow guild members about the show because it will take the work of many people to have a successful show. As has been done in the past, this quilt show will be limited to member's work that has been made since the last quilt show (2019). There will be an initial limit of two quilts per member and you may have seen a survey that was sent recently to see how members will be entering quilts. If you missed that survey, please reach out to Libi Driggers (libidrigger@aol.com) or Deb Cera (dcera@comcast.net) and they'll be sure to get you a copy of that survey. It is not a binding survey.

Would you still like to join the Quilt Show Committee? The meeting dates through 2023 include: 11/3 and 12/5. We will meet again on January 11th. The dates for all [meetings](#) are scheduled through July 31st. Please email Mary Jo Richmond (maryjorichmond@gmail.com) so that you can receive a calendar invitation to the meeting. There are committees to join and/or committees to head. For instance, right now on my plate still is the Viewer's Choice. If someone would like to take this from me, I'm happy to pass it along. New members can jump in at any time. Just reach out to Mary Jo. There are many places where help is still needed.

I was so heartened by the efforts of our members at Quilt Bingo. So many members came together for a very successful event. I know that we will do that once again for our Jubilation Quilt Show.



FCQG BOARD MEETING



The next FCQG Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The Zoom information is located on Page 7 of this newsletter.

QUILT SHOW 2023/EMPORIUM

This is the year of the FCQG Quilt Show... JUBILATION! August 4 & 5, 2023 to be exact. In crafty sewing to be-finished terms - 9 months. Time to get this baby (Emporium?/4 County Corner?/Quilters Corner?) on its way! We all love to shop for quilty things and the FCQG "shop" will be THE place for Quilt Show visitors to see what our members have created. Look for the EMPORIUM SIGN-UP sheet at the November guild meeting. Can you help with sewing/crafty projects this year? Does "EMPORIUM" for FCQG's quilty corner of handmade items for sale sound out of date and need a new name? Would you like to sell some of your own handmade quilty items for a percentage to the guild? Do you have an idea for a quilty item that we could make? Watch for Quilt Show Scrapbuster Project sheets at guild meetings; you can sew these at home. Look for special Quilt Show Project Day noted for a Sew-in in the newsletter and bring your machine. Libi will be asking you to save your scraps again for "bargain bags", scraps no smaller than the spread of your hand—no itty bitties, please! Bring them to a meeting, drop them in the basket marked Quilt Show Scraps. Let's get excited about what's ahead. Are you planning to make a new quilt to enter in the Show?



Linda Dickinson

Fall Fest – Piney Run Park

Fall Fest at Piney Run Park on October 8th. Joan Watkins and husband Gil helped kids make 101 bookmarks on hand crank sewing machines. Kids also enjoyed sewing felt projects and basting a quilt. Most had never sewn before! What fun!

Bonny Kindt



Clustered Spires Quilt Guild Exhibit (encore article)

The Colors of Our World

December 3-31, 2022

The Delaplaine Arts Center

40 South Carroll St., Frederick, MD 21701

301-698-0656

<https://delaplaine.org/>

Mon-Sat 9-5

Sun 11-5

Closed Dec 25-26



Mini Bargello Sunflower Quilt Workshop (encore article)

<https://quiltsbyjen.ca/workshops-seminars-and-trunk-shows/mini-sunflower-bargello-quilt-class/>

Above is a link that describes the Mini Bargello Sunflower Quilt workshop that is scheduled to be taught by Jennifer Houlden. The overall cost of the workshop is \$450; if we can attract 15 participants the cost would be \$30. Tentatively the workshop would be scheduled in March 2023. It is recommended that sessions be done over Three (3) Zoom sessions.

Session 1 (1 hour) will be a presentation about supplies, choosing fabrics and discussion on the level of pre-work required for session 2.

Session 2 (3 hours) focuses on making the Bargello as well as some other bonus material.

Session 3 (3 hours) focuses on creating the flower, quilting the background and stitching the flower in place.



All sessions have both slideshow presentations and live demos with lots of time for sewing and asking questions. Jennifer recommends a week between sessions for participants to complete their homework and be ready for the next session.

Currently, only two guild members have indicated an interest in the workshop. To make the class cost effective 13 more participants are needed. If you are interested in the Mini Bargello workshop, please email me at rhonda.madden@fourcountyquilters.org subject line Bargello Sunflower workshop. Please respond as soon as possible so that I can confirm Jennifer’s availability in March 2023.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Upcoming 2022 Quilting Events		
Nov 4-6	Fall Harvest of Quilts	Everybody’s Quilt Guild (see below)
Nov 11-12	Tidewater Quilt Guild Show	www.tggva.org



Raffle Quilt: “Oh, My Stars!”
 Kits available in advance and at the show.
 Show to be held Sunday, November 6th at the
 show. (Winner need not be present)

Everybody’s Quilt Guild Presents:
“Fall Harvest of Quilts”
Quilt Show 2022
 November 4th - 6th
Hours: Friday and Saturday 10AM-5PM
Sunday 10AM-3PM
 Pleasant Valley Fire Company
 2030 Pleasant Valley Road
 Westminster, MD 21158

- Vendors • Boutique and Members Tables
- Raffle Quilt • Raffle Baskets
- Silent Auction with Quilted Items
- Free Demonstrations with kits available for purchase
- Refreshments and Lite Fair available for purchase

Admission \$10, Children under 10 Free
 For Vendor Opportunities Please
 Contact Vanessa at 443-900-7391

Follow us on Facebook @ Everybody’s Quilt Guild Events

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

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,4041727482#,,,,*4209865904# US (Washington DC)

+16465588656,,4041727482#,,,,*4209865904# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

Meeting ID: 404 172 7482

Passcode: 4209865904

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041727482?pwd=MkVNRDdTvmhVTIZTTWdwL3J2VkZ6dz09>

Other Guild Contacts

Maryjean Spencer, Beekeeper

maryjean.spencer@fourcountyquilters.org

Mary Jo Richmond, Membership

maryjo.richmond@fourcountyquilters.org

Maryjean Spencer, Newsletter

maryjean.spencer@fourcountyquilters.org

**Four County Quilt Guild
Minutes October 11, 2022**

Melinda Horner presented a pre-meeting program, demonstrating the use of Caran D'Ache crayons. She displayed several projects she has made with this technique. It was the first time our new projector was used at a general meeting.

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

Sue Dieringer-Boyer, introduced her guest Marion from Phoenix, Arizona.

There was a correction of the September minutes brought to our attention by Sandi Horst. At the September Show and Tell, a quilt designated for "Tunnels to Towers" was pieced by Sandi Horst and quilted by Megan Mathews. The September minutes were approved with this correction.

Old Business:

Quilts in the Park was a huge success. The weather and the company of friends was lovely once again. Thank you to Bonny Kindt and the many committee members who made this possible.

Bingo was full of fun and also extremely successful financially.

Bylaws committee will present the next portion for discussion next month.

The treasurer's report was given by Annette Dietrich. On September 1, there was \$xx,xxx (see emailed newsletter for amount). On Sept. 30, the balance was \$xx,xxx (see emailed newsletter for amount). Q.I.P. yielded \$x,xxx (see emailed newsletter for amount). Bingo profits are pending final payments and will be announced at the next meeting.

New Business:

Members with October birthdays were acknowledged and chose a fat quarter from the basket.

The 50/50 raffle at Bingo was won by Kathy Conlon, who graciously donated half of it back to the guild. That amount was \$200 and will be donated by 4CQG to the Frederick chapter of "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," an organization which makes beds for children and provides brand new bedding with each bed.

As a gesture of thanks to our members who donated game quilts and baskets to the Bingo, two gift cards were raffled. They were won by Carol Zahorodny and Helen Choma.

Sue Dieringer-Boyer and Marilyn are looking into a new guild project and will talk about it next month.

A vote was taken to approve the purchase of a projection camera. Mary Jo Richmond can purchase a new camera using the bid list from the school system. The cost would be approximately \$525. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Linda Toon and seconded by Sue Dieringer-Boyer. It was approved by majority show of hands.

There is also a need for a headphone microphone for demonstrations. This would cost \$35-\$46 and will be purchased for use during demos in conjunction with the document camera and new projector.

Thank you to Mary Jo, Marilyn and Tom Christie (Roberta's husband), who have attempted to diagnose the problem with the audio on our speaker system. An inexpensive cable will be purchased and tested next month which should solve the problem.

Raffle Quilt: Sue Heslin announced that all of the tickets have been sold!

This involved a great effort by Sue and all of the members who volunteered to take the quilt to other guilds and festivals. Thank you all.

Board Meeting: A decision was made to move the focus of our guild back to pre-covid status. Questions remain about retaining members who can only attend via ZOOM. An email will be sent to all members outlining Marilyn's ideas and she asks members to thoughtfully read it and respond to her. The board will revisit these decisions and report back at the December board meeting.

Speaker: Our speaker was Sarah Fielke, a fabric designer and author from Sydney Australia. She presented a trunk show of her quilting progression from being a beginning quilter until now. Her website is: sarah.fielke.com.

Door Prizes: were provided by The Fat Quarter Shop. They were coordinated by Anne Marie Schmeltzer and awarded by chance tickets.

Show and Tell: Quilts by Kristi Dillard, Annette Dietrich, and Carol Yonetz were shown. Janie Benton had an embroidered table runner with a bazillion stitches! Janelle Jenkins showed a fabric doll in the likeness of Davy Jones of the Monkees.

Respectfully submitted by Virginia Brewer, Secretary



FCQG BY-LAWS

The bylaw committee will once again be working through the proposed changes that were previously sent out to all members. To recap, membership approved the changes to Articles I and II at the April meeting (see the minutes in the May 2022 newsletter). The proposed changes to Article III, Sections I and II were approved and the proposed changes to Section V were removed (see the minutes in the July 2022 newsletter). We will be picking up again at the November meeting with Article IV, Officers. The proposed By-laws are below. What you see are the approved Articles I, II and III and the proposed Articles IV – IX. You can tell the difference because the proposed section is red. We will also be projecting these sections via the computer at the meeting.

BYLAWS

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD, INC.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be as stated in the Articles of Incorporation "Four County Quilters Guild, Inc.," hereinafter referred to as "the Guild." It is incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland as a non-profit corporation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue law.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

The purpose will include but won't be limited to creating, stimulating, maintaining, and recording interest in matters pertaining to the making, collecting, and preserving of quilts while establishing and promoting educational and philanthropic endeavors through quilts.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to any person over the age of 18 in agreement with the stated purposes of the Guild upon payment of dues. Active membership is defined as participation in one or more guild committees or responsibilities

Section 2. Membership shall be open to any interested person under the age of 18 as a Junior Member. Junior members will have all the privileges of membership except voting. They must be sponsored and supervised by an active guild member at any guild function.

Section 3. A Membership Directory shall be published for the exclusive use of the Guild members. Members who pay dues by the announced date will be listed in the Directory. New member information will be added periodically.

Section 4. No person shall use the Guild membership or meetings to solicit business for personal profit, commercial enterprise or charitable purpose without the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. A member may be paid at the prevailing rate for services rendered that are comparable to those rendered by nonmembers. However, any member is asked to do so at a free or reduced rate to support the guild.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers shall be: the Past President, President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

The President-Elect will automatically serve as President the following year.

To serve as one of the five officers, a nominee must have been a member of the guild for a minimum of one year prior to being nominated. Any exceptions will be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Election of the Board will be held at the May general meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the June general meeting; each officer's term will begin on July 1.

If a vacancy occurs among the officers, other than that of President, a replacement will be appointed by the Board to serve the remainder of the term.

In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect will succeed and serve the remainder of the President's term before serving the elected term as President. A member who is appointed to the position of President-Elect will not automatically serve as President the following year. In this case, the position of President-Elect will be included in the normal election process.

Section 4. Duties:

- a. The President shall preside at meetings of the general membership and of the Board of Directors, appoint chairs of committees, and have such usual powers of management and supervision as may pertain to the office.
- b. The President-elect shall assist the President and assume the duties of the President in the President's absence.
- c. The Secretary shall conduct correspondence as directed by the Board of Directors and record and prepare written minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors and of the monthly general membership meetings which will be printed in the monthly newsletter. The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of minutes for both the Board and the general membership.
- d. The Treasurer shall collect, disburse and deposit all funds as directed by the Board of Directors, maintain current and proper records of all receipts and disbursements and prepare an annual budget for approval of the Board of Directors and the membership. The budget is to be presented to the general membership in the Newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting and at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer's financial records shall be open at any time to inspection by any Officer. The records are to be maintained electronically. The Treasurer's records are to be reviewed quarterly by a committee appointed by the Board.

Section 3. When elected, Officers shall take their respective offices at the close of the June Meeting and serve for terms of one year or until their successors are installed. If any officer dies, resigns, or is removed for cause, a majority of the remaining Officers may elect a successor to hold the vacated office for the remainder of the term.

Section 4. An Officer shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5. Any Officer may be removed from office for nonperformance of duties, malfeasance, or misfeasance by majority vote of the Board of Directors or by a two thirds majority vote of the general membership present.

ARTICLE V: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominations:

- a. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for office at the April meeting.
- b. Nominations shall be invited from the general membership at that time.
- c. The Nominating Committee shall provide the slate to the Newsletter Committee for publication in the newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Elections:

- a. Elections shall be by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting along with any absentee votes that have been returned to the Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting.

b. If only one candidate for each office is nominated, elections shall be by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs, set policy, and control the funds and property of the Guild. Each member of the Board shall have an equal vote when motions are proposed and voted upon. A majority of the members present at any meeting shall prevail.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of five elected Officers: the Past-President, the President, the President-elect, the Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend Board meetings.

Section 4. Board meetings are open to all members.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times per year.

Section 6. It will be the privilege of retiring officers to serve as ex officio members of the Board of Directors to provide continuity and advice.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the membership shall be conducted in May at a location, time, and date established by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall be advertised to the membership no less than ten days prior to the actual meeting. The members will vote on the proposed Board Nominations.

Section 2. Reports of the Guild's activities, membership dues, and budget shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Additional meeting agenda items may be added when approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Monthly meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at a time and location the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 4. Emergency Snow Closing Policy. Monthly meetings will be canceled due to snow, ice or inclement weather any time schools are closed for the day or close early in any of the following Maryland counties: Carroll, Frederick, Howard or Montgomery. Announcements will be emailed to the general membership. Virtual meetings may be an option at the discretion of the Board.

Section 5. Special meetings may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting Guild business or for providing workshops to the membership and the general public. A fee may be charged to cover the cost of a teacher, speaker, advertising, room and equipment rental, and supplies for such workshops. Such meetings and workshops shall be announced in the monthly newsletter or a special mailing as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Guild is under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board is assisted by members serving on committees as the Board shall deem necessary.

Section 2. Standing Committees and Duties:

- a. The Membership Committee shall collect dues starting June 1st through July 15th from any person wishing to join the Guild. The membership year is from July to the following June. The Committee will publish a directory of all paid members as of the August monthly meeting.
- b. The Newsletter Committee shall produce and distribute a monthly digital newsletter and other communications as necessary. Within assigned budget, the Newsletter Committee is authorized to purchase supplies as necessary to perform this duty.
- c. The Program Committee, , shall plan the programs for monthly meetings, special meetings and workshops. The Program Committee is authorized to solicit and engage qualified speakers, teachers or facilitators for the above meetings, within their assigned budget.
- d. The Welcome Committee will introduce new members at guild meetings and ensure that they receive invitations to the new member virtual meetings during their first two years of membership.
- e. The Quilt Show Committee shall organize, plan and promote a quilt show that will create, stimulate and educate the public in the making, collecting and preserving of quilts. Within their assigned responsibilities, the Quilt Show Committee is authorized to reserve a facility, sell space for vendors, and rent or purchase necessary equipment and supplies to accomplish the task.
- f. The Hospitality Committee shall solicit volunteers to provide refreshments and cleanup for all meetings and shall purchase needed supplies, within assigned budget.
- g. The Philanthropy Committee will identify one or more nonprofit organizations to which the guild may donate money within the assigned budget.
- h. The Service Project Committee shall identify a nonprofit organization in need of a sewing/quilted item. Guild members may work at home or at an organized meeting or workshop to construct these items. Materials to complete these items may be donated or purchased within the assigned budget.
- i. The Banquet Committee shall plan and organize all activities for any meeting that typically includes a meal. The assigned budget may be supplemented by participant fees.
- j. The President's Quilt Committee. The Past President will form a committee to prepare a "Thank You" quilt for the serving President. In the event this is not possible, and President-Elect will oversee the making of the quilt. The quilt, wall hanging size or larger, is to be completed and presented at the Annual Meeting.
- k. The Quilt Bingo Committee shall organize, plan and promote a fund-raising bingo. Within their assigned responsibilities, the Quilt Bingo Committee is authorized to reserve a facility, arrange for food service and rent or purchase necessary equipment and supplies to accomplish the task.

Section 3. Special and Traditional Appointments

The President will appoint members or committees as needed to execute other activities of the guild.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

Section 1. Obligations. No member may obligate the Guild to any unbudgeted financial expense without the approval of two elected officers. No officer may approve an unbudgeted expenditure exceeding \$ 150.00 without the approval of the majority of Guild members present at the monthly Guild meeting. Any committee exceeding its assigned budget shall present information to the Board of Directors for approval beforehand explaining the additional requirement.

Section 2. Property. The Treasurer shall maintain inventory of Guild property such that type, model, serial number, initial value, date purchased, and current location are readily determined at any time. If the Board determines that an item is no longer needed, or obsolete, the stated item will be disposed of at the discretion of the Board.

Section 3. Membership Dues. The amount of annual dues shall be established by a majority vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting. Full dues for current members will be accepted starting June 1st and must be paid by July 15th to be included in the Guild Directory. Members joining the Guild January through June of the Guild year will pay 50% of the full dues amount.

Section 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 5. Fees. Nonmembers are welcome to attend guild meetings. There will be a nominal fee of five dollars per meeting when the guild hosts a paid speaker. Within a fiscal year, guests may join and apply guest fees to membership with a receipt showing fees paid.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by majority vote of those members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted to the members in the newsletter prior to the meeting. Bylaws will be effective immediately after acceptance by the members and Board of Directors.

Accepted by the members of Four County Quilters Guild, Inc. this 13th day of October 2020. (to be determined)