



Four County Quilters Guild, Inc.

*Meetings held the second Tuesday of the month
at Calvary United Methodist Church
Mt. Airy, Maryland*

Website: <http://www.fourcountyquilters.com>

December 2009 Newsletter

*Meeting Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
Sitting for Dinner: 6:30 pm*

December's Program

Annual Holiday Party - Details for the Christmas party:

- Start time is 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM
- Please remember to bring handmade Christmas ornament in plain brown paper bag
- Bring food or beverage item that you have signed up for
- wear your most festive Christmas attire
- Bring your 2009 Raffle Quilt tickets/money for our annual drawing
- ***If you have NOT signed up, please call or email one of us on the Christmas committee so that we have an accurate head count (the same goes if you have signed up and are now unable to attend)***

No Dinner Before Meeting

Happy December Birthdays to:

12th – Susan Best
15th – Della Aubrey-Miller
23rd – Fanny Johnsson
27th – Lois Snyder
28th – Eva Roessler
29th – Betty Isemann

Note that birthdays are shown, month by month, in the back of our membership directory. Please let me know if I miss your name or if there are any errors. :-)

New Members: See Judy Rich for their information.

President's Message

Greetings,

If you didn't participate in our progressive tea last month you really missed out! The food, company and decorations were absolutely fabulous. I was so inspired by the wonderful décor. Our hostesses were really quite ingenious decorating with quilts! We extend a special thank you to all of our hostesses, Vickie Brewer, Annette Dietrich, and Kay Campbell-Anderson as well as to Bonny Kindt for the brilliant inspiration to have a tea and for implementing it so seamlessly. I think the best part of the day was making new friends while I enjoyed the fellowship of the lovely ladies I already knew well. I haven't laughed that much in a very long time. There are plans for another special tea this spring. Look for announcements and plan to participate.

We also wish to thank Patsy Hartnett who was our lovely guest speaker at November's meeting. She brought her trunk show that included 20 hand quilted quilts. It was quite a wonderful body of work. She was a delightful speaker! I believe she will be teaching next summer at MAQ.

I have heard a few people comment that we are a very "busy" guild. I think that they may be right. As a guild we are very busy working on and publicizing our raffle quilts, we have challenges and service projects and now we are embarking on a new endeavor, our first solo quilt show. I believe we are up for the task! We have so many talented and enthusiastic members I have no doubt that we will succeed. We are historically a busy guild. We have always upheld our bylaws mission statement that, as a guild we support quilting and quilters, and educating the public about quilts.

One thing that is necessary to carry out all of these valuable projects is volunteers. If you have not yet discovered the project you are called to in our guild, talk to me and we can figure out how best to utilize your own personal gifts. Review your membership book to refresh your memory on the many committees and projects we have available. And best of all, when you volunteer you get to spend time with the best friends in the world: Quilters!

See you soon!

Cosette Blackmer
-Cosette Blackmer, President

Minutes of October 2009 Meeting

(Meeting minutes are distributed via newsletter in lieu of being read aloud. Additions or corrections to these minutes must be proposed at the next meeting.)

Cosette called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

General Business:

- Welcomed everyone
- Guests, November Birthdays and new members were acknowledged.
- Tip of the Month, By Carol Yonetz – Use scrap pieces of batting for dusting and cleaning rotary cutter. Send your tips to Cosette.
- Secretary minutes needed a date correction, then were approved from the October 2009 meeting.
- Newsletter will be posted on website starting in December
- No Treasurer's Report
- Charm Swap hosted by Cosette, 5" charms in pairs. Sign-ups for December.

Committee Reports:

- Christmas 2009 Committee – Homemade, Hometown Christmas Party. Signups for food. Reserve seats now. Games & prizes, ornament exchange – bring handmade ornament in plain brown paper bag.
- 2009 Raffle Quilt Committee – Sold \$1540 tickets. Bring tickets to next month's meeting.
- Quilt Show 2010 Committee – Needs Co-Chair person. Signups sheet for various committees. Meeting scheduled for December. At this time no funds are needed from the guild.
- Membership Committee – New directory, more guild pins available.
- Carlisle Retreat Committee – Next retreat May 20th – 23rd, will take RSVP's at February 2010 meeting. \$25 deposit check required. Non-exclusive to guild members.

Other Business:

- Progressive Quilt Tea, Nov 14th at noon, starting at Vicki Brewer's house, Annette Dietrich is house 2 and final stop is Kay Campbell-Anderson.

Program:

- Patsy Hartnett, guest speaker, truck show.

- Door Prizes.
- Show n' Tell.

Meeting ended at 9:20.

Minutes by Toni Carringer.

Charm Square Swap!

Ladies, to participate in this month's 5" Charm Square Swap you must have signed up at the November meeting. We will have a fresh sign-up each month. If you want to participate in the following months exchange but can't make the meeting simply e-mail Cosette at lafingfrog@gmail.com by the Thursday after our monthly meeting to be included in the next swap.

-Cosette Blackmer

Charm Challenge 2010

Need a charming stocking stuffer for yourself? or an indecisive guild friend? Charming challenge packets are still available for only \$2.00! You can purchase one at the December meeting. Challenge yourself to fill the cold days of winter with a charming project. Complete it in time for the March meeting and you may win a charming prize!

-Joan Watkins

Stashbuster Special Charity Quilts – Service Project

Starting in October, Carol Yonetz will be collecting blocks for 3 different charity quilts to be put together in a Guild Charity Workshop at the February meeting. If it snows, we will come up with another time.

The 3 Charities are:

1. **Pink ribbon** : a four patch "Leaning Log Cabin" that makes a 9" block in pinks, white/off white, and gold. We need 56 blocks to make a quilt.
2. **Linus quilts** : and "Hourglass" pattern makes a 7 1/4" block of multicolor scraps in lights and darks. If you cut 4 - 8" squares on the diagonal twice, you will have enough to make 4 blocks. We need 36 per quilt.
3. **Nursing Home Quilts** : "Woven Ribbons" is the pattern that makes a 6 1/2" block. Light centers, dark "sides" for the ribbon effect 5-6 (5 wide/ 6 long) identical blocks per row. We need a total of 30 per quilt.

You can donate to one or all three quilts. The one who donates the most blocks per quilt wins a prize. You can sign your name on a paper and stitch to a block or a stack of blocks. Ziploc bags are ok too. Patterns will be available at each meeting thru January.

At the February meeting, we will have different tables completing each step of the quilt making process; putting the blocks together into a quilt top, sandwiching the quilt, and then quilting it. If we have enough blocks ahead of time to get a quilt or 2 ready to bind, we will have a table for that too.

So, whichever your favorite charity happens to be or whatever pattern you want to try out, it all goes to 3 worthwhile causes and makes more people happy quilt owners.

- Carol Yonetz, Service Project Chair

The Quilt Skill Share

If any of our members has a quilting technique or skill they have learned and would like to share within our guild, the opportunity will be in January. No matter how long you have been quilting, there is always something new to learn. We will have a sign up at October's meeting. Any sewing tricks, shortcuts, neat effects. Please sign up or contact Bonny. (bonfire181@hotmail.com)

-Bonny Kindt

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXI - February 25 – 28, 2010 at Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, Va
Join us as we celebrate our 21st year! Explore an American art that has developed and grown with the nation. The Mid-

Atlantic Quilt Festival is a compilation of quilting, fiber arts, and wearable arts. It's the perfect place for quilt enthusiasts and textile artists to meet, shop, learn and explore their art. Read more information on their website: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=8>

The Quilt Fest of New Jersey VI - March 4 - 7, 2010, at Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ Escape from Cabin Fever by joining us for The Quilt Fest of New Jersey. The Quilt Fest will feature a Merchants Mall offering the best in fabrics, notions, sewing machines, wearable art, embroidery and everything for the quilter and home sewer! In 2010 the Quilt Fest of New Jersey will continue the "Tri-State Quilt Competition" open to quilt artists who are residents of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Read more information on their website: <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=30>

AQS Quilt Show & Contest Lancaster - March 24 - 27, 2010, at Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, Pa Welcome to the 1st Annual Quilt Show & Contest - Lancaster, PA Formality the Quilter's Heritage Celebration Show, is now run by AQS (same company that runs Paducah's yearly show). The very first AQS Quilt Show & Contest will be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the new Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square complex and the Liberty Place Conference Center, March 24 - 27, 2010. For more information check out their website: http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/lancaster/2010/general_info/about_the_show.php

Machine Quilters Exposition, LLC (MQX) - April 12th - 17th in Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI MQX is an annual machine quilting show and conference founded by machine quilters, Janet-Lee Santeusano and Mary Schilke. MQX embraces all machine quilters, regardless of the size or model of machine used to complete the quilting process. Read more information on their website: <http://www.mqxshow.com/Public/About/index.cfm>

AQS Quilt Show & Contest Paducah - April 21st - 24th in Paducah Expo Center, Paducah, Kentucky The next Paducah quilt show will be held April 21 - 24, 2010, at the Paducah Expo Center, Julian Carroll Convention Center, and the new AQS Pavilion that will be located in the parking lot at the convention center. The AQS "Hurt Book Sale" and more vendors will be at the AQS Vendors on Kentucky in the Finkel Building in downtown Paducah. Special Events will be held at the Carson Four Rivers Center (across the street from the Finkel Building). Read more information on their website: http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests/paducah/2010/general_info/index.php

Quilted Jewels and Gems Quilt Show - April 23rd - 25th at Montgomery Fair Grounds, Gaithersburg, MD. Friendship Star Quilt Guild hosts their annual quilt show. With displays of over 250 members' quilts and a merchandise mall for your shopping pleasure, you don't want to miss this show. Read more information on their show at: <http://www.friendshipstar.org/2010/index.htm>

Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show 2010 - May 1st, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Columbia, MD. Our quilt shows features over 300 beautiful quilts, free demonstrations, vendors, raffle baskets, door prizes, peddler's table and a silent auction (some with buy-it-now options!). Read more information on their show at: <http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/shows.htm>

Please contact me if there is something you would like to share in the monthly newsletter or if there needs to be corrections.

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