



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>

February 2010 Newsletter

Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Sew-cial 6:30; Meeting Starts 7:00

February Program:

For February's meeting we are having a modern twist to the traditional "Quilting Bee". Five stations will be set up for sorting, block assembly, "quilt sandwich" assembly, machine quilters, and binding binders. Some quilts are ready for binding

Happy February Birthdays to:

Feb 2 - Bonnie Wilson

Feb 22 -

Karen Ohlhaber

Feb 15 - Laura O'Neal

Feb 27 -

Susan McDavid

Note that birthdays are shown, month by month, in the back of our membership directory. Please let me know if I miss your name.

President's Message

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that January is over. This month really flew by! I hope everyone has enjoyed the roller coaster ride that the weather has taken us on the last few weeks. I don't like the cold, but I love the snow. The light refracting off of snow is wonderful, especially the moonlight. I was up very early this morning and watched the moon set in the west as the sun rose in the east. It was very beautiful and peaceful.

Last month's program was a huge success. I'd like to extend thanks to Bonny and the generous guild members who conducted demonstrations. Everyone had a great time learning new things.

Since our December meeting was cancelled for inclement weather we had our drawing for the 2009 raffle quilt in January. Congratulations to Gloria Adams. She is a coworker and friend of Bonny Kindt's. We sold 2500 tickets and grossed 2300 before expenses. You all did a great job selling those tickets, but special thanks must go to Betty Isemann who really worked hard to get the quilt shown at different venues and established our "adopt a guild" program. It was great fun visiting other guilds with our raffle quilt and hosting their guilds during our meetings, and we sold a lot of tickets that way! Last month we also got a peek at the 2010 raffle quilt "Pacific Trade Winds". It is truly lovely and elegant.

Our February meeting will be a "service" meeting. This has always been one of my favorite types of meetings. We haven't had one in several years, and I've missed it. Any evening that you get to spend in the company of other quilters is a good night, but we also get to sew and create together. And even better we are sewing and creating for others. Not only does it feel good to help those less fortunate than ourselves, but it also fulfills the requirements of our by-laws. Another reason I love this style of meeting is because it's an excellent opportunity for beginners to learn a great deal about the process of putting a quilt together. I observed basting a quilt for the first time during a service meeting, and asked lots of questions. So, come join us for a fun evening! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,

Cosette Blackmer

Door Prizes

With the New Year comes a new format for awarding door prizes at our monthly meetings. No more door prize tickets! A door prize will be awarded to the member/guest whose birthday is closest to a randomly selected date.

1. The **closest** birthday, in number of days, qualifies, regardless of whether it is **before or after** the randomly selected date.

2. In the case of two "winners," one with a birth date the same number of days before the selected date, and one with a birth date the same number of days after the randomly selected date, the prize will be awarded to the member/guest whose birthday falls **before** the selected date.

3. Should there be two member/guests with the same birthday, they will each receive a prize, **UNLESS...**

3. Should there be two winners for the last available door prize, the prize will be awarded to the guest with the earliest **birth year**.

Please bear with me as I work out the "kinks" in this new program. If you can conceive of another potential scenario that needs clarification, be sure to let me know. It is not my intention to omit or exclude any member/guest as a winner.

Thank You to the Program Committee for their generous donation of recent door prizes.

GOOD LUCK! See you next month,

Susan Eitnier

Charm Swap

Our theme for February is reds (pinks are fine) and hearts to celebrate St Valentine's Day. Please cut 19 pairs of 5" squares. Each set of 2 should match each other, but not all pairs have to be of the same fabric. If you would like to join the swap for next month, check out our sign-up sheet.

Charming Challenge Committee

Wow, the time sure is flying by! Only a month (!) until the charm challenge is due (March meeting). If you don't have your packet yet, be sure to pick one up at the February meeting--for only \$2 you get a charming fabric packet and the rules for the challenge. The rules are also online. Stretch your creativity--it feels good to make something outside of your comfort zone.

Charm Challenge Q&A:

Does every piece of the quilt top have to be a different fabric?

Yes.

Can the binding be pieced from the same fabric?

Yes, the binding does not have to be "charmed" but it can be.

What about the backing?

The backing can be pieced if needed but does not have to be "charmed."

Quilt Show report

Advertising - Anyone interested in advertising in the show catalog please email Judy Rich. Advertising to be in by July 1st for the catalog.

Brochures & Distribution - Donna to have brochures available for distribution at the February meeting. Please sign up and offer to take brochures to shops, etc.

Publicity - Debbie Holt still needs co-chair - Debbie will be working with local communities. Ideas were tossed around as to where we can publicize the show. Any suggestions and/or contacts, please see that Debbie gets them. Anyone that can do the magazines?

Boutique - Elizabeth Slade is coordinating the boutique for the show. She will have more information for those wanting to sell through products at the boutique at the February meeting.

Raffle Baskets - Vicki Brewer and Susie Boyer are coordinating the raffle baskets efforts. They will be collecting donation items for use in the baskets, as well as the baskets!

Registration - Kay Campbell Anderson is handling the quilt registration. Registration forms will need to be in by June 1st. Take in will be at the July meeting. More to be revealed!

Security - We still need someone to coordinate the security *during* the show. We have people that are willing to help, but not to coordinate.

Silent Auction - Connie R. & Greta K - take-in will be during the July meeting. Please make one or two items to donate to the silent auction.

Volunteers - Bonny Kindt will be coordinating volunteers for the show. These volunteers will help white glove, help at the various booths such as silent auction, raffle baskets, quilt raffle, filling in for vendors for rest breaks, etc. White gloving will be for one hour periods so not a lot of standing. Remember, there will be a NICE raffle basket just for volunteers who offer four hours of help during the show. Must be signed up by the July meeting!

January 2010 Meeting Minutes

(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.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

General:

Welcome to new members and celebration of birthdays.

Big thank you to the Holiday committee for their hard work even though the December meeting was cancelled. The committee will be the same for this year's holiday party.

Southern Comforters Guild brought their beautiful raffle quilt to sell tickets.

Secretary's minutes for November approved.

Treasury report - ~ \$10K in account

Carroll County Birthday Celebration will be held Tuesday evening, January 19, 7 to 9 p.m., at Holy Cross Hall, Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street in Westminster. There is no admission fee and refreshments will be served. Baltimore appliqué quilts will be featured.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine:

Memorial service Wednesday, January 13th for Bobsey Franks, 2:00 pm at Fairhaven in Sykesville. If you know of any members in need, please let Ruth know.

Raffle Quilts:

Winner of the 2009 Raffle Quilt was Gloria Adams. Ticket was sold by Bonny Kindt and the small quilt will go to the silent auction at the quilt show in August. Cosette Blackmer sold the most tickets, over 300.

Service Project:

February's meeting will be putting together quilts for the service project. There were 149 blocks turned in for the projects. Please bring more with you to next month's meeting.

Project Linus:

Kits available. On Saturday, Feb 27th, BonTon is holding a Community Day Event. For \$5.00 you get a coupon booklet with a \$10 coupon and other special coupons for that day. The \$5 goes to Project Linus as a fundraiser.

Challenge:

There are still packets available for the Charm challenge due in March. See Joan Watkins.

Quilt Show:

- Betty Isemann is show chairman, and Christian Nielsen is co-chair.
- There are still a couple of openings that need to be filled. Need someone for publicity and someone to coordinate security during the show.
- Have 23 vendors lined up so far
- Boutique – Elizabeth Slade - \$5 fee to submit items for sale. You will receive 90% of your proceeds and 10% goes to the guild. The form is on the website. Those who submit items for sale are asked to work a couple hours in the boutique. They are hoping to have a large variety of items to sell so don't limit yourself to quilts.
- Silent Auction – Connie Richman, Greta Keverline – need mini quilts, table runners, etc. (basically anything new you wish to donate) to be used in the silent auction.
- Raffle baskets – Susie Boyer, Vicki Brewer – looking for nice baskets to fill and products to fill them with to raffle off. They would like enough to do one/hour. Items donated to use in the baskets should be new or in 'new' condition. They will also need volunteers to help sell tickets at the raffle table during the show. There will be a volunteer basket to be awarded at the September meeting.
- Volunteers- Bonny Kindt – a sign up sheet will be made up with blocks of 2-3 hour shifts. It will take many volunteers to make the show a success so please be generous with your time. There will be a hospitality area for the volunteers.

Door Prizes:

Out of raffle tickets so door prizes will be drawn with month and day. The person with the closest birthday without going over wins.

Other Business:

Spring Retreat:

The \$50 deposit will be collected at the February meeting. If the meeting is cancelled or you are unable to attend, please send your money to Greta Keverline. The retreat is May 20-23. Cost is based on number of persons in the room. There are a few single rooms available. Five meals are included in the cost. We will take a maximum of 32 people so everyone will have their own table.

Program:

Our program this month featured various demonstrations by guild members.
Kay Campbell-Anderson – piping on quilts

Vicki Brewer – easy formula for making half square triangles
Susan Eitnier – fabric boxes
Susie Boyer – garage surprise (bags using measuring tapes)
Margaret Minton – paper piecing techniques
Joan Watkins and Neani Mee – fabric manipulation
The demonstrations were wonderful!

Show and Tell:

Our usual show and tell was conducted with actual finished projects.

Door Prizes were given.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Submitted by Judy Rich

For Sale

Design Wall/Room Partition Divider. This is 72" x 72" with light tan fabric on both sides and oak frame. It has feet with wheels to move it. Nice large area to design quilts on both sides. or as a divider to your sewing studio. Use the "wall" to put pattern instructions in front of you, etc. Also great to display artwork and great for playrooms also. Asking \$75.00.

Clear Plastic Cone Thread Storage Containers. Container holds 18 cone threads upright and easy to see. (I have 4 of these). Asking \$5.00 each or all 4 for \$15.00.

Thread Storage Carousel. Homemade. Has 2 layers of dowels of different sizes and eye hooks to allow thread to be used from the carousel. Also has a cone thread hook at the top so thread can be used directly from sewing carousel to machine. 23" high. Asking \$20.00.

If interested, or if you want a photo, email Ruth Poffenberger at rdpoff@gmail.com.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Exhibits

Feb 25-18, 2010 - Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXI, Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA. Explore aThis is a compilation of quilting, fiber arts, and wearable arts. Read more information on their website, <http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=8> Patches Quilting will be hosting a bus to the show on Saturday - for details, see <http://www.patchesquilting.com/trips.html>

March 4-7, 2010 - AQS Quilt Show & Contest, Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster PA. Welcome to the first Annual Quilt Show & Contest! Formerly the Quilter's Heritage Celebration Show, this exhibit is now run by AQS, the same company that runs Paducah's yearly show. The very first AQS Quilt Show & Contest will be held at the new Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square complex, and the Liberty Place Conference Center. More information at http://www.americanquilter.com/shows_contests

April 12-17, 2010 - Machine Quilters Exposition, LLC (MQX), 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. Read more at <http://www.mqxshow.com/Pubic/About/index.cfm>

April 23-25, 2010 - "Quilted Jewels and Gems Quilt Show," presented by Friendship Star Quilters at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD. This display of over 250 members' quilts also includes a merchandise mall. More information at <http://www.friendshipstar.org/2010/index.htm>

April 29-May 1, 2010 - Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Columbia, MD. Over 300 beautiful quilts, free demonstrations, vendors, raffle baskets, door prizes, peddler's table and a silent auction. For information, see <http://www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/shows.htm>

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