



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>

January 2010 Newsletter

*Meeting Tuesday, January 12th, 2009
Sew-cial Time: 6:30 pm*

January's Program

January is "Quilt Skill Share. There will be several stations set up to view and potentially improve you quilting skills for the beginner, moderate and advanced quilter. There will be a demo on Fabric manipulation by Joan Watkins and Neani Mee, Continuous binding demo, A half square triangle demo with two fat quarters, how to paper piece, and a demo of fabric boxes. (something else to do with ALL THAT FABRIC which we all share) Lastly is a surprise that will have you all say "Ahh...I wish I had thought of that!" and an easy how to do explanation.

Dinner Plans: Please join us for dinner at Laurienzo's Brick Oven on Tuesday the 12th at 5pm. Email Bonnie to rvsp: bonfire181@hotmail.com

Future Meetings:

February will be our service month. We will come and work on charity quilts in a team building (competitive for some) sewing relay to benefit Project Linus, Nursing home/wheelchair recipients/ and pink ribbon recipients.

March will bring our speaker Mary Zesinger and her trunk show of quilts in her life.

Happy January Birthdays to:

3rd – Judy Miller
7th – Rita Heath
9th – Sue M. Leister
15th – Eleanor Weitzel
29th – Mary Jo Smith

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. :-)

No Member Updates

President's Message

Greetings,

First, I must express how disappointed I am that we had to choose to cancel our special December holiday meeting. I really missed you all! Even though the icy precipitation didn't start till after 9pm I feel it was the right decision. Most of the members I spoke to expressed relief that they didn't have to take a chance

on the bad weather. Please join me in extending gratitude toward the wonderful committee that worked so hard on the grand celebration and dinner. We will resume our already scheduled programs for this season and not try to recreate our holiday party in January. So, hold onto those ornaments till next year. Or you could plan on selling them in our Quilt Show Member's Shop this summer!

I hope everyone had a warm, wonderful holiday season. I was blessed with much reveling with family and friends this year, (even though several events were cancelled due to snow and ice). Bill and I traveled to North Carolina to visit with his family this Christmas and I got to spend Christmas morning with my nephews. It was a lovely visit, but I am glad to be back in my quiet, peaceful home.

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year! Do you have any New Year resolutions? I usually don't make any resolutions because my follow through is historically poor, but this year I resolve to clean and organize my sewing room. There! It's in black and white! No take backs! I may have to hire a professional, but I must get it done. The mess and clutter are a hindrance to my creative process. Of course, I have read that a whirl wind of a work space is actually conducive to some folk's creativity. And there is the saying "Never trust a man with a clean desk", but when you constantly have to dig to find certain fabric and supplies, you have a problem. So, it shall be done.

Part of the problem is I have so many projects on the burners. But that too is part of my creative process. One may lament that they never finish anything, but I agree with the idea that it is the journey rather than the finished product that is most important. Have any doubt? Think about life in general. What is the end game? Rather than rush to the finish line I prefer to stroll and admire the view. So, maybe that is what my work space reflects? Maybe, but try to "stroll" through my studio right now and you will certainly trip.

So, whatever you resolve in the New Year, may you be surrounded by family, friends, and fabric, lots of fabric!

Sincerely,

-Cosette Blackmer, President

Minutes of December 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.)

Meeting cancelled by Board due to pending weather.

Charm Even Quilt Show

Here's a brief update from Betty Ismann on how our show is going. It is not too late to volunteer. There is still a lot of work to be done.

- Admissions - Eva Roessler. Admissions will be \$6/person per day, \$10 for three day pass, \$5 for seniors 62+, military, and students. Children under 10 are free. FCOG quilters that are volunteering 4 hours minimum at the show get free admission for that day. Other members not volunteering time will need to pay.
- Advertising – Judy R. – Judy is seeking and coordinating the advertising for the catalog. Anyone that has advertising potential, there is a form on the yahoo group and on the website. All responses need to go to Judy.
- Brochures & Distribution – Donna E – Brochure will be available for distribution by the end of the month.

- Boutique – Elizabeth Slade – It was agreed that the Boutique items will be a 90/10 split with the makers. Mandatory time will be required in the boutique by item makers. There will be a \$5 non-refundable registration fee to enter items in the boutique. Elizabeth will be submitting entry forms for the boutique to the website and yahoo group by March.
- Raffle Baskets – Sue B. & Vicki B. – Susie and Vicki will coordinate the raffle baskets. New or like new items requested and nice large baskets.
- Registration – Kay C/A – Kaye will update form for registration. No charge for entry. All quilts will require a sleeve to be displayed. Sleeve instructions will be posted in yahoo group and on website. Must be clean, smoke-free and pet free. Quilt taken in will be at the July meeting. Forms will be accepted via email (electronic) preferred with brief description to be posted with quilt.
- Security – open – Need someone to coordinate security during the show. Students, spouses, etc. 1-2 per shift.
- Silent Auction – Connie R. & Greta K – Connie and Greta will update form and will be posted on yahoo group and website. Items taken in will be at the July meeting. Items are donated to the guild for sale. Must be new.

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

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> Patches Quilting will be hosting a bus to the show on Saturday, for more details check out their website: <http://www.patchesquilting.com/trips.html>

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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