

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>

November 2009 Newsletter

Meeting Tuesday, November 10th, 2009

Sew-cial 6:30; Meeting 7:00

Message From The Editor:

This Newsletter is packed with a lot of extras. Be sure to read through and past the October Minutes to see all the information we have gathered for this edition. Again, if you would like to share something with the guild, please forward the information to me. –Toni Carringer, Secretary

Happy November Birthdays to:

3rd—Vicki Ellison

17th—Debby Brehm

25th—Nancy Earley

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. :-)

Member Updates: Corrections from the directory.

Sherry Gardner - correct email: shergardner@gmail.com

Louise Harris – correct email: l_harris54@comcast.net (it's an underscore, not a hyphen)

Susan Freely - correct email: chapel22@verizon.net

Carol Zahorodny – correct email: carolz123@comcast.net

Eva Roessler – correct email: evanstephan@msn.com

Naomi Septoff - cell phone 301-717-0960

President's Message

Greetings,

Well, my little neighborhood is finally ablaze with fall color and it is beautiful! Especially in the early morning for as the sun rises there is a soft glow that seems to emanate from the leaves themselves. But it's not just the trees. The fall flowers are abloom too. Asters and chrysanthemums dot lawns along with the pumpkins and Halloween decorations. What a lovely time of year.

I didn't always feel this way. When I first moved to the East coast from Southern California the changing fall color meant that soon the long cold dark night of winter was upon us and I would get so depressed. It turns out I have Seasonal Affective Disorder which means that I am affected by the lack of light during our winter months. I never noticed this in San Diego. You hardly knew it was fall at all! As I walked home from school there was one lone deciduous tree among the evergreen and tropical plants. It was just an anomaly.

Of course, SAD is treatable. I have a special light box and try to control my diet. I also started to trick my mind into believing it wasn't fall yet by hanging on to "summer" until the autumnal equinox. Still, even with all of these efforts I can get melancholy in the fall.

Believe it or not quilting has actually helped me change my mind about fall. Those of you who know me know I like "brights" and purple fabric. There is a definite lack of yellow, orange and brown in my stash! But as I mentioned last month, being around quilters and going to quilt shows has expanded my horizons regarding my tastes. I have a new appreciation for the entire color spectrum. Now when I see these glorious fall colors I get so inspired! I might even design a quilt in these colors!

And the fact that it's getting chillier just means I get to pull out my quilts! There is nothing better than curling up on the couch with you cozy quilt sipping your favorite hot beverage. Not to mention, it's a lot more comfortable to lap quilt and sew on bindings when it's cooler.

So, I've changed my frame of reference to celebrate the fall in a whole new way. Now, how can we save January?

-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, September Birthdays and new members were acknowledged.
- Tip of the Month, By Joan Watkins – Use soap chips to mark quilt tops. Easily stays put and comes out with steam iron or in wash. Use Ivory or something without color. Running out of tips, please share your ideas with Cosette.
- Secretary minutes were approved from the September 2009 meeting.
- Treasurer's Report - \$10, 691.21
- Charm Swap hosted by Cosette, 5" charms in pairs. Sign-ups for November.

Committee Reports:

- Christmas 2009 Committee – Homemade, Hometown Christmas Party. Signups for food. Something warm and yummy. Reserve seats now. Games & prizes, ornament exchange – bring handmade ornament in plain brown paper bag.
- Membership Committee – no announcements.
- Hospitality Committee – nothing to report. Send Refreshment list to Toni for Newsletter.
- Challenge for 2010 – Charm packs still available. Black/White Challenge with 6 fabric 5" charms. Add color and suggested size between 12" x 12" and 36" x 36". Use each fabric one time. Challenge packs are \$2.00. See Joan Watkins for more details.
- Service Project – Blocks for 3 charities: Pink Ribbon, Linus Quilts & Nursing Home Quilts.
- 2009 Raffle Quilt Committee – Best of Show Frederick County Fair and 1st Place in Diversion. Total prize winnings \$16. Need volunteers for following dates: 11/2 Annapolis, 11/4 Nimble Fingers, 11/11-15 Quilters Quest-Patches Quilting. See Betty Isemann.
- Quilt Show 2010 Committee – Signups sheet for various committees. Still needs lots of help. description on website and yahoo group. Setup 8/5/2010. Ballots passed out for voting on name of show, to be determined by end of this meeting.
- 2010 Raffle Quilt Committee – Tops together and at quilters.

- Carlisle Retreat Committee – Meeting with retreaters after Guild meeting. Next retreat May 20th – 23rd, 2010.

Other Business:

- Motions from the Floor - Hospitality Project name changed to Service Project. Approved.
- 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.
- Taking signups for January's meeting – Quilt Skill to Share. Email Bonnie for suggestions.

Program:

- Maria O'Haver, guest speaker, lecture on long arm quilting.
- Show n' Tell.
- Door Prizes.
- Name of 2010 Quilt show announced, "A Charmed Event".

Meeting ended at 9:10.

Minutes by Pam Copenhaver & Toni Carringer.

Charm Square Swap!

Ladies, to participate in this month's 5" Charm Square Swap you must have signed up at the October 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.

For those of you who did sign up last month don't forget to bring you squares with you! You need to bring 16 pairs. If you can't make the meeting try to send your squares with a friend so you can join the swap. Please turn in your squares in a stacked pile with each pair 1/8 inch turned to make it easier for our distributor to organize the piles. Also, include a piece of paper with your name on it with your stack, that way we will be sure to get a stack back to you.

-Cosette Blackmer

Charm Challenge 2010

Have you started your charm quilt challenge yet? Don't worry—it's not due until the March meeting (and if it snows that day you get an extra month!).

Need a charm challenge packet? They'll be available at the November meeting for \$2.00 each.

Need some inspiration? Here are a couple of charming websites telling the history of charm quilts and giving some charming ideas for making them.

<http://www.fabrics.net/charmQuilts.asp>

http://www.womenfolk.com/quilting_history/charm.htm

-Joan Watkins

2010 Quilt Show – Report

Our 2010 Quilt Show, “A Charmed Event”, will be at the Frederick Fairgrounds, Null Building (Home Arts) on Aug 6th-8th. We will need to setup on Thursday, Aug 5th. Please put it on your calendars!

Betty has started getting vendors for the show as well as some for the catalog advertising. We are still in need of someone to pick up some of the committee chairs.

Sign up for quilt show committees. Description of duties for committee chairs in on the yahoo group files under quilt show. There will be signup sheets at the November meeting. We will have our first committee meeting in early January.

Four County Quilt Guild - Quilt Show 2010		
Committees		Name
<i>Co Chairs</i>		Betty Isemann
<i>Co Chairs - open</i>		
<i>Treasurer</i>		Eva Roessler
<i>Advertising</i>		
<i>Brochure/Flyer</i>		Donna Eber

<i>Catalog</i>		
<i>Pins</i>		
<i>Publicity</i>		
<i>Raffle Quilt Marketing</i>		
<i>Boutique/Store</i>		Elizabeth Slade
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Co</i>	Laura O'Neal
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Co</i>	
<i>Insurance</i>		Joan Watkins
<i>Photography</i>	<i>Co</i>	Della Aubrey-Miller
<i>Photography</i>	<i>Co</i>	Judy Miller
<i>Quilt Show Setup</i>	<i>Co</i>	Carol Zaherorlay (Co)
<i>Quilt Show Setup</i>	<i>Co</i>	
<i>Raffle Baskets</i>		Susie Boyer
<i>Registration</i>		Kay Campbell Anderson
<i>Security</i>		
<i>Silent Auction</i>	<i>Co</i>	Connie Richmand
<i>Silent Auction</i>	<i>Co</i>	Greta Keverline
<i>Sound System</i>		
<i>Staging - Quilt Display</i>		Della Aubrey-Miller
<i>Vendors</i>	<i>Co</i>	Betty Isemann
<i>Vendors</i>	<i>Co</i>	
<i>Viewer's Choice Awards</i>		Margaret Minton
<i>Volunteers/Hostesses</i>		Bonnie Kindt
<i>Workshops/Demonstrations</i>		

Please help where you can!

Thank you!

- Betty Isemann, Quilt Show 2010 Chair

2009 Raffle Quilt

Turn in your ticket stubs and money to the November meeting!

Raffle Ticket Sales – Upcoming events. Great way to check out other guilds!!!

Please email Betty at bisemann@verizon.net or call 301-748-1613 to sign up for selling tickets.

Nov 2nd – Mon – 7pm

Annapolis Quilt Guild - Annapolis

Need someone to take it.

Nov 11-15th – Thurs, Fri., Sat, Sun

Quilters Quest – Patches – Mount Airy

Nov 11th – 9:30am-6pm – Wed.

Nov 12th – 9:30am-6pm - Thu.

Nov 13th – 9:30am-6pm – Fri – Susan Eitner 9:30-noon

Nov 14th – 9:30am-6pm – Sat

Nov 15th – 9:30am-6pm – Sun if possible.

Nov 28th – Saturday - tentative

JoAnne Fabrics – Frederick

10-4pm10-12:

12-2:

2-4:

- *Betty Isemann, 2009 Raffle Quilt Chair*

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)

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events

Quilter's Quest MD/VA Shop Hop - November 11 – 15 Support your local quilt shops and have fun visiting ones that are further out! Twelve quilt shops participate in this annual event. Save time and gas and ride the bus being offered by Patches Quilting and The Quilt Patch. Call shops for times and prizes information or visit the website: <http://www.quiltersquest.org/>.

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 Santeusanio 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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