



Four County Quilters Guild

Founded in 1988

April 2016

Agenda for April 12, 2016

Remember Food Pantry Donations



5:00-6:15: Dinner with Guest Speaker at Mt. Airy Tavern.

Email or call MW if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome!

6:30: Pre-meeting Workshop: None

7:00: Welcome/Birthdays

7:10: Guild Business:

*Announcements:

MM, KC, MW

*Presentation of the slate of officers by the nominating committee & voting by the membership

*May Meeting—a dinner or dessert/tea—committee needed

*April 5 Board Meeting Updates

Challenge quilts are due at the June meeting

The 2016-2017 budget will be presented in the May newsletter and we will vote at the May meeting. Read the newsletter. No additional copies will be printed due to the cost of printing.

7:25: Guest Speakers: Suzi Parron—Barn Quilts

8:25: Break

8:35: Show & Tell

9:00: Meeting Adjourned

Refreshments

Graciously Provided By:

Sweet Snack - AD

Sweet Drinks - CR

Non-Sweet Snack - CY

Non- Sweet Drinks - LD

2015-2016 Guild Officers

CB President

MW VP Programs

DA Treasurer

NC Secretary

FCQG Meeting

Snow Cancellation Policy

If schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather in any of the four counties, our meeting is cancelled.

Happy Birthday!

CB	7-Apr
BD	10-Apr
TI	20-Apr
NW	20-Apr
EB	21-Apr
NM	21-Apr
MW	21-Apr
DC	24-Apr
LK	24-Apr
NO	30-Apr



Presidents Message

Dear Guild Friends,

Spring – a time of renewal. Trees are blooming, the grass is getting greener, and yellow daffodils are swaying in the breeze – ah! And it all reminds me of the many, many patterns I have waiting to be pieced and quilted.

Time goes by so fast. It seems like just last month we were enjoying the Holiday pot luck and now it is time for the Annual Meeting in May and we do not have a committee to plan a dinner, tea or another pot luck. If you would like to get a few friends together and plan the May annual meeting, please contact myself or Marilyn.

A special thank you to IJ, DA and LD for serving on the nominating committee and finding a slate of officers to serve for the next fiscal year, July 2016 – June 2017. And thank you to these members for stepping forward and serving as our Board!!

Happy quilting!!

CB

FOUR COUNTY QUILT GUILD MEETING NOTES – March 8, 2016

CB (President) opened the meeting at 7:00pm. February and March birthdays were acknowledged with a singalong of Happy Birthday. New members and visitors were welcomed to tonight's meeting.

Old Business

- FCQG January Mystery Quilters were given gift cards in lieu of a "dinner" for their presentations.
- CB thanked JW and her husband, along with DB, SL and others who assisted with the sewing machine demonstrations on March 6, 2016 at Hashawha Environmental Center.
- DC presented information on the Hospice Project. This iteration of charity quilts are for the Gilchrist Hospice Howard County. FCQG will be making 10 bed quilts, 4 large throws, and 1 child's quilt. Thanks to FJ and NW for donating backing fabrics to this project. Save the date of Sunday, June 12, 2016 for the hospice project preview party at DC house. Further information to follow.

Announcements

- Nimble Fingers Quilt Guild is selling raffle tickets for their "Raffle Quilt". Please stop by and support them during the break.
- Looking for volunteers to provide mini-demonstrations prior to meetings. Come share your knowledge with your fellow quilters. Please see SB or NW if you are interested.
- Need volunteers to sign up for snacks on meeting nights. Please see LB or the sign-up list on the snack table. No sign-ups....No snacks!
- PL brought in a very LARGE amount of magazines to share with everyone. Please help yourself!
- Quilters' Yard Sale is currently scheduled for November 12, 2016. Please see VB for further information or sign-up for a table.
- Unfinished Object (UFO) Club – Tonight is the final date to submit your list to CB.

March Program

Stevi Graves provided an insightful presentation on "Tools in unusual places".

New Business

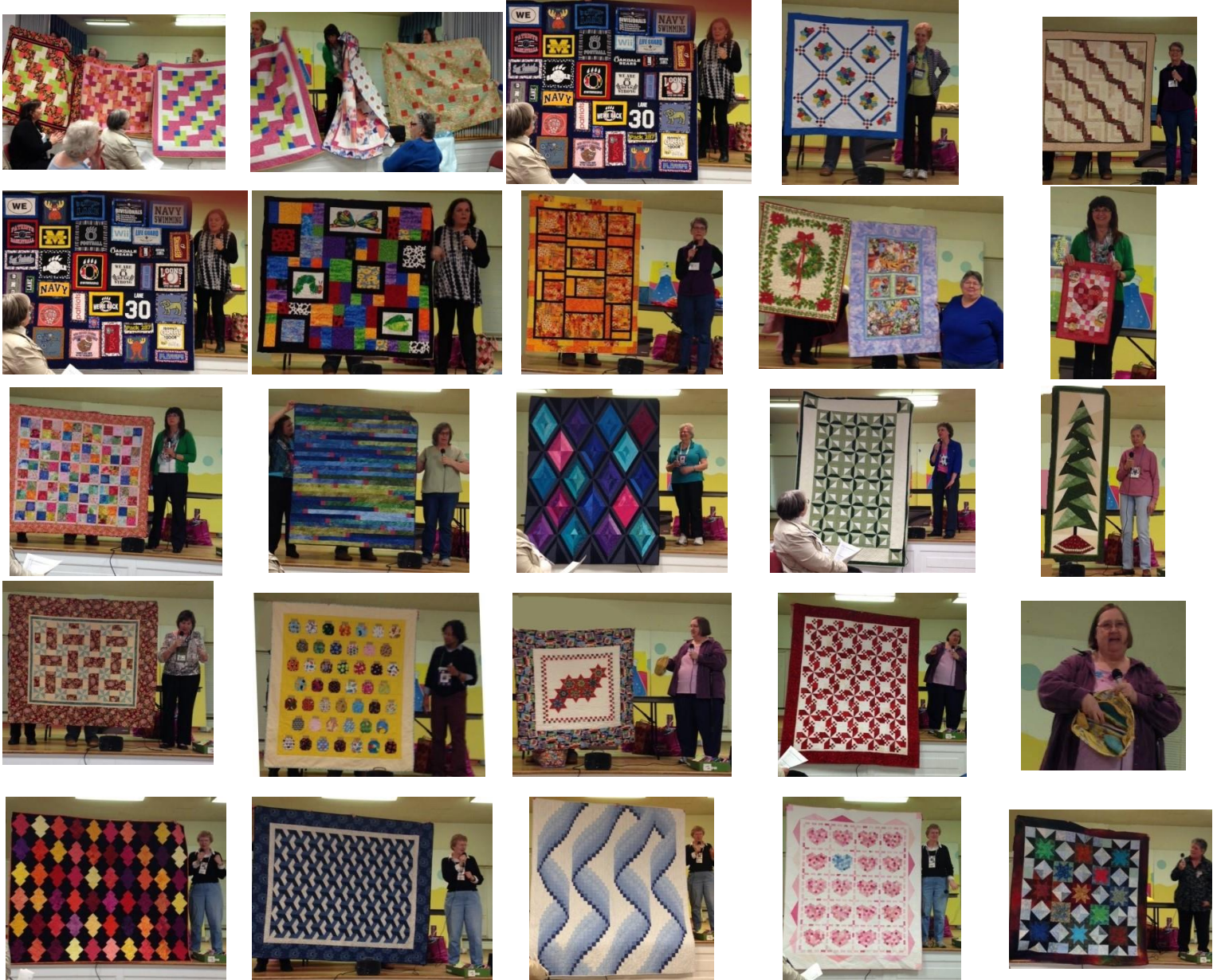
- The "Barn Quilt" workshop scheduled for April 12, 2016 from 12-4pm is now open for registration. Workshop will be held in our church meeting room and the cost is \$42. Please see SE to sign-up.
- PL will be offering a mystery Block of the Month for 6 months. Stay tuned for further information.
- IJ provided results of the retreat questionnaire. In addition she provided information on other retreat locations.
- IJ reported the new FCQG website will be up and running by May 2016.

Show & Tell

The President's Mystery Quilts were displayed along with other beautiful creations. See attached pictures.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by NC



Calvary UMC Food Pantry

Spring is here, and the trees that are in bloom are such a pretty sight. As you enjoy this great weather, please remember to bring your canned food donations to our April meeting. The church pantry serves many in need in our four counties, and we can make a difference. Stay safe.

Kay Worley

May Annual Meeting Committee – are you interested in planning a pot luck, tea or dinner for the Annual Meeting in May 2016? A small group of friends is desperately needed to plan the food portion of the meeting. Please see MW or CB if you are interested.

Read the MAY Newsletter before the Meeting – We will be voting on the 2016 – 2017 Budget at the Annual Meeting in May. Due to the cost of printing, additional copies will not be printed. Please bring your copy of the MAY newsletter to the meeting.

Challenge Quilts – Pick something that happened the year you were born and depict that in a quilt. The quilts will be presented at the June meeting. The maximum size of the quilt is 36” square. Please make sure you attach a label with the year you were born!

FCQG Mystery Quilt

The second clue is included in this newsletter.

April Guest Speaker and Workshop Opportunity—Sign-up for this Workshop begins at our February 9 Meeting At our April 12 meeting, Suzi Parron will be taking us on a journey along the quilt trail with over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You'll hear stories of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes. Check out her website to see clips of her lectures and workshops. <http://americanquilttrail.blogspot.com>

Workshop Info - Members who signed up for Suzi Parron's workshop on April 12: MW will be emailing you info by Feb 5.

FCQG 2016 Speakers: See the guild website for the complete 2016 Calendar of Guest Speakers—click on "NEWS":

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

July 2017 Workshop

Pat Sloan will be our guest lecturer on July 11, 2017 and then she will return to offer a workshop the following Saturday, July 15! Currently, Pat is doing a block quilt along with 82 quilters contributing. There are three new blocks a week but the blocks are only 6". Check it out--here is the link: <http://www.thesplendidsampler.com/blocks-and-bonus-projects/#blocks>.

Pre-Meeting Workshops

If you have any ideas or requests for the pre-meeting workshops, or if you would like to teach a quilting trick or skill to other members before one of our monthly meetings, email SD.

FCQG Spring Retreats

May Overnight Retreat

Pecometh Ministries, Centreville, Maryland, May 4th- 7th

There are a few spaces left for the May retreat.

All money is due by April 20, 2016.

Cancellations must be requested in writing by April 20th.

Questions: IJ

The Harper Place Day Retreat

The first local day retreat is scheduled for April 16th (10 am – 6 pm). This is located in Frederick, Maryland and is limited to 12 participants. At least six (6) participants are needed to maintain a low cost and hold the retreat. If you are interested, contact IJ. Meals are not included. Come work on the bingo project you have planned.

Quilt Bingo! Sign Up at Guild!

Please give your donated items to SE or DC. SE and DB will have the sign-ups and information at the April guild meeting. IJ has volunteered to be our advertising coordinator. Please be sure to pin your name and contact information on your donations before giving it to them. All donations must be received by September 20th to allow program planning. There are still plenty of jobs available and all donations are welcome. Please see us at the upcoming meeting if you would like to sign-up or have any questions. Thanks, Janet

November Yard Sale Update

The FCQG Yard Sale will take place just one week after the church craft sale. Remember, our tables cost only \$10, not the \$ 25-35 for the church craft sale. VB

Make a Scarf at *The Muse* with OS

What: Creative Dyeing with Sharpie Markers When:

Wednesday, April 27th from 7-9 p.m.

Where: 113 West All Saints Street, Frederick, MD, 21701 Cost:

\$35.00 + \$19.00 kit

How to Register: Call The Muse at [301-663-3632](tel:301-663-3632)

Description: Transform a plain white silk scarf into a unique fashion statement with Sharpie markers and rubbing alcohol. Then, enjoy the "Oohs and Aahs" when people ask you where you bought it and you say, "I made it!" These scarves will make lovely Mother's Day gifts!

Upcoming Quilt Shows

April 14-15-16: *Quilting with Friends*, Faithful Circle Quilt Guild, the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

<http://faithfulcirclequilters.com/guild/>

June 3-6: *Quilters Unlimited Show*, Dulles Expo Center. <http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow>

June 11-12: Quilts by the Bay, Annapolis Quilt Guild. www.annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/

May 20 & 21: Celebration of Quilts 2016, The York Quilters. www.celebrationofquilts.com

This will be a judged show. York guild members and those outside the York guild can enter their quilts. For anyone wishing to enter a quilt, registration must be received by April 24, 2016, for acceptance into the 2016 show.



Phase III of IIII – Howard County Gilchrist Hospice is Underway

Patchworkers are finishing their tops and passing them on to the longarmers. Junior members are ahead of schedule. Way to go!

Patchworkers, if you want assistance locating backing fabric contact Dawn ASAP. Here is the status reported as of 3/29.

For Sale: Mega Quilter

Machine: Mega Quilter 18 X 8 (Husqvarna/Viking/same as Pfaff all made by Tin Lizzie) Table:
 Inspira Imperial Frame
 Price: \$4,000
 Contact: NC

Mega Quilter has front & rear handles and micro-handles. Bought the machine and table after I fell in love with it at a quilt show. Since that time I've quilted many large and small quilts. The adjustable frame can accommodate projects as small as a table runner or as large as a king size quilt with 12 ft drop and 10 inch tuck. I set the frame up at 10 ft. Also has a long shelf for holding pantos. Set of 10 ft canvas leaders are included.

Check out this site: <https://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/01200201204240825419977.pdf>

I bought a Gammill in February 2015 and set it up in my husband's office. Unfortunately, his office is not long enough to house the Gammill so I have to sell my Mega Quilter and table and rearrange the basement. I wanted to keep both machines but that's not going to happen!

Purchaser is responsible to dismantle, pickup, transportation, reassembly, and all associated costs. I still have the original paperwork for assembly. Please contact NC concerning this offer.

Upcoming Quilting Events		
Thru Jun 19	New Arrivals: Art Quilts	Baltimore Museum of Art
Apr 5	FCQG Board Meeting, 6:30-8:30pm	Small Meeting Room, Mt Airy Library
Apr 12	FCQG Half Day Workshop Barn Quilts	Suzi Parron
Apr 14-16	Quilting with Friends Quilt Show First Presbyterian Church of Howard County	Faithful Circle Quilt Guild
Apr 16	FCQG Day Retreat @ The Harper Place Frederick, MD	10:00am – 6:00pm
Apr 20-23	AQS – Paducah, KY	American Quilters Society
May 4-7	FCQG Spring Retreat	Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center

May 20-21	Celebration of Quilts 2016 York College of PA	York Quilters Guild
Jun 3-6	Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show Dulles Expo Center	Quilters Unlimited
Jun 11-12	Quilts by the Bay Annapolis High School	Annapolis Quilt Guild
Jul 15-17	Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc. MSMU, Emmitsburg, MD	MAQonline.org
Jul 21-24	Quilt Odyssey Hershey, PA	Quilt Odyssey
Jul 27-30	AQS – Syracuse, NY	American Quilters Society
Aug 18-20	World Quilt New England Manchester, NH	Mancuso Quilt Shows
Oct 15	Fcqq Quilt Bingo	See flyer from January Newsletter

Four County Quilters Guild, Inc. meets the second Tuesday of the month at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mount Airy.

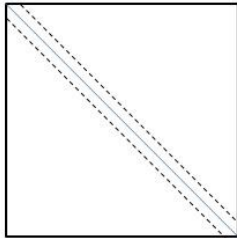
The "Sew"cial begins at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm - The Church address is: 403 South Main Street, Mt. Airy, MD

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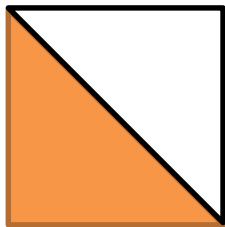
Clue #2

Clue #2: Using Color 2 and the neutral, following these directions for each block:

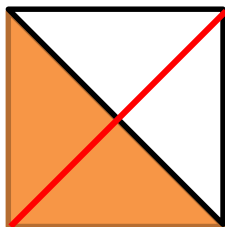
1. Cut one 4-1/4" square of Color 2
2. Cut one 4-1/4" square and one 4-3/4" square of neutral
3. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the 4-1/4" square
4. Place the two 4-1/4" squares right sides together (RST) and sew 1/4" on either side of the marked line.



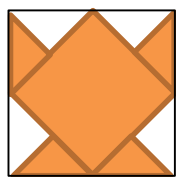
5. Cut along line. Press toward darker fabric.



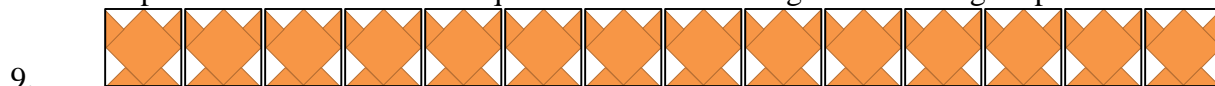
6. Cut each of the two sewn units in half diagonally. You should end up with 4 triangles that are made up of two half square triangles: one of the neutral and one color.



7. Sew one of these triangles to each side of the 4-3/4" colored square as shown below.



8. Repeat to make a total of 14 squares and sew them together in a long strip.



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