

CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
April 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7 pm and are held at Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Room 113, Prince Frederick. The room will be available at 6:00 pm if you want to come early to stitch and chat!

Meeting Cancellation Policy: If Calvert County Public Schools are closed or have an early dismissal due to weather conditions, the guild meeting is cancelled.

Next Guild Meeting: May 12

Next Board Meeting: May 7, 7 pm, at Fairview Library.

May Newsletter Deadline: April 20

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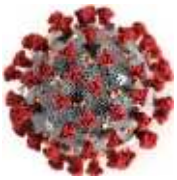
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President's Message



Spring is in the air. But, life is not as usual. I trust everyone is being safe and taking precautions. Schools have now been closed through April 24th. That means our April board and general meetings and workshop are cancelled. Hopefully things will be back to normal and we will be able to hold our May meeting. However, since the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center where we meet follows the public school closings, please watch for those announcements.

In the meantime, since we have been saving for this type of event, bring out your STASH for some mental relief and get your creative juices flowing. Thank you to those members who made face masks for the hospital, hospice house, doctor's offices, etc. Now would be a good time to work on the Hardware Store Challenge, tote bags and quilts for our two charities, and your UFOs. It is also an opportunity to take inventory of your supplies and organize your space.

Please make the best of this situation and make time to enjoy what you love – quilting.

Please take care of yourself.

Marlene

Upcoming Programs

April 14 – No meeting due to the school and community center closures related to COVID-19. This "break" is a great time to continue to work on community service projects, items for our Annmarie Garden Artsfest booth, and the Guild Challenge, **A Visit to the Hardware Store.**

May 12 – Stay tuned for further information on this meeting and the corresponding workshop.  **Linda Poole – Quilted Journey Around the World, Seeing the World through the Quilter's Eye.** See what inspires quilters from travels abroad or within their own countries.

June 9 – End of year party with a Sweet Sixteen theme to celebrate our 16th anniversary. We will enjoy ice cream sundaes. There will be a sign-up sheet possibly in May for toppings and brownies, cakes, cookies, etc.



April Birthdays

Marti	Phelps	April 5
Patricia	Ford	April 6
Jan	McBain	April 9
Donna	Porter	April 16

Of Special Note

Calvert Arts Festival

We will be selling raffle tickets for our 2020 Raffle Quilt, **Fire in the Sky**, at the Calvert Arts Festival. This was originally scheduled on May 9. However, it has been postponed to late summer or early fall. We will let you know once this has been decided.



Community Service



Please keep in mind our two community service projects for this year. Contact **JoMarie Coster** with any questions. These can be done at the library sewing sessions or on your own.

1. **Safe Harbor** is a shelter for abused women and children. **We are making quilts, pillow cases, or large tote bags that they can use and take with them when they leave the shelter.** The quilts will be for mothers and children. Size is up to you, but should be at least 50" x 60" for moms and teenage children. Children's quilts should be approximately 40" x 45". These are just suggested dimensions.
2. **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland**. Their clients receive a tote bag with diapers and wipes, so they would gladly accept any tote bags we can make, no larger than 14" square. Care Net will fill them with the needed supplies.

Upcoming Regional and Quilting Events



MAY 29, 30, 31, 2020

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DULLES EXPO CENTER

4320 Chantilly Shopping Center,

Chantilly, VA 20151

Admission $15 per day, $20 for all three days, 12 and under free

Friday 10-5 Saturday 10-5 Sunday 10-4

Show and Tell March 2020 Meeting











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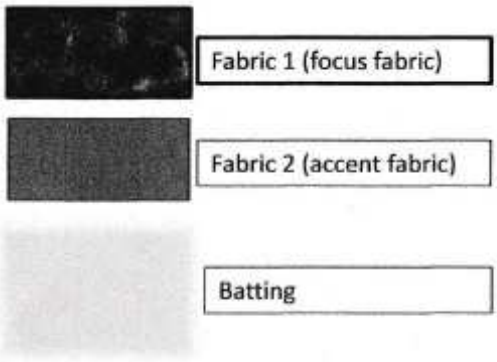


At the March meeting, **Debbie Deboodt** shared this **Sewing Caddy** pattern. **Lynda Gallagher** also shared the **Easy Peasy Fold and Sew Blocks** on the following page. Thank you ladies!

Sewing Caddy

by Debbie Deboodt

Supplies:
1 fat quarter (focus fabric) 18"x22"
1 fat quarter (accent fabric) 18"x22"
11" of ¼ in ribbon
19"x 23" cotton batting
Matching thread, 2 wound bobbins
Optional 4"x 5" clear plastic
Frixon Pen



1. Press/Iron all fabric pieces.
2. Lay both fabrics RST (right sides together) Square up if needed
3. Lay fabrics on top of batting piece and pin in place. Batting should overhanging and this is ok.
4. Sew with a ¼" seam around circumference leaving a hole about 4-5"to turn.
5. Trim edges ¼" of sewn seam on all sides.
6. Turn project right sides out.
7. Carefully push out/straighten corners and edges.
8. Press/iron project into rectangle. Press/iron opening with edges folded in ¼".
9. Sew the side with the opening closed. Stitch as close to the edge as possible but be careful to catch both fabrics so it's completely closed.
10. Quilt entire caddy with decorative stitch, free motion or block design.
11. Height of pockets will depend on items being placed into your pockets. Display tools with various pocket heights until you have room to tuck approx. 2" under your sewing machine and have the pocket height with all your tools.
12. *Optional: clear plastic pocket for needle pack.*
13. Mark pocket fold height with pins/pen, if adding a clear plastic needle holder sew to outside of pocket where desired.
14. Fold up to marked pocket height and pin in place.
15. Sew ¼" seam all around your project to include backstitch at pocket tops.
16. With a ruler and erasable pen, mark sew lines for pockets.
17. Sew pockets, be sure and back stitch top of pockets a few times so they are very secure at the top.
18. Add tools to your new caddy, fold top down to secure all tools and roll into a roll. This will help decide where to sew on the ribbon to tie all your tools for travel. Mark ribbon placement.
19. Fold ribbon in ½ and sew securely to caddy.

Easy Peasy Fold and Sew Blocks **March 2020**
(a perfect quick project or a teaching tool for new quilters)

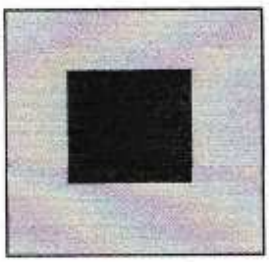
All blocks are made from 1 large background square and 1 or 2 squares that are **half the size** of the background. *Ironing the large square into equal quarters will help with placement.* Final block size depends on the size of the large fabric square, for example a 10" background square will yield a 9" to 9.5" unfinished block. Trim as desired.

Block #1: Center small square on top of large square with both right sides up. Fold two vertical edges over small square to meet in middle. Sew 1/4" seam down both folded edges. Open and finger press. Fold two horizontal edges over small square to meet in middle. Sew 1/4" seam across both folded edges. Open and press to yield square-in-square block.

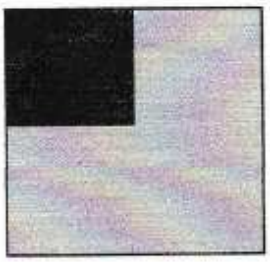
Block #2: Place small square in upper left corner on top of large square with both right side up. Fold large square in half vertically and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and finger press. Fold large square in half horizontally and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and press.

Block #3: Place a small square in upper left corner and another small square in lower right corner on top of large square with all right side up. Pin center of both small squares to maintain positions. Fold large square in half vertically and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and finger press. Fold large square in half horizontally and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and press to yield four patch block.

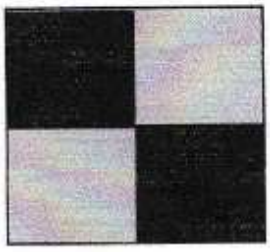
Block #4: Fold and press large square on the *diagonals*. Fold small squares in half diagonally. Place small squares with points in center of large block and pin to maintain positions. Fold large square in half on the diagonal and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and finger press. Fold large square on other diagonal and sew 1/4" seam down folded edge. Open and press to yield hourglass block.



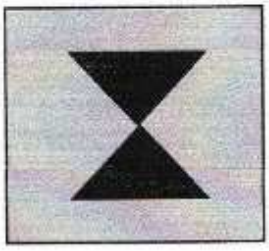
Block #1



Block #2



Block #3



Block #4

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

7 PM- Cindy Fehrman spoke to the group about Care Net and the services they give to pregnant women and families in Calvert County followed by Jennifer Edwards from Safe Harbor and the Crisis Intervention Center. She spoke regarding the types of trauma they see and the help they offer to women and children in our area.

Business meeting began at 7:40 PM.

The meeting began this evening with Show and Tell from the following members:



Andrea Elwyn	Sharon Fossett	Susan Blanton
Ludmilla Hajdur-Stainbrook	June Wurtz	Nikki Huffstutler
Anita Konzak Turley	Nancy Jo Kazmaier	Karla Sisson
Hilke Hoefer	Debbie Deboodt	JoMarie Coster
Adrienne Sims	Marlene Diehl	

Programs
Debbie Lenhart introduced the members sharing tips and tricks at the meeting. **Lynda Gallagher** shared tips on an easy piecing technique, **Nikki Huffstutler** described an easy way to machine stitch binding onto your quilt; **Debbie Deboodt** shared a pattern for a sewing caddy to set under your machine, her favorite seam ripper, a product called Grippy to spray on the back of plastic rulers, etc. and using Ziplock bags to organize products; **Karla Sisson** talked about her favorite quilting apps for your phone (Quilt Space and fave-quilts.com) and a fun list of reasons to have a stash.

Block of the Month
Winner was **Karla Sisson** who won nine squares. Next month's block is an 8-pointed star with night sky background.

Last month's minutes were approved after a motion by **Anita Konzak-Turley** and a second from **Andrea Elwyn**.

Treasurer's Report and Membership
Debbie Deboodt gave the treasurer's report and, standing in for the membership chair, conducted the name tag drawing. The winner was **Andrienne Sims**.

Community Service
JoMarie Coster gave the Community Service report. She said she had a lot of bags for both organizations and some quilts. She said if members wanted to make twin size quilts, Safe Harbor would use them on their beds.

Monthly Raffle
Nikki Huffstutler and **Karla Sisson** led a discussion regarding fundraising via the monthly raffle. The suggestions both contained the idea to change it to a "Door Prize." Members would buy tickets ahead of time, perhaps when they pay their membership dues. One idea was to sell bundles of 12 tickets for $60 which would be $5 each. The purpose being to raise a minimum of $600 (10 members) or sell lesser numbers of tickets for $5 each but we would still need to sell enough to cover the cost of raffle items plus make at least $250-300 for the guild. The other idea was to sell larger bundles for $1 each then instead of putting one ticket in per meeting, you could put in 5 if you like the item or none if you don't. We would still need to sell 500-600 tickets at $1 each. A motion was made by **Andrea Elwyn** to table the discussion to next month's meeting to give people a chance to think it over. Motion was seconded by **Anita Konzak-Turley** and passed.

Hilke Hoefer announced that the Greenbelt Courthouse reception for the quilt show has been postponed due to the coronavirus. The next date is April 23rd. Please let her know if you would be interested in going as she still needs to RSVP how many will attend.

Sunshine

A donation of $100 has been sent to Calvert Hospice in remembrance of long-time member **Sue White**.

Karla Sisson announced that June's party theme will be Sweet Sixteen and we will have an Ice Cream Social instead of a potluck. Members will be asked to bring accompaniments and toppings. We may have a speaker who will talk about the Calvert Barn Quilt Trail. The meeting may be held elsewhere, this is still to be decided.

Elections
Nikki Huffstutler, representing the nominating committee announced they are having problems finding members who will step forward and run for the open positions of President and Secretary. She reminded members that without Officers we cannot be a guild. Other open positions include Quilt wrangler (person to track location of raffle quilt and manage raffle tickets), Door Prize [monthly raffle] chairperson and Block of the Month chairperson.

Marlene Diehl reminded members that the Hardware Challenge quilt is due at next month's meeting.

All members are invited to attend all board meetings. Next month the board meeting will be on April 7 at 7 PM at the Prince Frederick Library.

Motion to adjourn made by **Ludmilla Hajdur-Stainbrook** and seconded by **Anita Konzak-Turley.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.



Evening Star Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block..

	Focus – Dark grunge, dotted, or star patterned 4 – 3 ½" squares 4 – 4" squares
	Background – white/light/off white with small contrast print (dots or stars preferred) 4 – 3 ½" squares 4 – 4" squares

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
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All seams ¼".

Pattern and instructions by Anita Konzak Turley.
Copied from a traditional block.

I was out star watching – a beautiful night sky was a jumble of stars and clouds and satellites (maybe a UFO or two??? – LOL). Regardless of what was/is in the sky I was thinking that a quilt of star blocks that look like a night sky would look pretty cool.

1) **Using the four (4) 4" squares**, create eight (8) half square triangles by creating four (4) sets of focus and background blocks. Mark a line on the diagonal and then sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal, press to the dark, and then trim each to 3 ½" square blocks.

2) **Optional cutting and sewing instructions to create half square triangles** – see Figure 1: Cut an 8" square block from each of the focus and background fabrics, and facing each other, mark both diagonals and then vertical and horizontal lines (solid lines in figure 2). Using the guide below sew ¼" on either side of all diagonal lines. Once finished and without moving the block after the first cut, cut horizontally at 4" and then vertically at 4", and finally, cut on the marked diagonal lines. You will end up with eight (8) half square triangles. Press to the dark. Trim to 3 ½" square blocks.

3) Lay out the blocks to make a star and then sew the blocks of each row together. Do not press the row blocks until all four (4) rows are sewn. For the first and third rows, press the blocks to one direction. For the second and fourth rows, press the blocks to the opposite direction. When sewing rows to each other, the block seams will intersect making a more crisp alignment for piecing. Once all four rows are sewn together, press rows to one direction. Trim to 12 ½" as necessary.

4) This is a very quick and easy block, so have fun with it!

Figure 1	Figure 2	Inspiration
