CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
April 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7:00 pm at **NEWLIFE Church, 3170 German Chapel Rd, Prince Frederick, MD.** The room opens at 6:30 pm for set up and social time. Please join us! Due to COVID-19 we had been meeting virtually via Zoom and will continue to offer that option.

Next Guild Meeting: April 9, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

May Newsletter Deadline: April 20.

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President's Message



"The more I grow, the more I realize it's about joy, not perfection." --Beyonce *

Dear Quilting Friends,

When I saw the above quote, I immediately thought of quilting. Quilters have many opportunities to experience joy.

There is joy in buying fabric, especially if it's on sale! Don't you love it when you find that perfect piece?

There's joy in making things for others. I was thrilled when my brother asked me how to wash the retirement quilt I had made him. I knew he used it!

There is joy in the community aspect of quilting, supporting each other, and cheering friends on as we do during our Show and Tell. I truly felt joy when Kimberly L. shared her very first quilt with us. Beautiful!

Every quilter knows the joy of completing the very last stitch on a quilt.

What aspects of quilting bring you joy? I hope there are many.

Karla

*Reader's Digest, February 2024

Upcoming Programs and Workshops



April 9, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Erin Grogan will present **"Finding your Quilty Identity".** This lecture dives into the discovery of who you are as an artist and quilter. Erin says she has met many wonderful quilters who aren't sure what they like. They only make quilts from kits or feel they must use what fabric is currently popular. There's nothing wrong with this approach if it brings you joy, but if you're looking to grow, this is the lecture for you. Erin breaks down the four different stages of a quilter and shares her process for finding the color palette that represents you.

April 13, Workshop with Renee Kiddy at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church, 5400 Mackall Road, St. Leonard. Set up at 9:30 am, Workshop at 10 a.m. Renee will be presenting a workshop on three ways to do hand appliqué. **Details on page 6.**



May 14, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Cyndi McChesney, author of "Fun with Panels" and "Playful Panel Quilts", will discuss the process of using panels in various ways. Cyndi shows you how to take that panel you love and turn it into something truly unique. She explains how to work with the different styles of panels and how adding interesting block treatments and borders and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué results in a truly special quilt. Click on the following link to see an interview with Cyndi: https://createwhimsy.com/projects/spotlight-cyndi-mcchesney-quilt-artist-and-long-arm-quilter/

May 15, Workshop with Cyndi McChesney in the Theater Room at NEWLIFE Church. Set up at 9:30 am, Workshop at 10 a.m. The workshop will be limited to 18 participants and each participant is required to purchase either "Fun with Panels" or "Playful Panel Quilts". She will bring books to purchase, or you can buy them ahead of time on Amazon. **The Supply List can be found on page 7. Graph paper will be available at the workshop, two sheets for $1. Not certain how many are needed but we will have plenty available.**

June 11, 2024, CCQG Twentieth Anniversary Party. Details to follow.

July 9, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Suzzie Schuyler will present "**Preparing your Quilt to be Quilted"**. Suzzie Schuyler started sewing at age eight along with her two sisters. Their grandmother taught them on her Singer treadle machine. When she grew up, Suzzie's love of sewing carried over to quilting, which has always been her stress reliever from her occupation in the field of radiology.

Enjoying a challenge, she would alter quilt patterns to make them her own. Eventually Suzzie started her own quilting business. In addition to pattern design, Suzzie absolutely loves coming up with quilting designs that provide the finishing touch. As her business grew, she began teaching others how to quilt and decided to share her experiences by publishing her book, **Team Work: Get in the Game with 11 Sports-Inspired Quilts.**

July 13, Workshop with Suzzie Schuyler. Set up at 9:30 am, Workshop at 10 a.m. Location TBD. Suzzie Schuyler will teach "Make a Quilt that Looks More Difficult Than It Was."





April Birthdays

Marti	Phelps	April 5
Jan	McBain	April 9

Of Special Note

Library Sew-Ins

Listed below are the upcoming sewing sessions. You can come for all or a part of any session. The purpose is to work on guild or personal projects and to socialize. Questions? Call Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings
Friday, April 5, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Monday, May 13, 12-5 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library

Friday, April 19, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Tuesday, May 21, 12-5 pm; Room 1

Community Service

On March 2, guild members worked with **Calvert 4-H** to make potholders. The girls had a great time and were very productive!



The next 4-H sewing day is scheduled for April 20.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Just a reminder that twin-sized quilts should be a minimum of 60 x 80 inches.

Church Mission

Thank you for your generous donations to the Maplewood Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. We mailed them:

15 yards of fabric
9 fat quarters
3 charm packs
Bag of scraps
1 pack of 2 ½" squares
1 pair scissors
1 rotary cutter
1 pair snips
1 spool thread
3 packs of straight pins
1 pack curved safety pins
3 thimbles
1 pack binder clips
fabric marker
3 patterns
cutting corners ruler
needle sharpener

18th Annual

Calvert Arts Festival

Saturday
May 11, 2024
10 a.m. ~ 5 p.m.
Rain or Shine

All Saints Episcopal Church
(410-257-6306)
Corner of Rt. 2 & Rt. 4 in Sunderland, MD

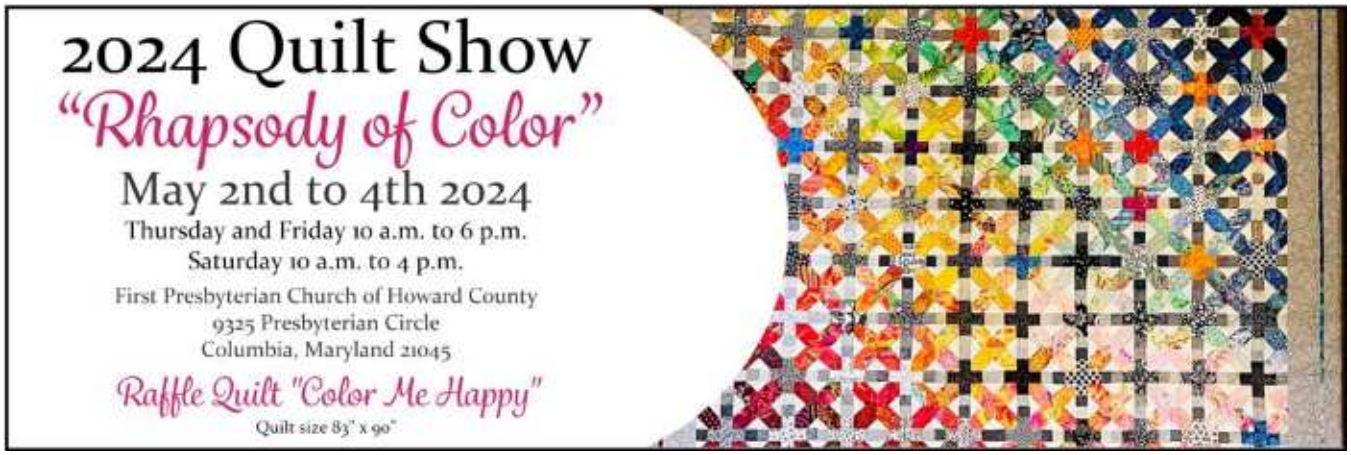
Proceeds benefit local charities:

Calvert Concept for Reconciliation & Housing (C4)
Project ECHO
Child Advocacy Center
Calvert Churches Community Food Pantry
Community Ministry of Calvert County

Free Admission!

Live music, great food, and shop from juried artisans!
Enjoy tastings from local wineries and craft breweries!

We will be selling raffle tickets for our 2024 Raffle Quilt. This is a very fun event. Invite your friends!



Please note: this is a hand applique workshop so no sewing machines are needed.

It's HAND Appliqué Three Ways

1. Needle-turn/Raw Edge

2. Reverse Appliqué

3. Dryer Sheet

Supply List for April Workshop

Thread matching your applique fabric, not your background.

16 x 16 in. background fabric. White or off-white, no tone-on-tone.

Needle - what you are comfortable holding.

Pins – No large head pins. They make small applique pins, but they are not necessary.

Small sharp scissors and old scissors for cutting plastic templates.

FriXion marking pen.

Thin sharpie marker.

Fabric for hearts – ¼ yard. Edge to edge – not a fat quarter.

Something for note taking.

Six-inch square of fabric – any color.

One 2 ½ X 6 inch strip of fabric, folded in half wrong sides together and pressed.

Note: A couple of irons, but one for each student not needed.

CEDAR RIDGE QUILTING

Home of award-winning quilter and teacher **Cyndi McChesney**

Panel Palooza Workshop
Supply List

Book – *Fun with Panels* by Cyndi McChesney, C&T Publishing – available for purchase from instructor as well as *Playful Panel Quilts.*

Panel – of course! Bring a panel(s) you would like to work with – any style is great.

Single frame panels are great and we can work with those of course as there is a lot to learn about using one of those, but if you want to challenge yourself, choose a panel with several different sized sections for a more challenging design process.

Graph paper – four squares per inch - Bienfang Designer Grid Paper Pad, 4x4 Cross Section, 17 x 22 inches, 50 Sheets (suggested) is available from Amazon

Mechanical pencil

Calculator

Office ruler (not a rotary cutter ruler – school rulers are perfect)

Design surface or portable design wall (optional)

Camera or cell phone with camera feature

Books or magazines or other sources for lots of block ideas

iPad or laptop for design inspiration

Scrap paper for rough sketching of ideas as well as doing math and taking notes.

Colored pencils –optional

Coordinating fabrics - optional

Rotary cutter, ruler and mat

Spray starch, Best Press or Sizing and H2O spray bottle

It is unlikely we will get to the sewing aspect of this project as this is primarily a how-to, design, tips and techniques workshop so feel free to leave your machine at home!

March 2024 Show and Tell



Kathy C. - Table topper pieced and quilted in the hoop on her embroidery machine.



Kathy C. with a quilted purse!



Kathy C. - Dresses quilt made for her sister.



Elizabeth S. - a bird-themed baby quilt!

March 2024 Show and Tell







Anita uses her stash of flannel to make burp clothes, baby blankets, and bibs. The panel quilt at right was quilted using inspiration from the book, WALK 2.0.



March 2024 Show and Tell



Top left: Kasey M. with her SHP quilt using a large brick pattern.



Top right: Mary P. with a twin quilt

Bottom: Nikki H. with two quilts for Quilts of Valor.





March 2024 Show and Tell



Kimberly with a patchwork pillow.



Kimberly with a St. Patrick's Day table topper.



Kimberly with a Valentine's wall hanging.



Carla using her embroidery machine to make a Grandma sweatshirt!

March 2024 Show and Tell



Priscilla with a leather purse....and she will be making many more!



Karla with a flannel star quilt for Project Linus.



Julie with a baby quilt for a new granddaughter!

Calvert Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

President Karla Sisson called the meeting to order.

Our speaker, **Beth Turner** was introduced to the guild. She discussed sewing ergonomics. She gave a handout and demonstrated different stretches we can do to help with soreness while sewing. She also discussed the proper set up of our sewing tables and chairs for proper posture.

After a short break, **President Karla Sisson** started the business meeting by reading a thank you card from **Sleep in Heavenly Peace**.

Nominating Committee
Julie Trollinger and **Mary Potter** gave an update on the nomination of officers. We have a new secretary, and possibly a new president. More information to come. **Mary Potter** offered to be president, if there is someone who could step in if she is on travel for work. If so, she would need someone to take over the library. **Karla Sisson** may have someone in mind to be co-president.

Programs
Elizabeth Sawyer and **Kara Small** gave an update on upcoming speakers.

Treasurer
Carla Warner gave the Treasurer's report. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Membership
Sue Huseby was absent. **Karla Sisson** reported that we had 21 members present and one guest. Karla gave an update on the 4-H class. All was good. Next up they want to make tote bags.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl reported two blocks were made but no one took a ticket. She showed the next month's block, Greek Key, and provided instructions.

Community Service
Sharon Burns is on vacation. She will collect donations for **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** at the next meeting.

Library
Mary Potter reported we have a new book on applique in the library.

Raffle Quilt

Hilke Hoefer reported raffle quilt blocks are being embroidered now and soon will be returned for piecing. Annmarie Garden Artsfest donations need to be ready by August. Things are selling at Buntings Consignment Shop. Nail file holders are going fast.

Social Committee

Kasey Mersch reported nothing new for party planning at this time.

Zoom Master

Debbie Francisco reported Susan Blanton was on Zoom.

Door Prizes

Karla Sisson had prizes from the speaker from Clover. She drew names of members in attendance at that meeting. **Kara Small, Christine Tenney, Barbara Lingle,** and **Sue Eells** won.

Karla Sisson questioned why the local Quilts of Valor group is never in the paper. It will be soon in an article on **Baynet**.

Show and Tell

Kathy Cannon, Elizabeth Sawyer, Kasey Mersch, Anita Turley, Nikki Huffstutler, Mary Potter, Kimberly Lusby, Debbie Lenhart, Carla Warner, Priscilla O'Dell, Julie Trollinger, and Karla Sisson showed their beautiful projects.

Meeting adjourned.



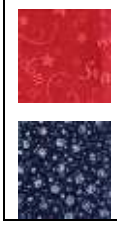
Greek Key

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

Pattern by Anita Konzak Turley
Influence from "The Internet"
Size modified by Marlene Diehl

Each block makes a 18 1/2" unfinished block.

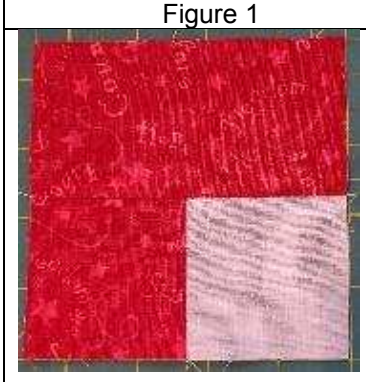
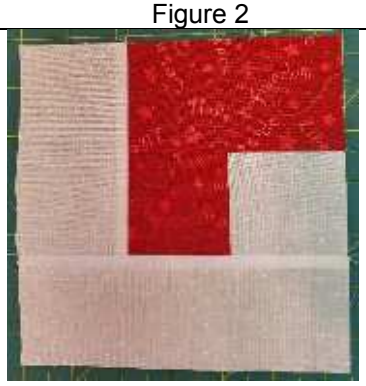
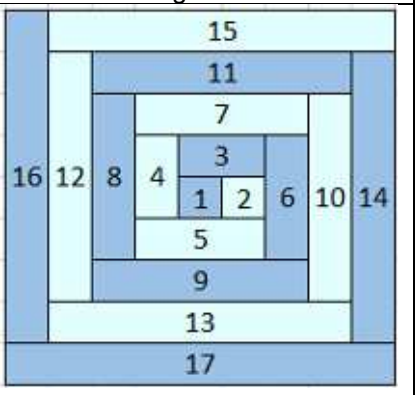
	**White** - Cut **two** – 2.5" x WOF strips (need 76" total) then sub-cut to the following lengths: 2.5", 4.5", 6.5", 8.5", 10.5", 12.5", 14.5", and 16.5"
	**Focus (same color value, blues, or reds.)** - Use scraps/leftovers in the same value to make 2.5' wide strips in the following lengths: 2.5", 4.5", 6.5", 8.5", 10.5", 12.5", 14.5", 16.5" and 18.5" (need a total of 94.5")

I can see these blocks used for a Quilt of Valor or 4th of July table runner.

Keep in mind the color pattern sequence (it is slightly different than a log cabin).

1) Sew the light and the dark 2.5" squares together. Press to the dark. Always orient the block with the dark square to the left. Add a dark 4.5" strip to the top of the block set (see Figure 1). Press to the dark. Add a light 4.5" strip to the left of that block set. Press to the light. Add a light 6.5" strip to the bottom of the block set (see Figure 2). Continue adding the strip pieces according to the graphic in Figure 3 in number order sequence. When adding a dark strip, press to the dark. When adding a light strip, press to the light.

2) Check/trim block sizes after adding each piece – the correct size is based on the size of the last strip attached.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3
		

3) Trim block as needed to finish at 18.5".

This block can be easily converted to different sizes depending on need. For example, to make a smaller block (9 ½") the width and lengths are different but the pattern construction order will remain the same.

Example – to make a 9 ½" block, cut light strips at 1.5" wide x 1.5", 2.5", 3.5", 4.5", 5.5", 6.5", 7.5", and 8.5" and dark strips at 1.5" wide x 1.5", 2.5", 3.5", 4.5", 5.5", 6.5", 7.5", 8.5", and 9.5".