CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
April 2026 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! We also offer an option to attend via Zoom for those members that cannot attend in person.

Next Guild Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD.

May Newsletter Deadline: April 20.

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Presidents Message



At the March meeting, we discussed changing the monthly meeting's format. I would like to see our guild grow with stronger relationships among existing members and attract new members into our group. A vibrant, well-connected guild creates lasting friendships, celebrates quilting, and gives back to the local community. Some ideas I've come up with are:

- Offering free "Intro to Quilting" workshops to the community in order to attract beginners or individuals curious about quilting.
- Hosting member demonstrations featuring techniques, tips & tricks, use of various tools, etc.
- Expanding charity quilt alongs and sew-ins to weekends or evenings to accommodate working members.
- Pairing new members with an experienced one to help them navigate guild activities and help them feel like they belong from day one.
- Expand the guild's presence through social media such as Facebook or Instagram.

What are you looking for in a guild? I would love to hear what direction or change each of you would like to see at the meetings.

Happy Quilting, Julie Trollinger, President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

April 14, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. Discussion on our favorite tools or least favorite. What are your "go to" tools? Is there a tool that you regret purchasing?



May 12, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. Julie Belin from Blue Oaks Quilting will be our guest speaker. She is a certified Quiltworx instructor, as well as instructor for Studio 180, Legit Kits, and Sew Kind of Wonderful. Her lecture is called a Table for All Seasons which highlights her quilting journey through table toppers and runners, and showcasing techniques from Studio 180, Sew Kind of Wonderful, Quiltworx, and Legit Kits.

May 13, Julie Belin will teach the Quiltworx Broken Daisy placemat workshop.



The workshop takes place at the **NE Community Center**, Room A, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach. Parking is behind the building. **Kit fee for the class is $35 which includes fabric, instructions, and paper for four placemats.**





April Birthdays

Marti	Phelps	April 5
Pat	Ford	April 6
Janice	McBain	April 9
Collette	Barksdale	April 19

Of Special Note

Library Sew-Ins

Listed below are dates for sewing sessions. Questions? Contact Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings
Mon., April 13; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Thurs., April 9; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Room 3
Mon., April 27; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Room 3

Twin Beaches - North Beach
Fri., April 17; 12:00 pm -5:00 pm, West Room

Elections

We have reached the two-year election cycle for **President** and **Secretary** of the guild. **Our Nominating Committee comprised of Carla Warner, Pat Ford, and Kasey Mersch will be recruiting candidates for these positions.** Please give this serious consideration! **We need people in leadership positions to keep the guild moving forward.**

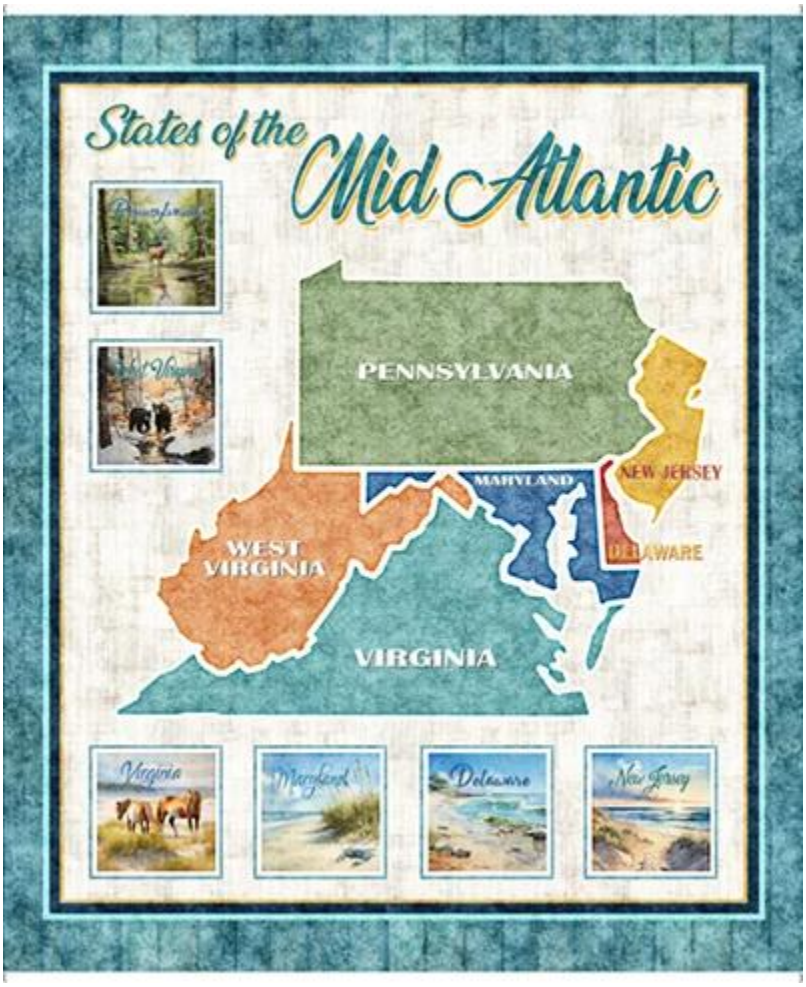
Voting will take place by ballot at the May general meeting. The month of June will be a time for the current officers to transition and share information with the new officers. The new officers will take office on July 1.

Block of the Month

Please turn in any Little Monsters, Square in a Square, and Ohio Star blocks at the April meeting. In the meantime, if anyone needs a square of the floral fabric for the current Ohio Star block, contact Karla Sisson ASAP.



We are also in need of a new person to handle the **Block of the Month**. This is a position that lets you be as creative as you would like!



Heads Up, the All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop (AMASH) Begins on July 1 – August 31, 2026

https://allmidatlanticshophop.com/

March 2026 Show and Tell





Susan B. (left) with Cool Cars for Michael using the Wonder Curve Ruler.

Nikki H. (above) with a quilt she made a while ago but recently quilted.

Marlene D. (below left) with a Quilt of Valor.

Stephanie (below right) with a recently completed teddy bear quilt.





March 2026 Show and Tell





Donna (left) models her jacket with the Maryland Star.

Christine T. (above) with a rescued quilt top that she quilted and finished.

Anita (below) with two quilts including a quilt for her brother-in-law on the right.





March 2026 Show and Tell





Andrea - (top left) with a quilt showcasing animal prints and her quilting.

Julie (top right) with a quilt using the Jawbreaker pattern.

Julie (below) with a SECOND Glimmer Glass quilt.



March 2026 Show and Tell





Julie deconstructed her bowl from the Jelly Roll Rug class but ended up with a kitchen rug, two bowls, and a mug rug!





Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

Business Meeting – President Julie Trollinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Tonight's program "What you are working on".

Show and Tell/ Working on: **Susan Blanton, Nikki Huffstutler, Marlene Diehl, Pat Ford, Hilke Hoeffer** showed the raffle quilt**, Donna Nichols, Stephanie Fulk, Chris Tenney, Anita Turley, Andrea Elwyn** and **Julie Trollinger** shared their items.

Library books were available for sale.

Anita moved and **Nikki** seconded to approve the February minutes as written.

Nomination Committee report: **Carla Warner, Pat Ford and Kasey Mersch** are still searching.

We discussed changing the meeting format. **Julie** doesn't feel she has a chance to mingle and meet people. **Andrea** noted the prices for speakers have really gone up. Would we rather take a bus to a quilt show? Could we have a drop in at a library and have the meeting at 7:00 pm. We were reminded we cannot do a sew-in at the church. **Julie** noted she gets asked a lot about sewing classes for adults. Is that something we are interested in doing?

Membership - Sue Huseby reported no new members tonight. **Julie** won the name tag raffle.

Sue reminded us we are having a sewing session with 4-H, on March 14; she had planned on doing binding, but the two children who signed up have never sewn.

Julie Trollinger will contact **Kathy Cannon** for raffle tickets for the quilt.

Programs – Andrea Elwyn
April no guest program; we will be sharing "what is our favorite tool or least favorite tool".
In May, Julie Belan will present a "Table for Every Season". The next day will be a workshop, "Broken Daisy Placemat"; paper and curved pieced; $35 kit; at Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach.

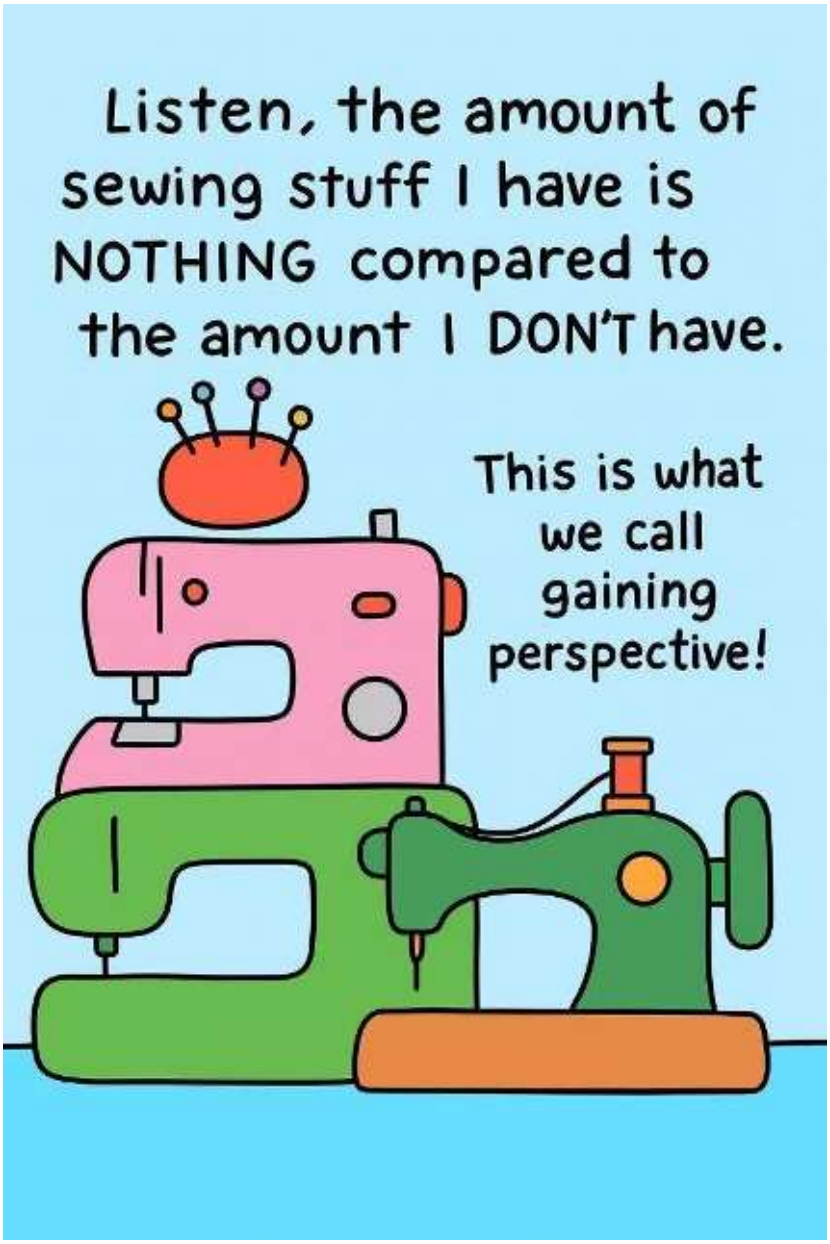
Program suggestion: Sharing skills - rotate through different tables.

BOM - **Karla Sisson** was not present, so bring your floral blocks next month. **Anita** is still accepting 7" monster blocks. We need someone to chair the BOM.

Debbie Stanford asked about interest in a Round Robin.

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Stanford gave the report. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Donna Nichols moved and **Pat Ford** seconded to close the meeting at 8:17 p.m.



OHIO STAR March 2026 BOM

Note: ALL centers are the same floral fabric. If you did not get a block at the meeting—or want more—contact me (withak2c1g@gmail.com) ASAP and I will mail you one.



Fabrics Choose colors to go with the flowers in D...your choice.

A Background
- 4 @ 4.5" square
- 1 @ 5.5" square

B Star Points
- 2 @ 5.5" square

C Inside star contrast...white or white with small print or dots
- 1 @ 5.5" square

D Center ...Floral provided
- Trim to 4.5" square

Sew with scant ¼" seams.

Make Half Square Triangle (HST) Units

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the two 5.5" Fabric B pieces.
2. Pair one 5.5" B with one 5.5" A, right sides together.
3. Pair one 5.5" B with one 5.5" C, right sides together.
4. Sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. Press toward B.

This gives you four HST units.

Make Quarter Square Triangle (QST) Units

1. Take one HST created with A/B and one HST created with B/C and place right sides together so that the two B pieces are NOT on top of each other.
2. The seams should be on top of each other and *nested*.
3. Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam.
4. Sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut on line.
5. Repeat with remaining A/B and B/C.
6. Trim and square up to 4.5" squares. It helps to use a ruler with a diagonal line. Watch corners.

Press.

Layout the Block

Sew the rows and assemble the Block

Press seams of row 1 and 3 away from center. Press row 2 towards center

Trim to 12.5" X 12.5"

