CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
August 2023 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: August 8, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

September Newsletter Deadline: August 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

Are you afraid of the Quilting Police? Do you follow all the rules? Well, don't!

Rule: wear a thimble on your middle finger when hand quilting. I can't do it! I even tried without a thimble. (Blood on a quilt is allowed by no one!) Then I heard Alex Anderson of "Simply Quilts," an expert hand quilter say if you need to put it on your pointer finger, do it. Game changer! Just needed to find the right thimble.

Rule: you cannot mix hand and machine quilting. I did it anyway. Then I heard a quilt lecturer say it was OK.

Rule: you should not cut up and/or remake someone else's quilt or block. Our July speaker, Mary Kerr, said when it becomes yours you can do whatever you want.

Color rules: my daughter said I couldn't mix navy and green. This was from a girl who did a beautiful painting with a purple tree! If it is pleasing to your eye, go for it!

Rule: all binding must be 2 ½". Nope! Some use 2 ¼" and some use 2 3/8". Find what works for you.

Rule: borders should be one fabric. We had a past speaker who put part of her design into the border

of a quilt. She was so pleased with how it turned out she entered it into her county fair. No prize. Judges comment: "Are you aware your design went into your border?" Now we see that frequently and it adds interest.

When you create a quilt, follow your heart. It should please you. And be a cheerleader for other quilters.

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

August 8, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Karen Kehl presents **A Nurse's Perspective on Sick Day Quilts.** Many quilters make special quilts for family and friends who are experiencing an illness, but these quilts are not always well-suited to the purpose. This presentation incorporates scientific findings on the health effects of various fabrics, washing techniques and battings; the knowledge and experience of a nurse regarding issues to consider for sick day quilts; a display of sick day quilts; and ideas for design and execution of sick day quilts that will be treasured long after the illness is over.



September 12, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Michelle Umlauf will present Clover Top 20 and New Releases. Learn what the top 20 selling quilting and sewing notions are at the time of the presentation. You may be surprised at some of the all-time favorites. You will also get a look at Clover's newest products introduced to the market.

September 13, four-hour workshop, Spools and Tools for Quilters. Setup 9:00 am. Location: Prince Frederick Vol. Rescue Squad, 755 Solomons Island Rd S, Prince Frederick (at the blinking light south of Brick Restaurant). Park in the back. Take the elevator to the second floor. In this class, you will discover many new and some tried and true notions Quilters rely on every day. Plus, you will be surprised to learn some unconventional uses for sewing supplies you never thought you needed. Master Perfect points, quarter-square triangles, y-seams, and even make bias binding tape. The workshop gives you the opportunity to practice these techniques and create wonderful samples to save and incorporate into a reference notebook.

The supply list can be found on the following page. The sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting. A fee of $20 will reserve your spot and will be returned at the workshop if you attend. Please bring a lunch and /or snack item to share at the workshop. Bring any plates or utensils needed for serving.

October 10, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Trip to Japan Quilt Expo. Two members from the Annapolis Quilt Guild will share their adventures in Japan.



November 14, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Cyndi Zacheis of Moonlighting Quilts will present Creating Celebration Quilts. In this lecture, she will share the secrets to creating personal, meaningful celebration quilts. Using traditional patterns or original designs, you can create unique, effective memory quilts. Everyone leaves with at least one idea they can use right away.



August Birthdays

Kathy	Cannon	August 5
Heidi	Hendrix	August 5
Sharon	Burns	August 23
Cindy	Herndon	August 30

Enjoy your special day!

Of Special Note

Dues are Due!

Annual dues of $30 are due at this time. Please submit a check to **Sue Huseby** at the next meeting when you sign in. If you will not be able to attend a meeting soon, you can mail your check made out to the "Calvert County Quilt Guild":

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Library Sew-Ins

The following dates have been approved for us to have workshops at local libraries. Come to sew and socialize! **Two September work sessions at the libraries will be used for tagging, pricing, and inventorying items for our Boutique at Annmarie Garden and any other events we participate in. Please try to bring a list of items you have donated for Hilke's record keeping. Please get your items to Hilke before these dates.**

Fairview Library
Friday, August 4; 12-5; Large Room
Friday, August 25; 12-5; Large Room
Friday, September 1; 12-5; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Thursday, August 17, 12-6; Room 3
Thursday, August 31, 12-6; Room 3
Thursday, September 7, 12-6, Room 3

Spools and Tools for Quilters Supply List

Machine with built-in decorative stitches **Foot Pedal** **Power Cord** **Manual** **One bobbin wound with bobbin thread** **2-3 empty bobbins** **Tweezers** **Eyeglasses** **Glue stick (fabric or school)** **Cutting Mat** **Rotary Cutting Ruler**	**Needles:** 80/12 Universal 90/14 Top Stitch 100/16 Jeans **Presser Feet:** (if they do not have these feet, they do not have to buy them for the class) 1/4" Foot 1/4" Foot (without guide) or Patchwork Foot if they have one Decorative Stitch Foot (has a groove on the bottom for thick decorative stitches)
Favorite fabric (it's okay, we will not be using it. It won't get cut up!)	
Michelle will be bringing A LOT of notions with her. She is working on arrangements to offer the ones used in class for sale at the end of the workshop. Her preferred method of payment is cash.	



Mark your Calendars for Artsfest at Annmarie Garden

Saturday & Sunday, Sept 16 & 17, 10am-5pm

13470 Dowell Rd, Solomons, MD

Hilke Hoefer will have signup sheets for set up and to sell raffle tickets and boutique items. Let her know how you can help!

New Library Books!

Mary Potter has just added the books below to our library. Let Mary know if you would like to check one out!



July 2023 Show and Tell





Several items were made from scraps received at the June meeting. Marlene D. (left) made a table runner and Kasey M. (above) made potholders.



Kasey M. - a jelly roll quilt for her cousin's 40th birthday!



Nikki H. - a quilt she made from blocks she won from Block of the Month.

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Kathy C. with two new embroidery projects.



Betty T. with potholders made from scraps.



Betty T. with a beautiful table runner.

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Betty T. with more beautiful table runners!

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Jan McB. - A collection of gifts she has made in preparation for a road trip in October to visit family.





July 2023 Show and Tell



Jan McB - table runners for gifts.



Jan McB. - A table runner to keep!



Sue H. - Bag from scraps received in June!



Sue H. - Trivets from scraps...very creative!

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Sue H. - More Uses for Scraps! Tea bag holder above and butterfly hair ornaments below.





Elizabeth S. - A cute and colorful dog quilt!

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Barbara L. - Cathedral Windows pillows made from her mother's stash! More runners on the right, above and below.





Julie T - A bee themed quilt for her sister who is a beekeeper! Quilted on her new longarm.



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Carla W. - A quilt from her stash in gray and yellow for her daughter.

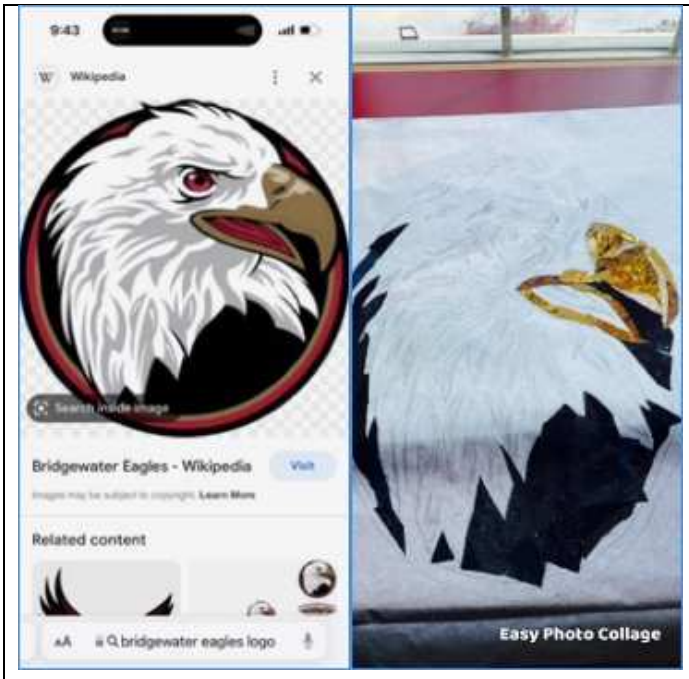


Karla S. continued with the evenings scrappy theme and a holiday chipmunk!





July 2023 Show and Tell





Mary P. - an eagle collage for her godson's graduation inspired from the photo above. Shown in progress above and above right, and the finished product below right. Amazing work!



Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

President Karla Sisson opened the meeting by introducing our speaker, **Mary Kerr.** Mary gave a brief history of her journey through quilting. She showed us several interesting vintage, motherless quilts, and quilt tops. We had a break where we could look at the quilts, and quilt tops up close. Mary also had books for sale.

After the break Karla opened the business meeting by introducing the new officers. **Carla Warner, Treasurer; Kara Small and Elizabeth Sawyer** as **co Vice Presidents**.

Hilke Hoefer stated everything worked out in the annual audit of the books.

Treasurer's Report
Debbie Francisco gave her final Treasurer's report. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Membership
Sue Huseby introduced our three new members that joined this evening: **Alanna Lantz, Kimberly Lusby,** and **Barbara Scotland.**

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl showed us the Block of the Month, a Square in a Square.

Fundraising
Hilke Hoefer gave us the future dates for sewing at the libraries. September dates will be devoted to tagging/pricing items for Artsfest. **Kathy Cannon** reminded members to pick up their raffle tickets if they haven't done so. One member already turned in her tickets, and money, and requested more books!

Karla Sisson thanked **Marlene Diehl** for quickly finding a meeting place for us at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church since NEWLIFE had a last-minute scheduling conflict.

Show and Tell
Marlene Diehl, Kasey Mersch, Kathy Cannon, Betty Tilley, Elizabeth Sawyer, Jan McBain, Julie Trollinger, Sue Huseby, Carla Warner, Nikki Huffstutler, Barbara Lingle, and **Karla Sisson** showed their beautiful projects.

Kathy Cannon moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Betty Tilley**.



Square in a Square Block

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Block seams are ¼"

Adapted from Anita Konzak Turley

by Marlene Diehl

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	**Color 1** (Background) – Medium or dark primary or secondary color Cut one – 10" square
	**Color 2** (Focus) – Light, primary, or secondary color Cut one – 10" square

This is a very quick, easy block.

1) With right sides together, stitch completely around the outside of the 10" square with a ¼" seam. Figure 1

2) Cut on both diagonals creating 4 half square triangles (HST). Press the seam to the dark. Trim to 6 ½ ". Figure 2

3) Lay out creating a light center square. Figure 3

4) Sew the top 2 HST together. Sew the bottom 2 HST together. Press in opposite directions or press seams open.

5) Sew the top and bottom pieces together. Press seam and trim to 12 ½" square.

6) For fun you could make a second block and create a dark center square. Figure 4

Figure 1 Figure 2 Figure 3 Figure 4

