CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
December 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: December 12, 6:30 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

January Newsletter Deadline: December 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

I can't believe it is December already. This year has flown by (Was I having fun??).

My husband and children have asked me what I want for Christmas. Here is my wish list:

I wish for more time to sew. I want to make quilts to contribute to our community service projects.

I wish for patterns that use only fabrics from my stash (unless I receive gift certificates to various fabric stores!).

I wish to learn to use my new all-electronic sewing machine. It gives me anxiety.

I wish to continue to be inspired by my fellow guild members. Love show and tell!

I wish for all my friends and family to have a happy and healthy holiday season.

I hope everyone is looking forward to 2024.

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

December 12, Guild Holiday Party. Setup begins at 5:30 pm, party begins at 6:30 pm. There will be all "Fun and Games!!!" **Please bring three fat quarters for a holiday game.** We also have lots of great prizes. The alphabet will be split by last names for the food and drinks:

A-J: Appetizers

K-S: Desserts

T-Z: Drinks.

January 9, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Jackie Snyder, Volunteer Coordinator, and **Jamie Foster, Fundraising Manager, from Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)** will tell us about the mission of their organization and how we can help through our community service projects.

February 13, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Marti Phelps will join us to discuss the history behind Civil War quilts.

March 12, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church.



Beth Turner, a local physical therapist and quilter, will discuss ergonomic quilting practices that we can incorporate into our sewing spaces. She will also give exercise ideas for combating muscle fatigue from quilting.



April 9, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Erin Grogan will present **"Finding your Quilty Identify".** This lecture dives into the discovery of who you are as an artist and quilter. Erin says she has met many wonderful quilters who feel like they don't know what they like. They say things like they only make quilts from kits or feel like 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.



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 discusses the good, bad and AH HA moments as she learned 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.

May 15, Workshop with Cyndi McChesney. 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.



December Birthdays

Kasey	Mersch	December 12
Barbara	Scotland	December 19
Carla	Warner	December 31

Of Special Note

Library Sew-Ins

The following dates have been approved for us to have workshops at local libraries. Come to sew and socialize!

Fairview Library

Friday, December 8, 12-5 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library

Friday, December 15, 12-5 pm; Room 1

CALL for QUILTS - 2024 Greenbelt Courthouse Show



We again have permission to display our quilts at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse in late January through March/April (dates to be determined). It will be our 21st exhibit, which now includes participation of seven Maryland area quilt guilds.

Contact Hilke Hoefer at hrhilke@comcast.net:

1. Entry deadline is January 15, 2024.

2. You may submit up to three entries for selection, which is based on impact, design, wall space size (39-120"), availability to hang for three plus months, and a first come/first served list.

3. Email MUST INCLUDE:

- Photo of each quilt
- Name and size (W x L") of quilts
- Entrant's name, phone, address, and guild affiliations (last two for relay collection of quilts to/from courthouse.

4. All confirmed entries over 24" wide must have a hanging sleeve.

5. If I have expressed a verbal interest in a quilt over the past year, you must still submit an email entry to be part of the selection process.

We request participation in the hanging and/or takedown process of the show, usually on a Monday. We especially need ladder climbers! I will respond to emails within two to three days.

Thank you! Hilke

November 2023 Show and Tell



Anita K. - What an assortment! A pie cover, applique blanket and bibs, as well as a chenille puppy rug for two new puppies!







November 2023 Show and Tell



Anita K. - A Halloween quilt from a panel (thanks Shirley!), another special panel quilt for her sister, and the quilt below made at a retreat.







Kara S. with a wheelchair bag.

November 2023 Show and Tell



Kara S. with an assortment of table runners, hot pads, and place mats.







November 2023 Show and Tell



Carla W. with Thanksgiving and Christmas décor for the boutique.



Chris T. (below right) with bags for the boutique.





November 2023 Show and Tell



Kasey M. - Adorable stockings for her dogs.



Julie T. - Baby quilt for her new grandson whose parents are both aeronautical engineers!



Marlene D. with two new wall hangings.



We can all relate to this!

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Betty T. - Baby quilt.



Betty T. – Quilt from a collection of turtle fabrics.



Betty T. - Pinwheel baby quilt.



Nikki H. - Quilts of Valor

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Debbie S. (above left) Basket of Flowers challenge quilt.

Priscilla O. – (above right) Halloween Quilt.

Debbie S. (below right) Lovely in Lavender BOM.



Hilke H. - bags for boutiques and charity.



November 2023 Show and Tell





Sue H. with a collection of items for the boutique.





Priscilla O. - A pocket prayer quilt and a Mondo bag.



Calvert Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

President Karla Sisson introduced our speaker, **Cyndi Zacheis**.

Cyndi presented her Celebration Quilts. Celebrations can be weddings, babies, and other life events. She presented several of her quilts. Art quilts, and some trimmed with heirlooms, etc. Anything stitched in your head can be made into a quilt. Another idea she presented was to put a label on the back of the quilt, in the middle of the bottom, upside down. That way you can lift up the bottom and read the label. She also said, "fusible is always the answer." Cyndi donated a copy of her book to the guild library.

We had a brief break.

Karla opened the business part of the meeting. Karla read a thank you card from Mary Kerr. The Clark Senior Center in LaPlata sent an email asking if anyone would be interested in a bus trip to the American Quilters Society, September 11 to 14, 2024? They are trying to determine if they can fill a bus.

Programs
Vice President Kara Small gave information on future speakers. She also asked if anyone has any ideas for future speakers, or workshops. Let her know.

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

Fundraising
Hilke Hoefer will need people for December 9 at **Northern High School**. We also need holiday items to sell.



Secretary
Karla asked if anyone had changes to last month's minutes and there were none.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl announced we received two monster blocks this month but will still be collecting the monster blocks in December. **Anita Konzak** needs at least nine to make a quilt to sell for the guild. The next BOM will be the cat block for the January BOM. She had patterns to pass out.

Community Service
Sharon Burns left the meeting early but left a message that she has 63 bags ready to give to the nursing home.

Library
Mary Potter reported that she has books here for check out.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported we have 37 members now. We have new guild pins to purchase. **Barbara Lingle** won the name badge raffle.

Newsletter
Please have articles to **Susan Blanton** by the 20th of the month for the next newsletter.

Sunshine
Lillian Mair sent one card this month.

Raffle Quilt 2024
Hilke Hoefer announced that we will lay out and piece the raffle quilt at the Fairview Library on Friday. Any extra blocks will be made into table runners.

Monthly Raffle
Lillian Mair announced that **Kara Small** won the monthly raffle.

Zoom Master
Debbie Francisco reported that no one logged in on Zoom this evening.

Raffle Quilt 2023
Kathy Cannon reported that several people turned in their stubs and money. All ticket stubs and money must be turned in on December 12, the night of the drawing.

Social Committee
Kasey Mersch reported that information for the December party will be in the newsletter. We will start the party at 6:30 pm. Set up starts at 5:30 pm.

Show and Tell:
Anita Konzak-Turley, Kara Small, Carla Warner, Kasey Mersch, Marlene Diehl, Betty Tilley, Julie Trollinger, Nikki Huffstuttler, Debbie Stanford, Hilke Hoefer, Christine Tenney, Sue Huseby, and **Priscilla O'Dell** showed us their beautiful quilts and projects.

Meeting adjourned.

MONSTER BLOCK



Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

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Block of the Month
November and December 2023

Pattern and instructions by YOU

The November block of the month will be different – it will NOT be raffled off. The blocks will be given to Anita Konzak-Turley who has offered to make up to two quilts to be sold next year as part of our boutique. Use a pattern available or design your own for this unique quilt. Have your children or grandchildren draw a monster and make it into a block.

Do a quick Google search and you will come up with many Monster quilt block suggestions. Here are two links I found:

free monster quilt blocks - Search (bing.com)
140 Monster quilt blocks ideas | monster quilt, quilt blocks, monster quilt pattern (pinterest.com)