CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
December 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! We also offer an option to attend via Zoom for those members that cannot attend in person. **Zoom will not be offered in December as it is a holiday party.**

Next Guild Meeting: December 10, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

January Newsletter Deadline: December 20.

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Happy Holidays



Sound Familiar?



Upcoming Programs and Workshops



December 10, 2024, Holiday Party at NEWLIFE Church. (No Zoom option this month). Setup begins at 5:30 pm, party begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring three fat quarters for a holiday game and an item for the NEWLIFE Church food pantry. The alphabet will be split by last names for the food and drinks:

- A-G drinks
- H-P appetizers
- Q-Z desserts

January 14, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Marti Phelps is speaking on "American History thru the eyes of a Quilt, 1790 thru today". It will include a mini quilt show of American History Quilts. Marti's love of American historical quilts began when she became a quilt docent at the National Museum of American History (Smithsonian) and gave quilt tours one session per month for ten years. These quilts became her friends and remain so today.

February 11, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Guild Challenge. Upcycle or creatively transform up to five items using fabric that might otherwise be discarded. Members will show and tell about their upcycled items.

We will also begin working on our 2025 raffle quilt. We will cut and bag fabric pieces into kits to distribute to guild members to take home and complete blocks.



December Birthdays

Kasey	Mersch	December 12
Dianne	Wainright	December 13
Carla	Warner	December 31

Enjoy your special day!!

Of Special Note

Community Service

Here is a summary of the community service projects that we have completed in the past 12 months:

Calvert Nursing Center

12/14/23 60 wheelchair bags
12/14/23 10 wheelchair quilts

02/19/24 16 wheelchair bags
02/19/24 24 wheelchair quilts

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

11/12/24 13 Twin size quilts
6 small quilts for babies (or car seats)



Guild Members present Jackie Snyder (left) with quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Thank you, **Sharon Burns**, for leading this effort!

Calvert County 4-H Workshop

At our November workshop, the 4-H group made a cute gift box block. We will not meet in December but will resume in January.



Library Sew-Ins

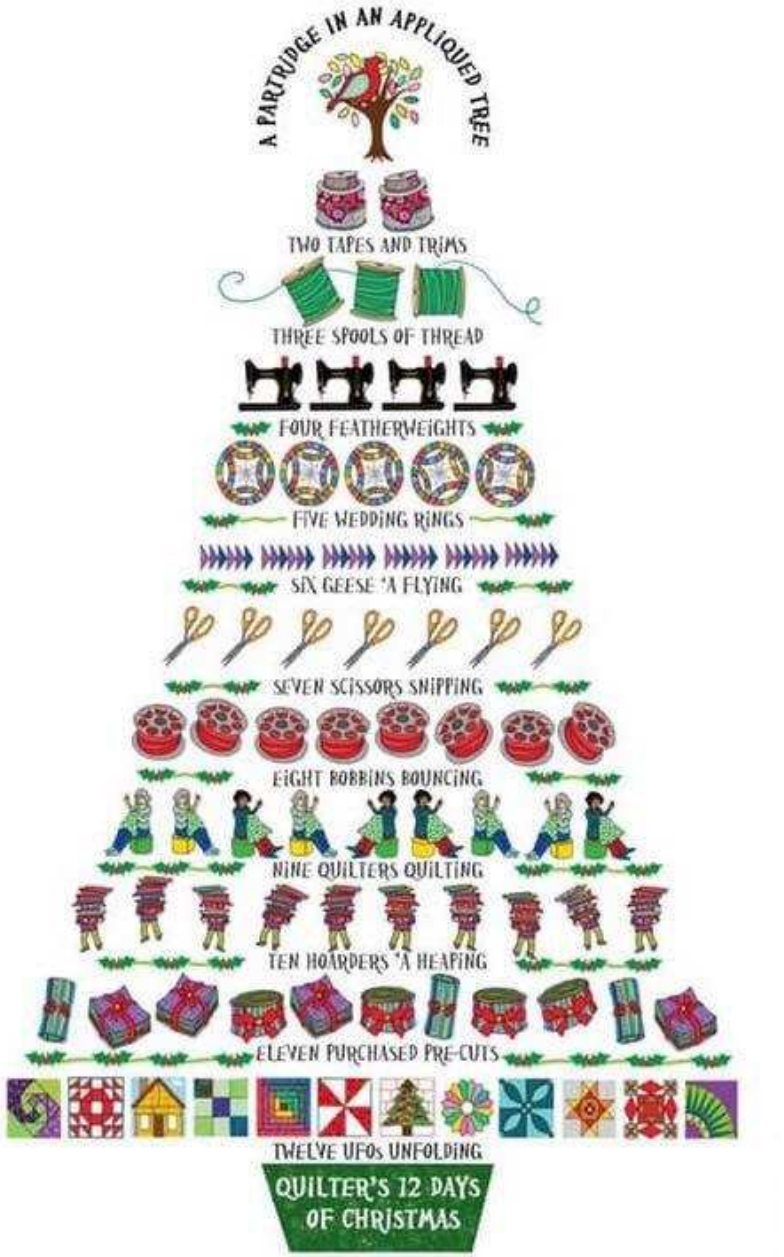
Listed below are the upcoming sewing sessions. You can come for all or a part of any session. Questions? Contact Hilke. Her new email address is hrhsew2day@gmail.com

Fairview Library - Owings
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 11:00am – 5:00 pm; Large Room

Friday, Jan. 10, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Thursday, Dec. 12, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm., Room 3
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 3

Twin Beaches - North Beach
Wed., Jan. 22, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, East Room



The Upcycle Art and Craft Society's motto is **Rethink** (see an item in a new way), **Reform** (physically alter the item), and **Reborn** (final outcome is new life or purpose).

In July I read an article about a United Airlines employee who figured out how to turn thousands of expired life vests into bags and backpacks. Life vests expire every eight to ten years. That's 19,000 plastic life vests per year from 737s alone headed to landfills. B2L (Bag to Life) diverted 900 pounds of waste from landfills, saving space and producing less methane gas.

Before you toss fabric or clothing, think of ways to upcycle, recycle, repurpose, trade, or donate your textiles.

---Karla Sisson

Guild Challenge

Upcycle or creatively transform up to five items using fabric that might otherwise be discarded. Members will show and tell about their upcycled items at the February meeting.

Greenbelt Courthouse Quilt Show Call for Quilts

The Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland, has again sanctioned a quilt exhibit for 2025. This is the 22nd quilt exhibit to be shown there. The show will go up on Friday, January 31, and hang for three months. Seven area quilt guilds have participated in the past, so there are specific guidelines for all entrants to follow as listed below:



1. Entries (limit 2 per person) are submitted by email to:
    a. Hilke Hoefer (new email): hrhsew2day@gmail.com
    b. Include the Quilt Name and Size (WxL) and a digital photo.
    c. We also need your personal info: address, cell phone, guild affiliation
2. Submissions start on December 10 and are reviewed on a "first come, first served" basis. All skill levels are encouraged.
3. Entries are selected by size (10" – Max 120"), impact and design. All quilts over 24" must have a hanging sleeve.
4. We encourage entrants to help with the installation of the show. It requires 12-15 people and takes about five hours (10:00am – 3:00pm).
5. If I have given you a "verbal invitation" in the past, you must still follow all the above guidelines.
6. Questions? Feel free to text Hilke at 410-353-2453.

November 2024 Show and Tell



Marlene D. - Quilt for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



Anita - Quilt for her brother turning 70.



Anita – Beautiful blue quilt.



Susan B. - Clamshell quilt using the Latifah Saafir template

November 2024 Show and Tell



Debbie S. holding her barn quilt square, above, and her daughter's, above right, which were painted at October's workshop. Great job!



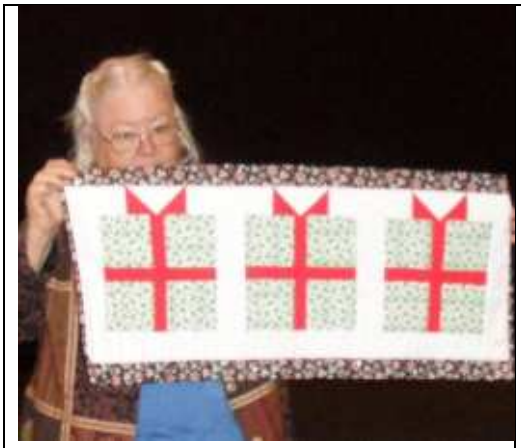


Betty T. with her Star Teddy Bear baby quilt.



Donna N. with a cute fall wall hanging.

November 2024 Show and Tell



Sue H. with a gift block runner



Sue H. with holders for napkins and paper plates.



Sue H. with a fall mug rug and a Christmas version center, left.







Kim L. with two fall wall hangings.





Betty C. with two beautiful applique blocks.



Carla W. with several embroidered hand towels for boutique sales.

November 2024 Show and Tell





Nikki H. with two quilt tops for Quilts of Valor.



Collette B. with two hand quilted quilts for friends.



Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

Before the meeting started, **Community Services Chair, Sharon Burns**, presented 13 twin sized quilts as well as some smaller ones to **Jackie Snyder of Sleep In Heavenly Peace.**

President Julie Trollinger opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. She introduced our speaker, **Ellen Murabito**, known as the Upcycle Lady. Ellen presented a slide show and gave many examples of how textiles can be purchased through thrifting and cut up into smaller pieces to make quilts.

Karla Sisson announced a guild challenge which involves upcycling. The challenge is to upcycle or creatively transform up to five items using fabric that might otherwise be discarded. Members will show and tell their upcycled items at the February meeting. Karla showed us several examples:

- An extra piece from a wall hanging that she converted into a coaster.
- Dryer balls that she made from old compression socks.
- Using compression socks to cover a ruler to clean under the refrigerator.
- Pieces from a vintage quilt top and blue jeans that were made into a pin cushion.

Business meeting
President Julie Trollinger asked if anyone had changes to the minutes from the last meeting. If not, she asked someone to approve the minutes that were in the newsletter. **Karla Sisson** approved, and **Carla Warner** seconded.

Programs
The December meeting will be our holiday party. **Kasey Mersch** announced that setup begins at 5:30 pm, party begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring three fat quarters for a holiday game. The alphabet will be split by last names for the food and drinks:

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2025 Raffle Quilt
Hilke Hoefer announced that the quilt will be Sunset on the Water which we may rename Sunset on the Bay. The pattern is all squares and half-square triangles in batiks and may have a pieced heron. At the February meeting, we will cut and bag the pieces into kits to distribute to guild members to take home and complete.

Fundraising
We will not be doing the Christmas Market at the fairgrounds as earlier reported due to the cost of insurance. We will still do the Holiday Craft Fair at Northern High School on December 14. And on May 17 and 18, Sotterley Plantation will host the Southern Maryland Heritage Festival where we can sell items and demonstrate quilting vs. paying a fee.

Membership
Sue Huseby announced we have 42 members including new member **Elaine Burnham** who joined tonight. **Betty Tilley** won the name tag drawing. The 4-H group met last weekend and made a gift box block. They will not meet in December but will resume in January.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl announced that the BOM for January will be a block to keep and is a study in color.

Monthly Raffle
Lillian Mair announced the winner: **Julie Trollinger**

Budget
Next month we will be voting on the budget for next year. Items for consideration include:

- Increase the donation to the church for the use of the meeting room for our monthly meetings to $500/yr.
- Increase Zoom budget line to $170.

2024 Raffle Quilt
Kathy Cannon asked everyone to turn in their raffle ticket money by the December meeting.

Community Service
Sharon Burns mentioned that 13 twin-sized quilts and several smaller ones were donated tonight to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Items for the nursing home especially with fidget items can be an ongoing project. The pattern for the wheelchair quilt will be sent out with the newsletter.

Miscellaneous
Please bring in small items for the display case at the Calvert Library Southern Branch.

We need to vote on a December charity. **Anita Konzak-Turley** suggested the church food pantry. Everyone was in agreement, and members should bring items for the pantry to the December meeting.

Show and Tell
Anita Konzak-Turley, Susan Blanton, Debbie Stanford, Sue Huseby, Betty Tilley, Kimberly Lusby, Nikki Huffstuttler, Donna Nichols, Collette Barksdale, Betty Clark, and **Carla Warner** brought in some of their latest creations.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm by **Betty Tilley** and seconded by **Anita Konzak-Turley**.



STUDY IN COLOR PLACEMENT
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
January 2025
BEACH BLOSSOM
By Marlene Diehl

For the next several months the BOM will be handled differently. First you will keep your block. Please bring them to the meeting to share during Show and Tell. Second you will be sewing the same basic pattern.

Fabric Requirements – Fat Quarters (no large prints, not good for directional prints, you may use solids). Every fabric will **not** be used in every block. Fabric may not be used how you anticipate. In the first block, the background fabric is used as the key fabric. Label your fabrics - Fabric A (pink), Fabric B (green) etc.

Main color – Fabric A
Lighter shade of main color – Fabric B
Complimentary color – Fabric C
Lighter shade of complimentary color – Fabric D
Light background – Fabric E
Dark background – Fabric F

Classic Color Combinations

Pink/blue/white/green
Blue/yellow/white/navy
Red/white/gray/black
Peach/teal/tan/brown

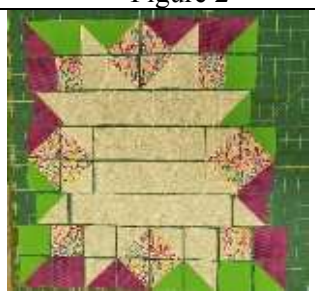
Cutting Instructions (will vary for each block)

A	4 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares		E	4 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares 2 – 12 ½" x 2 ½" strip 2 – 8 ½" x 2 ½" strip
C	3 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares		F	3 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares

1. Make ½ square triangles 4 at a time. Place the following 4 ¼" squares of fabric right sides together (RST), sew ¼" on all 4 sides, cut on both diagonals. Trim to 2 ½" square. Figure 1

   1 – E/F 1 – A/C
   1 – E/C 1 – F/A
   1 – F/C 2 – E/A

2. Lay out the pieces like Figure 2 and page 2. (Some rows will appear shorter, but that's because there are fewer pieces in the row.) (The first 3 rows were sewn before I took the picture.) Sew in rows RST. Press the rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together. Press open. Trim to 16 ½" square.

Figure 1	Figure 2
	

Beach Blossom

