CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
February 2025 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: February 11, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

March Newsletter Deadline: February 20.

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Presidents Message



My daughter and I were at Fabric Place Basement in Alexandria last week. We were picking out upholstery fabric to recover her dining room chairs. Turning down one aisle, I first noticed that the person in front of us was wearing a snazzy suit and dress shoes with no socks. He looked familiar. I recognized him from watching TLC's "Say Yes to the Dress" with my daughters. It was Monte Durham.



You just never know who you're going to run into at the Fabric store!

Julie Trollinger,

President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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.

March 11, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church.



Preeti Harris at Sew Preeti Quilts will join us to discuss modern quilting and improvisational techniques. Preeti is also an Island Batik Ambassador. She grew up in India and came to the USA as a student. Living in Northern Virginia, she works as a transportation planner. Preeti made her first quilt in 2013 and 200+ quilts later, she can firmly say that she is addicted to all things quilting! Her patterns have been published in numerous magazines including Make Modern, Quilter's World and Quiltmaker. She loves bright fabrics and enjoys improvisational piecing.

April 8, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church.



Barbara Cline will be speaking on Where, When, Why & How of Quilting. The lecture will be on learning some tricks of the trade and seeing Barbara's quilts close up. You can never get enough information on this subject. Barbara is an international quilt designer, author, and teacher who loves to share her techniques with others. She has over 37 years of experience in quilting and teaching classes. Her whole family shares a passion for the tradition of quilt making, which has been passed down through generations.

April 9, 2025, Workshop with Barbara Cline: "Twirling, Swirling Dance", Time and Place TBD. This is a quick project, and the technique used in creating this quilt is strip piecing. There are only three different fabrics used to make this wall quilt. The twirling and swirling is created by using the background fabric as part of the star as well as the shifting of the fabrics in the lone star block layout. 6-hour class. **The supply list can be found on page 4.**



Twirling, Swirling Dance 48 x 48

May 13, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Ora Hart presents "Color Confidence for Quilters". This lecture on color foundation teaches you how to balance the fabrics for your next project using the color wheel and color theory. Color Confidence for Quilters is a great color foundation for all quilters. It helps to understand your style when choosing fabrics and helps get you out of your color ruts.



February Birthdays

Janine	Stone	February 5
Hilke	Hoefer	February 8
Julie	Trollinger	February 24

Of Special Note

4-H Sewing Workshop

The next 4-H sewing workshop will be on **February 1 (previously scheduled on February 8)**, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm., at the Community Resource Building, 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick. The kids will sew a heart block for Valentine's Day which can be made into a pillow.

Help Wanted

We are in need of a **secretary** for the guild. The duties are as follows:

The Secretary shall:

a. Keep records of minutes, including all motions made and carried at each general, Board or special meeting.
b. Furnish a copy of general meeting minutes for inclusion in the newsletter.
c. Take care of general correspondence, as requested.
d. Provide copies of board meeting minutes to all board members.
e. As requested, provide notices to local papers as required about meetings and upcoming events.

If you are interested in this very important role, please contact Julie Trollinger.

Zoom Master. **Mary Potter** has volunteered to be the backup Zoom Master when **Debbie Francisco** is unavailable. Thank you, Mary!

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
Friday, Feb. 14, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Large Room
Friday, March 7, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Large Room
Friday, April 4, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Thursday, Feb. 6, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 3
Thursday, March 13, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 3
Tuesday, March 18, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Room 3
Thursday, April 10, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 3
Tuesday, April 15, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, Room 3

Twin Beaches - North Beach
Wed., Feb. 19, 11:00 am – 5:30 pm, East Room
Thurs., March 27, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, West Room
Mon., April 7, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm, West 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

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Calvert County Quilt Guild
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Supply List for Twirling Swirling Dance

48” x 48”

Pattern: Twirling Swirling Dance $10.00

Fabric
Cream 1 1/4 yards
Navy 2 1/4 yards
Print 3/4 yard

Have the following precut before class:
Cut the following strips and pieces. Note: wof = width of fabric.
Cream:
2) 1 1/2” x wof
6) 2 1/2” x wof
Navy:
1) 1 1/2” x wof
6) 2 1/4” x wof (for binding)
6) 2 1/2” x wof
2) 3 1/2” x wof
1) 21 1/8” x wof; subcut into 1) 21 1/8” square, cut twice diagonal.
From remaining strip cut 1)14 ½” square
1) 14 1/2” x wof; subcut into 3) 14 ½” squares.
Print:
1) 1 1/2” x wof
8) 2 1/2” x wof



Supply List
Scissors
Pins
Sewing thread
Seam ripper
Rotary mat (18" x 20" or bigger)
Rotary cutter
Rotary ruler with a 45° line on it
Small ironing board and mat (optional)
Fabric marking pencil
Lead pencil

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January 2025 Show and Tell





Andrea E. with four quilts she has recently completed





January 2025 Show and Tell









Top row - Nikki H. with two quilts for Quilts of Valor.

Bottom left – Nikki with a quilt for Project Linus.

Bottom right – Nikki with a fish quilt for her grandson.

January 2025 Show and Tell



Above - Susan B. with a wall hanging for her grandson



Right – Debbie F. with a quilt for Quilts of Valor.



Above - Jan McB., Karla S., and Lillian M. have made block one of our BOM series focusing on color placement. They plan to complete the other blocks together and make a quilt for AMG.



Right – Priscilla O. with a mystery quilt she completed for Quilts of Valor.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

President Julie Trollinger opened the meeting and introduced our speaker, **Marti Phelps,** who presented a lecture and trunk show entitled “American History Through the Eyes of a Quilter”. Marti is a quilt historian and has spent over ten years at the Smithsonian giving tours and showing the many historic quilts in their collection.

Business Meeting
President Julie Trollinger asked if there were any changes to the minutes as shown in last month’s newsletter. **Collette Barksdale** approved the minutes and **Marlene Diehl** seconded.

We received a thank you note from Sleep in Heavenly Peace for the quilts that were donated in December.

Linda Areno has resigned as Secretary. If anyone would like to volunteer to take her place, please let Julie know.

We need to review the by-laws. Two people are needed for this job. **Marlene Diehl** and **Karla Sisson** volunteered.

Raffle Quilt 2024 was delivered to the winner’s mother at the Calvert Quilt Shop as the actual winner was busy with work and school.

Raffle Quilt 2025
Hilke Hoefer has set up ten workshops at the libraries in February, March, and April to work on the quilt. The quilt needs to be completed by May so that we can sell raffle tickets at the Arts Fest at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported that we have 42 members. **Sue Eells** won the badge door prize. The next 4-H sewing workshop will be on February 8. *(EDIT: Two weeks later, this was changed to February 1)*. The kids will sew a heart block for Valentine’s Day which can be made into a pillow.

Programs
Elizabeth Sawyer updated us on the programs for the upcoming months:

February is the Upcycle Challenge and completing and distributing kits for the 2025 raffle quilts.
March - Preeti Harris will discuss modern quilts.
April – Barbara Cline with a workshop the following day.
May – Ora Hart will present Color Confidence for Quilters.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl showed us the next block in the Study in Color Placement series. Blocks are to be shown at Show and Tell.

Monthly Raffle
Jan McBain reported that **Kasey Mersch** won the raffle.

Sunshine
Lillian Mair reported that she has not sent out any cards recently. If you know of any Guild member or loved one who is seriously ill, undergoing surgery, etc., please inform Lillian.

Julie Trollinger thanked the people who donated items for the display at the Southern Branch of the Calvert County Library.

Zoom Master
Debbie Francisco reported that she is still looking for a backup person when she is out of town and cannot attend a meeting. *(EDIT: Update, Mary Potter has volunteered to be the backup Zoom Master).* Also, she has received feedback from Zoom attendees that there is too much background noise in the room during the meeting. Please be mindful so that our guest speakers, officers, and other guild members can be heard clearly.

Show and Tell
Andrea Elwyn, Nikki Huffstutler, Susan Blanton, Karla Sisson, Jan McBain, Lillian Mair, Priscilla O'Dell, and **Debbie Francisco** show their latest creations.

Library
Mary Potter mentioned that she brought library books with patterns for quilts from the 1930's.

Mary Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Andrea Elwyn** seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.



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

For the next several months you will be sewing the same basic pattern and keeping your block.
Please bring them to the meeting to share during Show and Tell.

Fabric Requirements – Use fabrics left from the January BOM. (Fat Quarters [no large prints, not good for directional prints; you may use solids]. Every fabric will **not** be used in every block. A fabric may not be used how you anticipate. 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)

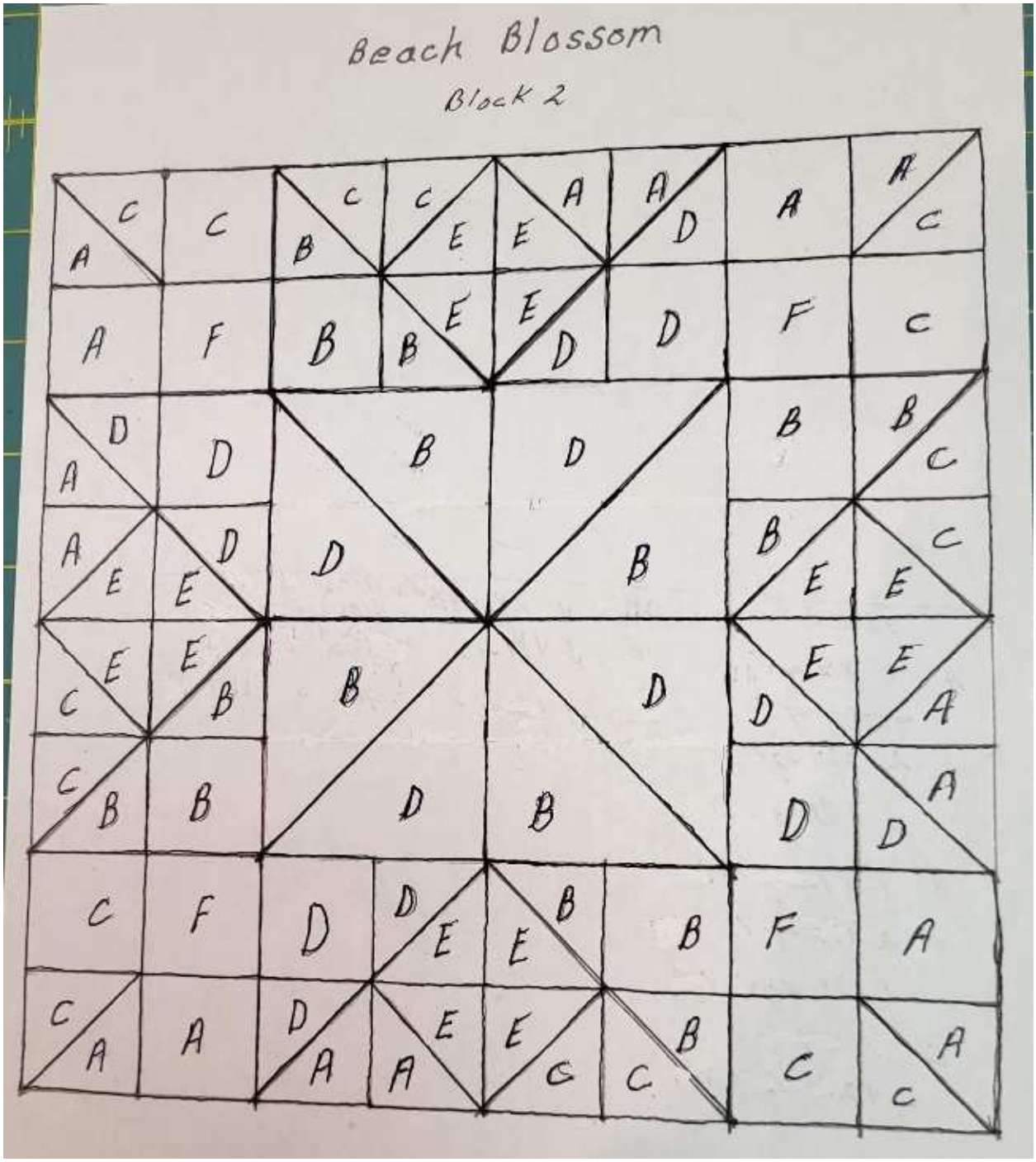
A	3 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares	D	1 – 7 1/4" square 2 - 4 ¼" square 4 - 2 ½" squares
B	1 – 7 1/4" square 2 - 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares	E	4 – 4 ¼" squares
C	3 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares	F	4 – 2 ½" squares

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

   1 – A/C 1 – A/D 1 – A/E 1 – B/C
   1 – B/E 1 – C/E 1 – D/E

   Repeat with the 7 1/4" squares- B/D. Trim to 4 ½" square.
2. Lay out the pieces like page 2. Sew in rows RST. In rows 3 & 4, and 5 & 6 the end units need to be sewn in a four patch before adding to the center unit. Figure 2. Press the rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together. Press. Trim to 16 ½" square.

Figure 1	Figure 2
	


Beach Blossom
Block 2