CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
February 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: February 10, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD.

March Newsletter Deadline: February 20.

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Presidents Message



I love the process and the challenge I place on myself when making quilts. However, there are times I must step back and evaluate my priorities and simplify my goals in order to make progress.

1. Perfection is an illusion—no quilt is ever 100% flawless, and that's part of its charm!
2. Focus on progress and celebrate the small wins, like finishing a block or mastering a tricky technique.
3. If you wouldn't criticize a friend's quilt, why do you criticize your own? Quilting is a journey, not a test, and you give yourself permission to learn and grow.
4. Instead of aiming for perfection, aim for completion. Break your projects into smaller, manageable steps and celebrate each milestone you achieve.
5. Surround yourself with quilters who lift you up. This guild is the perfect place to share your progress with others who understand the ups and downs of the quilting journey.

Happy Quilting,

Julie Trollinger, President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

February 10, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. Betty Tilley will present and discuss the steps in making jelly roll rugs. She will offer tools and tips on jelly roll rugs, as requested at a previous meeting. Betty will teach and demonstrate the technique with a jelly roll placemat using the same techniques and tools. The hands-on workshop is the following day.

February 11, 2026, 9:00 am for setup to 4:00 pm at the Twin Beaches Library East Room. Workshop for Jelly Roll Rugs. ***Library opens at 9:00 am.*** You provide (7 or 8) 2.5-inch strips from a jelly roll or your stash as well as batting strips.

March 10, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. "What are you working on?" Bring in a project that is still a work in process. Are you stuck? Looking for ideas for a border, quilting design, etc.? This will be separate from our usual Show and Tell of completed items.



February Birthdays

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

Of Special Note

Community Outreach

The next **4 H workshop** will be Saturday, February 7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Community Resources Building, 30 Duke Street, Prince Frederick. We will be making the Quilt As You Go little heart shaped 'coin' purse. The idea is to use the fabric scraps the 4H program already has. Sue Huseby will be donating the swivel clasps and the plastic snap closures. Additional scraps welcomed. Helpers will need to bring their sewing machines, scissors and pinking shears. Let **Sue Huseby** know if you plan to come so she can get any updates out to you directly.

Library Sew-Ins

For the next two months we'll be working as much as possible on the 2026 raffle quilt. Please drop off your blocks at meetings, at these workshops (pass them on to someone who is attending if you can't come yourself) or let me know of some other times we could schedule-evenings or Saturdays perhaps? Or get together in groups of your own in your home or church. Questions? Contact Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings
Thurs., Feb. 5; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm; Large Room
Tues., Feb. 24; 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Large Room
(This replaces Mon. February 23)
Tues., March 10; 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Large Room
Thurs., March 19; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Large Room
Mon., April 13; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm, Room 3
Monday, March 2; 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, Room 3
Thurs., March 26; 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm; Room 3
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
Previously scheduled slot on February 11 is now the Rug Making Workshop
Fri., March 13; 12:00 pm -5:00 pm, West Room
Fri., April 17; 12:00 pm -5:00 pm, West Room

January 2026 Show and Tell



Anita with her wine bottle table runner. The colors really pop!



Collette with a teddy bear quilt for CASA.



Collette with a larger quilt for CASA.



Mary with a teddy bear quilt for CASA.

January 2026 Show and Tell







Upper left: Kim L. brought a quilt for CASA that was started in the Dancing Log Cabin workshop.

Upper right and lower left: Julie T. brought in two quilts for CASA.

January 2026 Show and Tell





Betty T. showing items she created with her Accuquilt.



Susan B. - Bird Song using the Mini Quick Curve Ruler.



Jan McB. with a quilt for her first great granddaughter!

January 2026 Show and Tell



Mary P. was asking for border suggestions on this beautiful quilt.





Julie T. above with a quilt that was made as a half square triangle skill builder.

Julie T. at left with "Mermaids Tail" for her great niece. This also used the Mini Quick Curve Ruler.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025

President Julie Trollinger introduced our speaker, **Tonya Kennerly**. The speaker works for **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).** She discussed how the children were so excited to receive their quilts. She also discussed what CASA does for local children.

A quick Show and Tell was done for quilts members brought to donate to CASA. **Mary Potter, Collette Barksdale, Kim Lusby, and Julie Trollinger** showed their beautiful donation quilts.

Break

Membership
We have a new member, Karen R. **Sue Huseby** gave information on the next 4 - H sewing class. It will be on February 7, time not yet confirmed. They will be making a little heart pouch. **Betty Tilley** won the name tag raffle.

Library
Julie and Mary Potter discussed what we should do with the library. Mary is moving to Pennsylvania, and we need a new librarian, or should we disburse the books and discontinue the library? A vote was made to disburse and discontinue. Not many people check out books or request them.

2026 Raffle Quilt
Hilke Hoefer let us know that our 2025 raffle quilt was given to the winner who was thrilled with it. 2026 raffle quilt is in process. Hilke showed some of the blocks already made. Plenty more need to be made. If there are extra blocks left over after the quilt is made, they will be made into table runners. The quilt top needs to be done by March or April. More small quilts are needed for the Greenbelt courthouse show. Under 50 inches.

Programs
VP Andrea Elwyn showed the jelly roll place mat for the upcoming class. Betty has the Clover jelly roll tool and batting available for purchase for the class. The class will be held on February 11.
For the March meeting the theme is What are you working on? Bring unfinished projects to show what you are making with them. We can also give you ideas about what to do with orphan blocks that you don't know what to do with.

Block of the Month
Block of the Month instructions will be in the newsletter. **Karla Sisson** explained what will be done with them. Karla will have something new next month.

Monthly Raffle

Jan McBain announced that **Mary Potter** won the monthly raffle.

No treasurers report this month.

Show and Tell:

Betty Tilley, Susan Blanton, Mary Potter, Jan McBain, and Julie Trollinger showed us their beautiful quilts.

Motion made to close meeting by **Mary Potter**, seconded by **Donna Nichols**.





Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
January 2026

All seams are ¼" allowance.

Pattern by Anita Turley
Influenced from an Internet photo.



Square in a Square Block

Each block makes a 10 ½" unfinished block.

	**Background – light solid or blender** Four 6 ½" squares
	**Center – medium or dark solid or blender** Four 3 ½" squares

It should be so easy, they say! It was actually pretty easy to do. This block will create a 10 ½" finished block. The cool thing – it can be made smaller or larger as it is proportionate (whatever size you want to make your inside block compared to your outside block is an easy adjustment). Use any color set within the same color family (example is blue on blue).

1) Cut four (4) 6 ½" blocks of a lighter color. Cut each diagonally. Separate the blocks into two stacks as the inside square will be placed differently on half of the diagonal cuts.

2) Cut four (4) 3 ½" blocks of a darker color that is compatible to your background. Cut each diagonally. Set half to one set of diagonal cuts and the other half to the second set.

3) For the first set of diagonal cuts, lay the long edge of 3 ½" triangle aligned so the tip is at the right angle of the larger 6 ½" diagonal piece (See photo 1). Stitch along the line as indicated in the photo. Make four (4). Cut the excess from the bottom of the stitch line and iron the darker diagonal.

4) Repeat the instructions in step 3, except, align the darker diagonal to the opposite side of the larger diagonal. You will end up with two sets of four diagonals (see photo 2). Trim to become a diagonal of the 6 ½" cut, as needed.

5) Lay out the blocks as if creating a pinwheel design (photo 3), then fill in with opposing blocks (see photo 3). Sew each diagonal set, sew each row, then sew the two rows together (see photo 4)

6) Trim blocks to finish at 10 ½" as needed. Have fun with this quick and easy block!

Photo 1	Photo 2	Photo 3	Photo 4
			