CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
January 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! Due to COVID-19 we had been meeting virtually via Zoom and will continue to offer that option.

Next Guild Meeting: January 9, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

February Newsletter Deadline: January 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

Have you heard? Snow is coming. Big snow.

Time to stock up. Stock up on non-perishable foods: canned vegetables, tuna, chicken, canned milk, dry milk, cocoa, flour, sugar, baking powder…see where I'm going? My son had a friend whose mother stocked up on brownie mixes when snow was predicted. If that's your thing, go for it.

We in the Guild know the best things to stock up on: quilt patterns, fabric, thread, rotary cutter blades. Just hunker down and quilt!

I'm actually hoping the forecasters are wrong, but if not, I'll look forward to Show and Tell at our meetings this winter.

Stay warm and safe,

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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 Identity".** 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.

April 13, Time/Location TBD. Renee Kiddy will be presenting a workshop on various ways to do appliqué. Details to follow.



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 explains 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.



January Birthdays

Mary	Potter	January 16
Sharon	Fossett	January 31

Of Special Note

Library Sew-Ins

A Happy New Year to all! Here is the schedule of library workshops that will hopefully get us off to a strong start for 2024. Remember you can come for all or a part of any session. The purpose is to work on guild or personal projects while getting to know each other better. Questions? Call Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings

Friday, January 12, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, January 26, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, February 9, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, February 23, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, March 8, 12-5 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library

Wednesday, January 17, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Wednesday, February 14, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Friday, March 15, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Thursday, March 28, 12-6 pm; Room 3

More “fun” raising

Our last fundraiser for 2023 was at Northern High School’s Holiday Craft Fair in December. In addition to raising money for the guild, we also got to talk to quilters and quilt lovers in the community and show off the work done by our talented group.



Shown at right, Karla Sisson and Mary Potter

Below: Jan McBain, Hilke Hoefer, Debbie Stanford, and Karla Sisson



Community Service



Some of the guild members that made 60 walker bags for the nursing home shown above at the holiday party.

Calling the Winner of our 2023 Raffle Quilt!



Also at our holiday party, Hilke Hoefer on the right, is calling Ashley McKinney of Owings to notify her that she won the raffle quilt! Ashley had a great winning strategy and purchased tickets at two locations. Maddie M. is on the left to assist with the take down of the quilt to be delivered to Ashley the next day.



Post sales update

Instead of storing our unsold items until next September, Hilke has acquired space at Bunting Market in Owings, located opposite the Fairview Library in the former Choice Floors building, which also contains Bunting Online Auctions. She is displaying items she has made to sell and will include some of the guild's items as well. It has the advantage of being indoors, no constant setup and takedown, and needs no extra staff. Items that the guild is selling are coded as such. The Market is open Wed-Sun; 10-5. Please stop by to browse or shop.



Marlene Diehl received the following letter from a friend in Holland Michigan. He is interested in supporting the quilting group at his church with donations they can use in their quilt ministry. **If you have any items that you would like to donate, please give them to Marlene and she will send them to Rev. Ellis.**

After serving the last four years in British Columbia (Canada), I landed in Holland, Michigan, back in March as the pastor of Maplewood Reformed. With 20-30 in Sunday worship, we are a rather small and aging congregation (with a big building) that nevertheless is committed to discipleship and serving our community well. We could use some help.

During most of Maplewood's 82 years, we have had a vibrant quilting ministry. Though worship attendance in general has dwindled post-COVID, there remains a lovely group of 6-8 ladies that meet twice monthly to craft quilts that are donated to people in the area, typically women enduring socioeconomic hardship and transition, such as new mothers, and widows. The quilts and the faithful women who make them are absolutely wonderful!

From hanging out with them, I have learned they could use more supplies (i.e., curved safety pins, bobbins, pins, fabric, batting, etc.) since a lot of what they have has experienced some wear and tear. Our budget is meager with not much flexibility, so if anything comes to mind that is new or gently used that could be donated, it would be a huge help.

I don't know the first thing about quilting but have enjoyed getting to know the ladies in the group and encourage them. If it all works out, I would love to surprise them in a few months with a tub full of items that would serve them well and, in some way, express my gratitude for how they use their gifts and passions to help heal others.

Thanks for your consideration.

James

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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

December 2023 Show and Tell



Above - Christine T. with a Christmas Table Runner.



Right - Andrea E. with a gift bag that can be repurposed for other uses.



Anita K. - Beautiful Panel Quilt.



Jan McB - Quilt for an Ole Miss grad!

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Debbie S. with a collection of Christmas items including a mug rug, wall hanging using the Mini Twister, a wall hanging received in a group exchange, a reindeer table runner, and a Christmas quilt.









December 2023 Show and Tell



Priscilla O. - This quilt says it all!

Another New Year's Resolution Bites the Dust



Calvert Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

President Karla Sisson opened the meeting by telling us it was time to eat. We enjoyed good food, and conversations. After eating, and clearing our tables, Karla started the business meeting.

Treasurer's report was emailed in the newsletter.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl reminded us of the cat blocks for January.

Community Service
Sharon Burns will be taking 60 bags, and ten wheelchair quilts to the nursing home. She asked if we would like a workshop for wheelchair quilts.

Library
Mary Potter announced we have a new book in the library, "Scraps", a novel. It's already checked out, but let Mary know if you are interested.

Sunshine
Lillian Mair sent one card out to **Liz Cranford**.

Budget for 2024
President Karla Sisson then announced we need to vote on the budget for next year. **Treasurer Carla Warner** went over the changes in the budget. Karla called for a vote. The budget was passed.

2023 Raffle Quilt
Next was the drawing for our 2023 Raffle quilt. One of our visitors pulled the winning ticket. Ashley McKinney of Owings was our very excited winner!

Show and Tell
Christine Tenney, Andrea Elwyn, Priscilla O'Dell, Debbie Stanford, Anita Konzak-Turley, and **Jan McBain** showed us their lovely projects.

Social Chair Kasey Mersch led several games including Bingo, Left Center Right using fat quarters, and had prize drawings.

Meeting adjourned.

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Special thanks to **Kasey Mersch** for organizing the holiday party, along with assistance from her daughters Allison and Maddie.



Cat Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

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All seams are ¼" allowance.

Directions by Marlene Diehl





Background – light, cream
- cut one 2 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle
- cut one 6 ½" square
- cut one 2 ½" x 2 ½" square

Focus – medium/dark cat color
- cut two 2 ½" x 2 ½" squares
- cut one 4 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle
- cut one (1) 6 ½" x 12 ½" rectangle

Cat Directions

1) Right sides together, lay a 2 ½" focus square on each end of the 2 ½" x 6 ½" light piece. Mark diagonally from the inside bottom edge to the top outside edge on each small square. See Figure 1. Sew ON the diagonal line. Press to the dark. Trim the underneath fabric. This piece makes the ears of the cat and measures 2 ½" x 6 ½."

2) Sew the 4 ½" x 6 ½" focus piece to the bottom of the unit made in step 1. This piece is the cat's head and measures 6 ½" x 6 ½". See Figure 2.

3) Sew the 6 ½" light square to the right side of the unit made in step 2. Press to the dark. This piece measures 6 ½" x 12 ½". See Figure 3.

4) Lay the 2 ½" light square on the upper right corner of the 6 ½" x 12 ½" focus piece. Mark a diagonal line from top left to bottom right on the small square. Sew ON the line. Press to the dark fabric. Trim the underneath fabric. This is the body of the cat. See Figure 4.

5) Sew the unit made in step 3 to the unit made in step 4. Press seam down.

6) Trim block to measure 12 ½", if needed.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4
			