CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
January 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: January 14, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

February Newsletter Deadline: January 20.

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Presidents Message



As we greet the new year, let us be reminded of the importance of family and friends in our lives. It takes a community to achieve what we are able to provide. Quilter's are a special group.

Thank you to all who have worked very hard to provide our guild with quilts for various outreach programs and items for the annual bazaars and fairs. Similarly, thanks goes to our individual members who lead various committees, and those who have donated food for the church's pantry. Lastly, a big thank you to those who have shared their time to teach the younger generation critical sewing skills.

Julie Trollinger,

President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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.



January Birthdays

Mary	Potter	January 16
Elaine	Burnham	January 17

Enjoy your special day!!

Of Special Note

2024 Raffle Quilt Winner

T.J. Ireland of Huntingtown won the 2024 raffle quilt. He loved the quilt and bought two packs of tickets at the Calvert County Fair in hopes of winning it. Congratulations T.J. That was quite a winning strategy!

Holiday Party

Thank you, **Kasey Mersch**, for organizing such a successful and fun holiday party. The prizes were very thoughtful, the food was great, and everyone had a good time.

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

Prince Frederick Library
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

A Quilter's New Year's Resolution

My 2025 New Year's Resolution is to finish all of the Quilt Projects from 2024 that I should have done is 2023 after I started them in 2022 after planning them in 2021 and buying the fabric for them in 2020 while having the pattern for them since 2019.

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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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.

Three Myths About Women Who Quilt (That Will Make You LOL)



💚**“They’re all grandmas with cats.”**

Sure, some quilters are grandmas with cats (cats do love a good quilt), but the quilting world is full of creative women of all ages, rocking tattoos, sipping oat milk lattes, and binge-watching Netflix while piecing together masterpieces. Quilting isn't just grandma chic—it's art.

💚**“They only sew floral prints and paisley.”**

Think again! Modern quilters are out here stitching up bold geometric designs, Star Wars-themed quilts, and even funky meme-inspired creations. Floral’s great, but we’ve also got quilts that look like they just walked out of an art gallery.

💚**“They’re patient saints with perfect sewing skills.”**

Oh, honey, if only you heard the unholy amount of cursing that happens when the bobbin runs out or a seam is sewn backwards... for the fifth time. Quilters are warriors battling fabric, thread, and their own sanity. And yes, we laugh about it—eventually.

Quilting: it's not your great grandma's hobby anymore (but her cat might still approve). 🧵😊

December 2024 Show and Tell



Priscilla - Christmas quilt from a free 3-D pattern called "Jovial"



Priscilla - Quilt of Valor





Priscilla with two Quilts of Valor. Left from a panel and above using the quilt as you go technique.

December 2024 Show and Tell



Betty T. with a paper pieced quilt made at a retreat.



Nikki H. with a Quilt of Valor.



Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

President Julie Trollinger opened the meeting, which was our holiday party, at 6:00 pm and invited everyone to help themselves to the food. The alphabet was split by last names for the food and drinks, and the food was delicious.

Members also brought in items for the NEWLIFE Church Food Pantry.

Business meeting
President Julie Trollinger asked if anyone had changes to the minutes from the last meeting. If not, she asked that the minutes be approved as written in the newsletter.

Vote on 2025 Budget
A vote was held on the budget for next year. Items for consideration included:

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

Both items were approved.

Fundraising
Hilke Hoefer announced we will not have a booth at the Holiday Craft Fair at Northern High School on December 14. We had not signed up to participate this year and did not pay the booth fee. We are still planning on participating on May 17 and 18, 2025, at Sotterley Plantation when they host the Southern Maryland Heritage Festival. We can sell items and demonstrate quilting vs. paying a fee. We are also planning on selling raffle tickets for our 2025 raffle quilt at All Saints in Sunderland on May 10, 2025.

2024 Raffle Quilt Drawing
The winner of the raffle quilt was **T.J. Ireland. Julie Trollinger** called him and gave him the good news. He is local and works at the hospital. Hilke will put the label on the quilt and coordinate the delivery. Congratulations to T.J.!

Social Committee Chair Kasey Mersch continued with the party. There were many door prizes and games including:
Iconic Quilting Duos, Sew Fun Never Have I Ever, Quilt I Spy, Sew Fun Word Search, and Quilt Acronyms.

Show and Tell
Betty Tilley, Priscilla O'Dell, and Nikki Huffstuttler brought in some of their latest creations.

The meeting was adjourned, and the cleanup process began.



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

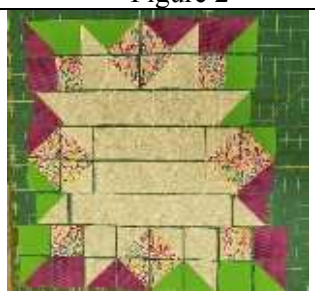
Cutting Instructions (will vary for each block)

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

