CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
March 2023 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: March 14, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

On February 16, six members got together at the Prince Frederick library to work on the raffle quilt. It turned out to be the perfect number. Working together, we were able to assemble the four borders and attach one. Hilke and Nancy Jo are making the cornerstones so the borders can be completed. In March it will go to the quilter. Our first public showing of the completed quilt will be in May at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Now it is time to work on Boutique items to sell. Hilke has set up two dates each month to use the library work rooms. You can work on your own projects or help the guild. Hilke always has plenty of ideas and supplies with her! I frequently show up with just my rotary cutter!

We chat and get to know each other better, offer help if needed, and sometimes share projects while we work. The dates, place, and time are in each newsletter. Please join us for an enjoyable time.

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Sign-ups for the March 15 workshop with Erin Underwood are already underway. If you were not able to attend the February meeting but would like to participate in the workshop, please let Karla know. Also please bring a non-perishable item for NEWLIFE's food pantry to each workshop.



March 14, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Erin Underwood will show us a fun and inspiring collection of her quilts including the GOOD, the BAD and the IF I ONLY KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING quilts. As a quilt-a-holic who plans to never recover, she thrives on absorbing all she can about quilting and sharing techniques, tips, and tricks with others. Erin and her husband are the owners of Blue Hen Quilt Shop in Newark, Delaware. She also lectures, teaches, and designs patterns that are traditional with a twist. She appreciates the many styles of quilting and has centered her classes around techniques that enable the quilter to create complicated quilts using simplified methods. She also is a Ruler Designer with Creative Grids. She will have patterns and tools to sell.

March 15, 9:00 am at NEWLIFE Church in the BIG room. Workshop with Erin Underwood: Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper.

No more ripping out paper! No more picking little pieces of debris out of the seams with tweezers! No more weak seams from pulling paper out of your blocks!! Learn this innovative technique of using freezer paper to foundation piece your blocks. The freezer paper is never sewn into the seams and is easily pulled off the block when finished. And you can even re-use the pattern!!



Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper

The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at NEWLIFE Church, including set up and clean up. It is a 3 to 4-hour workshop. Bring a snack to share. Water will be provided.

We will have a large iron and ironing board available. Bring an extension cord if you have one. Small/travel irons can also be used as they don't draw much current.

A $20 fee will be charged, payable to guild, given to Karla. This will be refunded at the workshop if you attend.

There is a $9 pattern fee to be paid to Erin Underwood at the workshop. The supply list can be found on page 5.

April 11, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Suggestions & Solutions: UFOs, panels, BOMs, questionable fabric. Bring in one (or more) of the above that has you stumped or undecided on finishing. Talk about your challenges for suggestions and encouragement. Or bring in an example of ideas for finishing, like a panel.

We will also review by-laws change suggestions.

April 29, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Betty Tilley will teach Cathedral Windows. A 16" pillow or a table runner will be worked on that day...or you can continue with a quilt!

Supply list and other information will be available at the March meeting. Sign-up at the March or April meetings. Small irons preferred. Bring a snack or light lunch item to share.

May 9, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Trip to Japan Quilt Expo. Two members of the Annapolis Quilt Guild will share their experience.

June 13 – CCQG Nineteenth Anniversary Party at NEWLIFE Church. Details to follow. There may be a change in venue so watch for future newsletters!



July 11, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Mary Kerr will present **Motherless Quilts**. This lecture features a lively trunk show and discussion about working with orphan blocks and tops. Mary will show numerous examples from her collection of multigenerational quilts and new quilts from unrelated blocks and tops. This lecture is a great source of ideas for completing projects from yesteryear.



March Birthdays

Karla	Sisson	March 2
Debbie	Stanford	March 7
Charlotte	Vauss	March 10
Elizabeth	Sawyer	March 23

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note

Library Sew-ins

The following dates have been approved for us to have workshops at local libraries. We will be focusing on items for the boutique and personal projects as well.

Fairview Library
Friday, March 3; 12-5; Large Room
Friday, March 31; 12-5; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Thurs., March 16; 12-4:30; Room 2
Thurs., April 6; 12-5; Room 1

Elections are Coming!

In May we will have elections for Vice President and Treasurer. In the meantime, **Nikki Huffstutler** and **Kathy Cannon** will be forming a Nominating Committee and as such will be contacting members to solicit candidates for these two positions. Please consider one of these offices to keep our guild moving forward!

New Sunshine Chair



Lillian Mair has volunteered to chair the Sunshine Committee. **Mary Potter** will continue to be our Librarian. Thank you, Lillian and Mary!



Greenbelt Federal Courthouse Quilt Show



Once again 63 quilts from numerous counties and area quilt guilds are gracing three extensive hallways at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse at 6500 Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt, MD. This show, which went up on February 7, and will come down on Wednesday, May 10, marks the 20th year of quilts on exhibit. The public may view the free show weekdays from 9am-5pm. There is ample parking, and the building is handicap accessible with a small cafe for refreshments.

I wish to give huge thanks and credit to the 15 quilters (and one husband) who came to help with the show installation. It has become an increasingly difficult job to find at least four ladder climbers/ movers under the age of 65. Please consider volunteering in May if you feel up to and/or qualify for this special job.

The courthouse has not yet decided on hosting an artists' reception evening.

Hilke Hoefer, hrhilke@comcast.net

Freezer-Paper Piecing Table Topper

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Supplies:

Sewing machine with 1/4 inch foot, Basic sewing supplies, matching thread
Scissors and pencil
Rotary cutter, 6x24 inch ruler, 9-inch or 12 inch square ruler, add-a quarter ruler is nice to have but not necessary.
Iron and Pressing surface
Freezer paper

Class pattern fabric requirements

	8-block wall hanging	36 blocks throw - 68x68 inches
Fan petals	64 2-1/2 x 8 inch strips of assorted scraps or approximately 1 yard	288 2-1/2x8 inch strips of assorted scraps or 4-1/2 yards
Fan handles, cornerstones and 1 inch inner border	1/4 yard	1-1/2 yards
Background	1/2 yard	2-1/4 yards
Border	3/4 yard	1-1/2 yards

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February 2023 Show and Tell



Jackie VanS with a Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt made for a friend in Arizona.



Kasey M. with a Valentine's Day table runner.



Nikki H. with two Quilts of Valor quilts.



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Anita K. has been busy completing multiple UFO's!

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Shelley G. with a flannel rag quilt.



Elizabeth S. with an adorable dinosaur quilt for a baby in the family!





Kara S. with a table runner and quilt top she made that day!

February 2023 Show and Tell



Julie T. with a completed UFO of interlocking squares.



Julie T. with a quilt for a new baby cousin.



Lillian M. with placements for our AMG boutique.



Kathy C. with Valentine's



Day themed items.



Kathy C. with an award-winning embroidered table runner.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2023

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. **President Karla Sisson** introduced our speaker, **Beth Pauley Teletski**, a nationally certified quilt judge. She explained how to have a judged quilt show. Entry fee should cover all fees including judges, and judges' room. Judges are usually paid $300 - $500 per show. What judges say in the judging room should not be repeated outside the room. Beth gave the list of items judges look for to Susan Blanton who will email to each of us. If we follow this list, we should all have perfect quilts. Backing of quilts is also judged. Quilts are not really considered quilts if there are not three layers: Top, batting, and backing, held together by tiny stitches.

At the end of her program, she looked at several of our quilts, and mock judged them. She then answered questions.

Business Meeting

President's Report
Karla Sisson mentioned that By-laws are being reviewed. They will be presented at the April meeting by **Marlene Diehl** and **Julie Trollinger** and any updates will be voted on at the June meeting.

We need three people to be on the nominating committee for Vice President and Treasurer. **Nikki Huffstuttler** and **Kathy Cannon** volunteered to be on the committee. Job descriptions for Vice President, and Treasurer are in the February newsletter.

We had numerous responses to the Fair judging.

Treasurer's Report
Debbie Francisco gave the Treasurer's report. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Secretary
Karla Sisson asked if there are any changes to the minutes from last month? No changes.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl showed the BOM for March. She wants all pink and green fabrics.

Sunshine
Mary Potter requested to resign as the Sunshine chairperson. **Lillian Mair** volunteered.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported we have a new member from Texas, **Debbie Stanford**. **Heidi Hendricks** won the nametag drawing. We now have 41 paid members.

Monthly Raffle
Jan McBain reported that **Karla Sisson** won the monthly raffle drawing.

2023 Raffle Quilt

Hilke Hoefer reported that we are having a raffle quilt session at the Prince Frederick Library on Thursday, February 16, from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. We need help cutting and assembling the border. Then the quilt will be ready for quilting. We will order raffle tickets after the quilt is finished.

Social Committee

Tobey Kriemelmeyer asked via Zoom if she could have volunteers help with set up and carrying for the June meeting. We had two volunteers, **Kasey Mersch** and **Julie Trollinger**.

Show and Tell

Jackie Van Sickle, Nikki Huffstutler, Anita Kozak-Turley, Kasey Mersch, Lillian Mair, Shellie Graziano, Elizabeth Skinner, Kara Small, Julie Trollinger and **Kathy Cannon** showed their projects. So many pretty projects.

Marlene Diehl moved to end the meeting, seconded by **Jan McBain**.





Brasstown Star Block

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	Color 1 - 4 ½" x 18" strip
	Color 2 - one 2 ½" x 20" strip - one 4 ½" square
	Color 3 - one 2 ½" x 20" strip - one 4 ½" x 18" strip

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Block seams are accurate ¼".

Directions modified by Marlene Diehl from
Anita Konzak Turley's block
Reference –www.quilterscache.com

1) Stack the **Color 1 and Color 3,** 4 ½" x 18" strips. Cut into four 4 ½" squares (Figure 1).

2) Stack and cut the **Color 2** and **Color 3**, 2 ½" x 20" strips into eight 2 ½" squares (Figure 2). Separate. Lightly draw a diagonal line (Figure 2) on the back of each small square (or – press the small square in half diagonally and use the crease as a sew line).

3) Sew and flip. Place a **Color 3** small square lined up with the upper left corner of a **Color 1** 4 ½" square, right sides together with the diagonal placed as shown in Figure 3 and sew ON this diagonal line. Next, sew a **Color 2** small square in the same way, **to the opposite corner.** Trim off excess seam allowance from both squares and press squares outward. (Figure 4)

4) For the third corner, sew a **Color 3** square to the bottom left corner, and lastly sew a **Color 2** square to the remaining corner. (Figure 3) Trim off excess seam allowance and press both squares outward again. (Figure 4) Trim each block to 4 ½", as necessary. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to make a total of 4 blocks.

5) Sew a 4 ½" Color 3 square to each side of a unit made in step 4. Make 2. Press the seams out. (Figure 5)

6) Sew a unit made in step 4 to each side of the Color 2 4 ½" square. Press the seams in. (Figure 5)

7) Sew the block according to the layout (Figure 5). Press seams down. Trim block to finish at 12 ½".

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4	Figure 5
				