CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
March 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: March 12, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

March is National Quilting Month:

Matching material for a beautiful quilt and a machine in good sewing condition.

Admiration of quilts during Show & Tell and asking for advice from other quilters.

Ripping out when necessary. Red, white, and blue Quilts of Valor.

Creating a sense of accomplishment. Community and connections among quilters.

Happy hearts sharing our works. Health benefits for quilters.

Happy Quilting!

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

March 12, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church in the theater room. 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 aren't sure what they like. They only make quilts from kits or feel 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, Workshop with Renee Kiddy at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church, 5400 Mackall Road, St. Leonard. Set up at 9:30 am, Workshop at 10 a.m. Renee will be presenting a workshop on three ways to do hand appliqué. **Details on page 6.**



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 in the Theater Room at NEWLIFE Church. 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. **The Supply List can be found on page 7. Graph paper will be available at the workshop, two sheets for $1. Not certain how many are needed but we will have plenty available.**

June 11, 2024, CCQG Twentieth Anniversary Party. Details to follow.



March Birthdays

Karla	Sisson	March 2
Debbie	Stanford	March 7
Priscilla	O'Dell	March 8
Elizabeth	Sawyer	March 23

Of Special Note

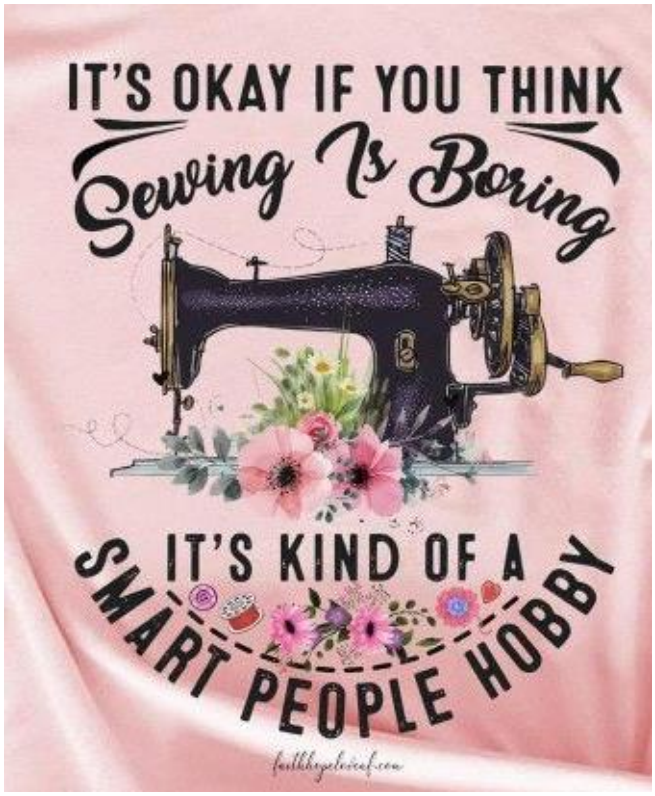
Library Sew-Ins

Listed below are the upcoming sewing sessions. You can come for all or a part of any session. The purpose is to work on guild or personal projects and to socialize. Questions? Call Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings
Friday, March 8, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, April 5, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Monday, May 14, 12-5 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library

Friday, March 15, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Thursday, March 28, 12-6 pm; Room 3
Friday, April 29, 12-5 pm; Room 1
Tuesday, May 21, 12-5 pm; Room 1



Quilting with Calvert 4-H

CCQG will be making potholders with the Calvert 4-H on Saturday, March 2. If you would like to participate, see below for details.



2023 Member of the Year

Voting for the 2023 Member of the Year is taking place right now. If you have not already done so, please email Kasey Mersch and let her know of your choice.

Community Service

Our wheelchair quilt workshop on February 9 was a big success with nine participants. **Sharon Burns** announced at the February meeting that she had collected 20 wheelchair quilts.





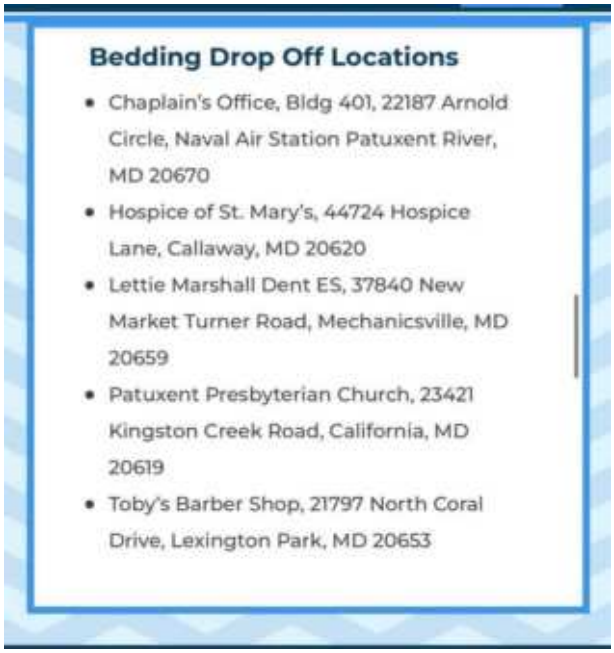
Community Service



Our Community Service project for this year is Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). Jackie Snyder from the St. Mary's County chapter came to speak at our February meeting. Her presentation focused on volunteers helping to build the beds, and we will support this worthy cause by making twin sized quilts. President Karla Sisson presented Jackie with a donation to support SHP as all funding comes from donations.

Also at the meeting, Hilke Hoefer presented several quilts to Jackie that were offered by the Annapolis Quilt Guild.





In addition, drop off locations for twin sized sheets and bedding can be found on the left.

For further information, check their website:

https://shpbeds.org/chapter/md-st-marys-co/

Elections

We have reached the two-year election cycle for **President and Secretary** of the guild. We appreciate all that **Karla Sisson** and **Kathy Cannon** have done in the past two years while serving in these roles. Now it is time to elect their successors. A Nominating Committee comprised of **Julie Trollinger** and **Mary Potter** will be recruiting candidates for these positions. Please give this serious consideration! We need people in leadership positions to keep the guild moving forward.

Voting shall be by ballot at the May general meeting. Each member attending will receive a ballot. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. Members will vote during the meeting and give their ballot to the Nominating Committee. Results will be determined based on a simple majority of members present. The president will announce the election results orally by the end of the meeting.

The month of June will be a time for the current officers to transition and share information with the new officers. The new officers will take office on July 1.

Listed below are the official duties for each position. **Please feel free to reach out to Karla or Kathy if you have any specific questions.**

The President shall:

a. Be chief executive officer and spokesperson for the Guild.
b. Represent the Guild and preside over all meetings – general, executive and special.
c. Instruct the newsletter editor and secretary regarding the issuance of notices, minutes, and general correspondence.
d. Ensure that the Bylaws are reviewed, and changes ratified by June 30 of odd numbered years.
e. Be responsible for the Guild's email account. The president will delegate or handle (answer, forward to the appropriate chairperson, or delete) all emails as required.
f. Be a signatory on the Guild's checking account and sign checks in the treasurer's absence.

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.

Please note: this is a hand applique workshop so no sewing machines are needed.

It's HAND Appliqué Three Ways

1. Needle-turn/Raw Edge

2. Reverse Appliqué

3. Dryer Sheet

Supply List for April Workshop

Thread matching your applique fabric, not your background.

16 x 16 in. background fabric. White or off-white, no tone-on-tone.

Needle - what you are comfortable holding.

Pins – No large head pins. They make small applique pins, but they are not necessary.

Small sharp scissors and old scissors for cutting plastic templates.

FriXion marking pen.

Thin sharpie marker.

Fabric for hearts – ¼ yard. Edge to edge – not a fat quarter.

Something for note taking.

Six-inch square of fabric – any color.

One 2 ½ X 6 inch strip of fabric, folded in half wrong sides together and pressed.

Note: A couple of irons, but one for each student not needed.

CEDAR RIDGE QUILTING

Home of award-winning quilter and teacher **Cyndi McChesney**

Panel Palooza Workshop
Supply List

Book – *Fun with Panels* by Cyndi McChesney, C&T Publishing – available for purchase from instructor as well as *Playful Panel Quilts.*

Panel – of course! Bring a panel(s) you would like to work with – any style is great.

Single frame panels are great and we can work with those of course as there is a lot to learn about using one of those, but if you want to challenge yourself, choose a panel with several different sized sections for a more challenging design process.

Graph paper – four squares per inch - Bienfang Designer Grid Paper Pad, 4x4 Cross Section, 17 x 22 inches, 50 Sheets (suggested) is available from Amazon

Mechanical pencil

Calculator

Office ruler (not a rotary cutter ruler – school rulers are perfect)

Design surface or portable design wall (optional)

Camera or cell phone with camera feature

Books or magazines or other sources for lots of block ideas

iPad or laptop for design inspiration

Scrap paper for rough sketching of ideas as well as doing math and taking notes.

Colored pencils –optional

Coordinating fabrics - optional

Rotary cutter, ruler and mat

Spray starch, Best Press or Sizing and H2O spray bottle

It is unlikely we will get to the sewing aspect of this project as this is primarily a how-to, design, tips and techniques workshop so feel free to leave your machine at home!

Greenbelt Courthouse Quilt Exhibit



This year's show features 58 quilts from 6 participating area quilt guilds. The Calvert guild may be the smallest in membership but is strong in participation and talent with six entries from **Marlene Diehl, Sharon Burns,** and **Debbie Stanford**.

The show is open to the public 9:00 am-5:00 pm on weekdays, so take time to go with some friends before Wednesday, May 8, when it will be taken down.

The courthouse will host an artists' reception on a Thursday evening in March--exact date to be determined soon.

Federal Courthouse address:

6500 Cherrywood Lane

Greenbelt, MD. 20770

February 2024 Show and Tell



Kathy C. with an embroidered Christmas pillow.



Kathy C. with a table topper using her embroidery machine.



Andrea E. practicing her quilting skills with two tops quilted on her new longarm machine!



February 2024 Show and Tell















Kara S. was busy as usual with an assortment of quilted items including wheelchair quilts, holiday items, table runners, and placemats.

February 2024 Show and Tell



Kasey M. with a picnic patchwork baby quilt with rotating hourglass blocks.



Marlene D. with a wheelchair quilt.



Kimberly L. with her first quilt showcasing Christmas and winter themed fabrics. Great job!



An action shot of Julie T. pulling out six completed walker bags!

February 2024 Show and Tell



Jan McB. with a wheelchair quilt.



Jan McB. with a Halloween table runner.





Jan McB. with two quilt tops for fundraisers at the American Legion.

February 2024 Show and Tell



Barbara L. with her blueberry quilt.



Priscila - Quilts of Valor quilt using the free Chandelier pattern.



Sue H. with her recently completed quilt. Yay!

Calvert Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

Our speaker was introduced, **Jackie Snyder** from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. She shared a slide show about what they do. They provide beds for children 3 - 17 years old that don't have a bed to sleep in. They build, deliver, and assemble the beds. They also provide linens, comforters, mattress pads, pillows, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to each child. These beds are requested through their website. They also provide books for the children if they want them. We have made a promise of 20 quilts within the next year. We have three members, **Carla Warner, Kasey Mersch,** and **Julie Trollinger**, who will longarm the quilts once finished.

Business meeting:
President Karla Sisson announced that we have free patterns for those who want them for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts.

Programs
Kara Small and Elizabeth Sawyer, co VP's, told us about the next few speakers.

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

Secretary
Kathy Cannon reported there was no meeting last month due to weather and no minutes.

Elections
Karla Sisson announced we need a nominating committee to call members to find a new President and Secretary to take over in July. **Mary Potter** and **Julie Trollinger** volunteered for the job.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl announced **Julie Trollinger** won the cat blocks. She showed us the instructions for the BOM for the March meeting.

Community Service
Sharon Burns reported she has 20 wheelchair quilts, and 12 more wheelchair bags for the donation.

Library
Karla Sisson gave a book report on "Scraps". Jan McBain took it next.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported we have 36 members. **Kathy Cannon** won the membership door prize. The 4H requested we help their members learn how to sew. They are hoping they can make items for the County Fair.

Monthly Raffle
Jan McBain reported that **Barbara Lingle** won.

Fundraising and 2024 Raffle Quilt
Hilke Hoefer showed us a table runner she made from extra squares left over from the raffle quilt. For the Raffle Quilt, she is having the white star blocks embroidered by an outside person. She will be using variegated thread, and a water creature theme. She also reported that she is selling left over items from our boutiques at a consignment shop. The best sellers are nail file and tissue holders.

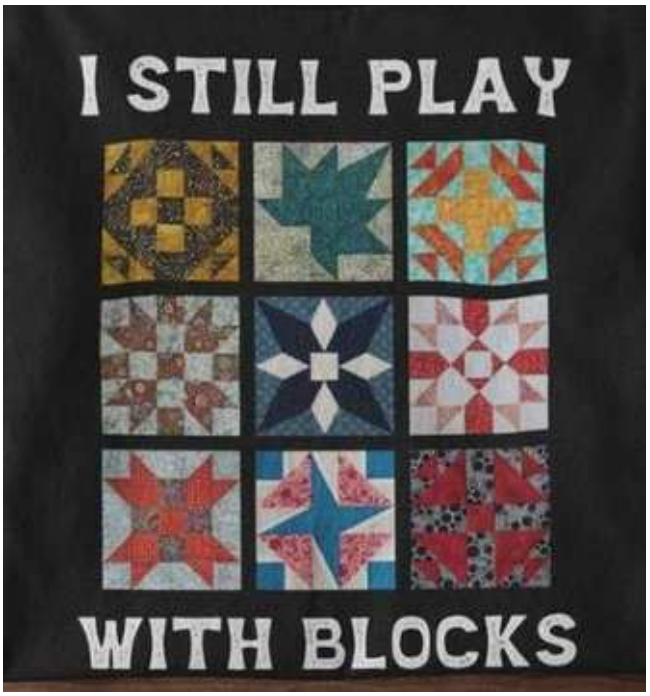
Social Committee
Kasey Mersch asked if we have any ideas for games for the June party to let her know.

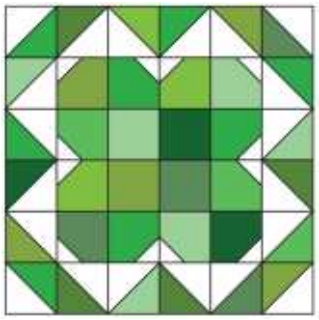
Sunshine
Lillian Mair sent a card to Anita who is recovering from surgery. She was asked to send one to Christine T. who is also having surgery.

Zoom Master
Debbie Francisco reported two members attended the meeting on Zoom.

Show and Tell
Kathy Cannon, Kara Small, Andrea Elwyn, Kasey Mersch, Barbara Lingle, Jan McBain, Sue Huseby, Marlene Diehl, Kimberly Lusby, Julie Trollinger, and **Priscilla O'Dell** showed beautiful quilting projects.

Meeting adjourned.





Scrappy Clover

12 1/2" Unfinished Block

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
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Designed by Corey Yoder of
Coriander Quilts
www.corianderquilts.com

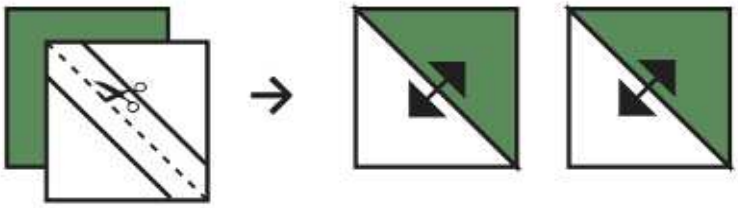
Thank you Karla Sisson
for the pattern

Fabrics needed to complete 1 block
(10) 3" green squares
(16) 2 ½" green squares
(10) 3" white/light background squares
(12) 1 ½" white/light background squares

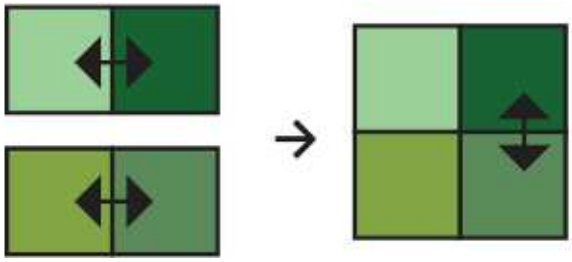
Piecing Instructions
Press all seams open
RST = Right Sides Together

1. Mark a diagonal line across the back of a 3" background square. Place the background square RST with a 3" green square. Sew 1/4" away from each side of the marked line. Cut the unit apart on the drawn line. You will have two half square triangles.

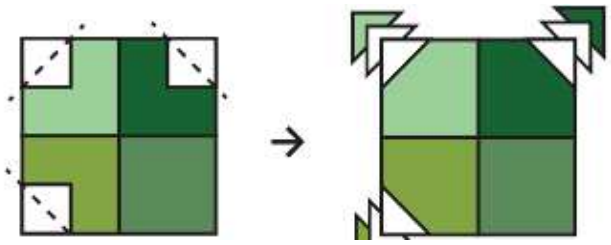
   Trim each half square triangle to 2 ½" x 2 ½". Repeat to make 20 half square triangles (HSTs).



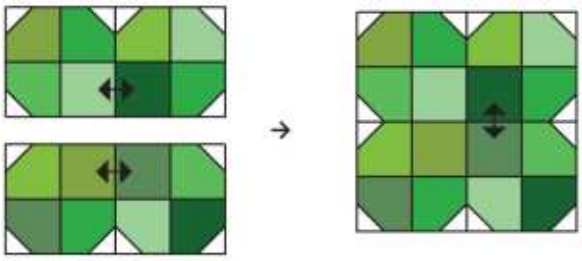
2. Sew together (4) 2 ½" green squares to create a 4-patch. The 4-patch unit will measure 4 ½" x 4 ½" square. Make (4) 4-patch units.



3. Draw a diagonal line across the back of the 1 ½" background squares. Place 3 background squares on three corners of each 4-patch unit as shown below. Orient the diagonals as illustrated. Sew on the marked lines. Press away from the center. Make sure all raw edges align. Trim out the bottom two layers leaving a 1/4" seam allowance. **Press seams open.** Repeat for all of the 4-patch units.



4. Sew the 4-patch units together. This unit will measure 8 ½" x 8 ½" square.



5. Sew (4) HSTs together as illustrated. This unit will measure 2 ½" x 8 ½" Make 2 sets.



6. Sew (6) HSTs together as illustrated. This unit will measure 2 ½" x 12 ½" Make 2 sets.



7. Sew together the 8 ½" center and the HST sets to complete the Scrappy Clover Block. It will measure 12 ½" x 12 ½".

