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

Next Board Meeting: TBD.

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20.

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Presidents Message

Per the American Quilter's Society, Rotary Cutters were reported by nearly 70% of quilters surveyed as their most essential and beloved tool.

However, when asked about non-quilting tools the responses were quite creative:

- Cat - This essential part of the quilting process was the most popular non-quilting tool shared.
- Dark Chocolate Espresso Beans - While snacks were mentioned as a popular choice, this particular snack has found its way onto the Must Have list for many quilters.
- Dog Treats - Whether used as a distraction or reward, this handy tool keeps your fury friends happy leaving you free to manage precision points and the other tasks that required focused attention.
- Comfy Chair - With hours of uninterrupted quilting on the schedule, a comfy chair is a must!
- Quilting Friends - From tips and tricks to show and tell, quilting friends were often listed as the can't-live-without tool for successful quilting!
- My personal favorite - Following the lead of Midnight Quilter, Angela Walters, a glass of wine by your side.

What are your favorite non-essential tools?

Happy Quilting,

Julie Trollinger, President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

March 12, 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. ***Please note this meeting takes place on a Thursday due to a scheduling conflict at the church!***

April 14, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. TBD.



May 12, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. Julie Belin from Blue Oaks Quilting will be our guest speaker. She is a certified Quiltworx instructor, as well as instructor for Studio 180, Legit Kits, and Sew Kind of Wonderful. Her lecture is called a Table for All Seasons which highlights her quilting journey through table toppers and runners, and showcasing techniques from Studio 180, Sew Kind of Wonderful, Quiltworx, and Legit Kits.

May 13, Julie Belin will teach the Quiltworx Broken Daisy placemat workshop.



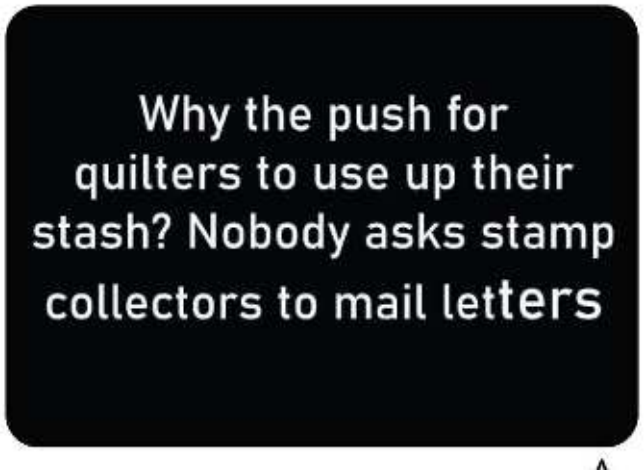
The workshop takes place at the **NE Community Center,** Room A, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave., Chesapeake Beach. Parking is behind the building. **Kit fee for the class is $35 which includes fabric, instructions, and paper for four placemats.**





March Birthdays

Karla	Sisson	March 2
Debbie	Stanford	March7
Donna	Nichols	March 17
Maria	McNamara	March 19
Elizabeth	Sawyer	March 23
Karen	Richardson	March 25



Of Special Note

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 or let me know of some other times we could schedule. Questions? Contact Hilke.

Fairview Library - Owings
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
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
Fri., March 13; 12:00 pm -5:00 pm, West Room
Fri., April 17; 12:00 pm -5:00 pm, West Room

Community Outreach
The next 4-H sewing event will take place on March 14. Let **Sue Huseby** know if you plan to come so she can get any updates out to you directly.

Shown below are the participants in the February workshop. They enjoyed making a heart shaped coin purse. Great job!



Local Quilting Fun





February Jelly Roll Rug Workshop

Betty Tilley led a very successful Jelly Roll Rug Workshop. Looks like everyone had a great time and learned a new skill!



Mary has a great start to her rug.



Hilke and Barb admire Hilke's handiwork.



Karen is very focused on her project!



Barb shows her finished product!



Julie went rogue and created a bowl!

Elections

We have reached the two-year election cycle for **President and Secretary** of the guild. We appreciate all that **Julie Trollinger** and **Marlene Diehl** 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 **Carla Warner, Pat Ford, and Kasey Mersch** 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 also 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 Julie or Marlene 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.

February 2026 Show and Tell



Betty T. is showing her jelly roll rug along with two chicken placemats!



Debbie F. with her Random Ohio Star quilt which is a Bonnie Hunter pattern.





Andrea E. at left with her Cherrywood Challenge entry. The theme is story time and her entry is Vasilisa the Beautiful.

Karen R., above, made a Christmas Welch table runner to commemorate a trip to Wales.

February 2026 Show and Tell



Kasey M. - a quilt for her niece's baby boy.



Kasey M. - a purple and green quilt for her aunt.



Kasey M. - a quilt made from men's dress shirts!



Nikki H. - Quilt of Valor!

February 2026 Show and Tell



Julie T. - the top was a thrift shop find which she finished!



Julie T. - another top from a former member that was moving which she finished.



Julie T. found a jelly roll at the thrift shop and made a quilt!



Debbie S recently completed a quilt from a long ago workshop.

February 2026 Show and Tell





Priscilla O. with a completed kit at left and a crabby table runner above purchased while shop hopping!

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026

Business Meeting – **President Julie Trollinger** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She introduced our presenter, **Betty Tilley**, who demonstrated how to do a Jelly Roll Rug.

Sherri Parker moved and **Donna Nichols** seconded to approve the January meeting minutes as written.

Julie announced **Christine Tenney** will take over the library books from **Mary Potter.** Also, Annapolis Guild was there selling chances on their raffle quilt.

We had a break.

This is the year we elect a new president and secretary. Julie encouraged us to consider filling one of these positions. Nominating committee: **Carla Warner, Pat Ford** and **Kasey Mersch**.

Membership - **Sue Huseby** reported we have 41 people. **Janine Stone** won the name tag raffle.

Sue stated we met with 4-H and made heart shaped coin purses. Next month, on March 14, we are making a chicken square and binding it.

Hilke Hoefer reported on the progress of the 2026 raffle quilt.

Programs – **Andrea Elwyn** reminded us we have a Jelly Roll Placemat workshop the next day at Twin Beaches Library.

NOTE: Next month we will meet on Thursday, March 12th. The church is not available on March 10.

March program bring "What you are working on".
April no program, yet.
May workshop "Broken Daisy Placemat"; paper pieced; buy a kit; at Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach.

Block of the Month - **Karla Sisson** reported only one person turned in the block of the month. Patterns were available for next month's BOM. Everyone will use the same center fabric.

Monthly Raffle was won by **Kim Lusby.**

Priscilla O'Dell announced we are still meeting to sew on Tuesdays from 10 – 3, at Waters Memorial UMC.

Treasurer's Report – **Debbie Stanford** reported. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Show and Tell: Betty Tilley, Debbie Francisco, Andrea Elwyn, Karen Richardson, Kasey Mersch, Nikki Huffstutler, Julie Trollinger, Debbie Stanford, Priscilla O'Dell.

Andrea moved and Julie seconded to close the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

OHIO STAR March 2026 BOM

Note: ALL centers are the same floral fabric. If you did not get a block at the meeting—or want more—contact me (withak2c1g@gmail.com) ASAP and I will mail you one.



Fabrics Choose colors to go with the flowers in D...your choice.

A Background
- 4 @ 4.5" square
- 1 @ 5.5" square

B Star Points
- 2 @ 5.5" square

C Inside star contrast...white or white with small print or dots
- 1 @ 5.5" square

D Center ...Floral provided
- Trim to 4.5" square

Sew with scant ¼" seams.

Make Half Square Triangle (HST) Units

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the two 5.5" Fabric B pieces.
2. Pair one 5.5" B with one 5.5" A, right sides together.
3. Pair one 5.5" B with one 5.5" C, right sides together.
4. Sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. Press toward B.

This gives you four HST units.

Make Quarter Square Triangle (QST) Units

1. Take one HST created with A/B and one HST created with B/C and place right sides together so that the two B pieces are NOT on top of each other.
2. The seams should be on top of each other and *nested*.
3. Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam.
4. Sew ¼" on each side of drawn line. Cut on line.
5. Repeat with remaining A/B and B/C.
6. Trim and square up to 4.5" squares. It helps to use a ruler with a diagonal line. Watch corners.

Press.

Layout the Block

Sew the rows and assemble the Block

Press seams of row 1 and 3 away from center. Press row 2 towards center

Trim to 12.5" X 12.5"

