CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
May 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: May 13, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

June Newsletter Deadline: May 20.

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Presidents Message



After hearing our November guest lecturer, Ellen Murabito (The Upcycle Lady), I started looking at all the left-over fabric scraps I've accumulated. It was time to do something with them. I'm not really into organizing them first as there is not enough space in my sewing room. Organizing for me just means cutting them into 2.5" strips or less, or 3-to-5-inch squares and popping them in a jumble in a small tote or bag. I'm finding I enjoy the mindlessness of strip piecing and using the "ugly" (why is this in my collection?) fabric as the foundation fabric for strip piecing. This is such a great way to make a charity quilt, not to mention, the satisfaction of decreasing my scrap stash and not adding to the landfill. The guild members that share their scrap busting projects have been a real inspiration for me.

So keep scrap busting projects in mind as you sew for our doll quilt community outreach program and for September's Artsfest Bazaar items such as table runners, placemats, small quilts, etc. There are many ideas found on Pinterest and the internet.

Happy Quilting,

Julie Trollinger, President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

May 13, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Ora Hart presents "Color Confidence for Quilters". This lecture on color foundation teaches you how to balance the fabrics for your next project using the color wheel and color theory. Color Confidence for Quilters is a great color foundation for all quilters. It helps to understand your style when choosing fabrics and helps get you out of your color ruts.

June 10, 2025. Anniversary Party at NEWLIFE Church. (No Zoom option this month). Setup begins at 5:30 pm, party begins at 6:00 pm.

Come celebrate with us for food, fun, games and prizes! Bring three Fat quarters to play Left Right Center. The alphabet will be split by last names for the food and drinks:

A-J: Appetizers

K-S: Desserts

T-Z: Drinks.

We will also be voting for the 2024 Member of the Year!

July 8, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. July with be the Show and Tell of the Up Cycle Challenge and Guild Yard Sale. Please bring all of your creative items that you have upcycled. Is it time to reorganize your sewing room? We will have a yard sale for quilting related items. We will have tables set up and people can give away or sell items from their sewing area that they no longer want or can't imagine using again.
Hilke will bring material for people to take to use to make tote bags for Annmarie Garden Artsfest (AMG). Plus, we would like people to bring ideas to share for making things for AMG.
A sign-up sheet will be available for tables, so we will have an idea how many to set up. We can have two people to a table unless someone needs a table by themselves.

August 12, 2025, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Cathy Thornton from The Crabby Quilter will present "The Joy of Collage Art". She will present a trunk show and tell us about the basics of creating a collage using the Laura Heine method.

August 13, 2025, 9:00 am at NEWLIFE Church. The Art of Collage Workshop by Cathy Thornton using Laura Heine techniques and her Teeny Tiny Collage Patterns. Patterns are yet to be determined. **Please talk to Elizabeth Sawyer about which patterns interest you**. Class has a limit of 15. Doors will open at 8:30 am and the workshop will start at 9:00 am. In addition to the Laura Heine Teeny Tiny Patterns, Cathy has designed two teeny tiny patterns/kits of her own: a Blue Crab and a Santa.



In addition to these two patterns, please look online at Laura Heine's teeny tiny patterns and we will vote on two for the class.



A supply list will follow once we have determined what patterns that Cathy will be teaching.



May Birthdays

Christine	Tenny	May 6
Marlene	Diehl	May 9
Kimberly	Lusby	May 10
Andrea	Elwyn	May 18
Sue	Huseby	May 20

Enjoy your special day!

Of Special Note

Community Service



Sharon Burns is organizing a project to give bears wrapped in doll-sized quilts to children in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) system. The size needed is 24" x 24" but can be up to 30". We need bear quilts for boys and girls. She has 10" bears and 14" bears available. **Please bring your quilts to the May meeting.** Sharon will take them to CASA when we get 20 quilts. We now have 14.

Elections



Elections for Vice-President and Treasurer will be held at the May meeting. The nominees are:

Vice-President: Andrea Elwyn

Treasurer: Debbie Stanford

The new officers will transition with the current officers in the late May-June timeframe and will begin their new duties in July.

New Officer and Committee Chair

Marlene Diehl has volunteered to fill the Secretary position, and **Collette Barksdale** will take her place as the Block of the Month Chairman. Thank you both for volunteering to support the guild!

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, May 2, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Large Room
Tues., May 13; 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Monday, May 12, 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Room 3
Tuesday, May 27, 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm, Room 3

Twin Beaches - North Beach
Fri., May 23, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, West Room

Upcoming Netflix Special

An upcoming Netflix special, **The Quilters**, may be of interest. It follows the daily lives of several quilters inside the sewing room at South Central Correctional Center, a Level 5 maximum-security prison in a small town two hours south of St. Louis, Missouri. From design to completion, the men reveal their struggles, triumphs, and sense of pride in creating something beautiful in this windowless, sacred space deep within the prison walls. The show should air starting May 16.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1j8RoIiMi8

When I say I need two more minutes at the Quilt Shop, I mean football minutes. So like 20 minutes: a two-minute warning, two time outs, and a booth review. If I see something after check out, call it overtime.

April 2025 Show and Tell



TOP - Pat F. with a scrappy star quilt!



Right – Anita with African animals she free motioned quilted.



Betty T. with a kit about quilting.



Betty T. with a BOM from the Crabby Quilter.

April 2025 Show and Tell





Top - Barbara L. with two monster blocks.

Center – Barbara L. with two Kimberbell bench pillows.







Kathy C with her cute bunny.



Debbie S. made a project bag from an orphan block!

April 2025 Show and Tell





Debbie S. with three beautiful quilts that she inherited from her mother-in-law.





Hilke H., above, showing the quilt top for our 2025 raffle that is ready to be quilted.

April 2025 Show and Tell





Mary P. on left with a quilt for her God daughter that includes t-shirts and an intricate collage quilt on the right.



Elizabeth S. with a quilt for her husband's VA doctor.



Anita with a Community Service quilt.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025

President Julie Trollinger opened the meeting at 7:05 pm. and introduced the speaker Barbara Cline, "The How, When, Where of Quilting." Barbara has over 37 years of experience in sewing, quilting and teaching. She told her life story through her quilts and their designs. Her trunk show included many beautiful examples.

Business meeting
President Julie Trollinger announced we have a new secretary, **Marlene Diehl. Collette Barksdale** has volunteered to be the new BOM chairperson. She would like to have a new block every other month. Anita suggested doing monster blocks on the other months.

Anita Turley moved and **Kathy Cannon** seconded to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written in the newsletter.

Karla Sisson reported that the Nominating committee had two candidates for offices: **Debbie Stanford** for treasurer, and **Andrea Elwyn** for vice president. If anyone else would like to run for these offices, please contact Karla Sisson 410-257-5465 or Pat Ford 410-610-5722.

Karla and Marlene (443-532-7949) will email the Bylaw suggested changes to all members. By May 1, please review and contact them if you have any changes, suggestions or questions.

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

Fundraising
We are selling raffle tickets for our 2025 raffle quilt "Sunset by the Bay" at Calvert Arts Festival at All Saints Episcopal Church in Sunderland on May 10, 2025. Please contact Hilke (410-353-2453) to work that day.

We are also participating on May 17 and 18, 2025, at Sotterley Plantation for the Southern Maryland Heritage Festival. We are selling raffle tickets, boutique items and demonstrating quilting. Hilke will check on passes for the guild members working. Please contact Hilke to sign up for this guild activity as well.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported we had a guest tonight, Sherri. **Debbie Stanford** won the name badge raffle.

Sue also reported we had to cancel the 4-H sewing session this past weekend for lack of children participation. Next session is scheduled for Sunday, May 7.

Programs – **Elizabeth Sawyer** reported the following monthly programs:
May - Ora Hart Color Confidence for Quilters, bring a color wheel.
June – party.
July - upcycle challenge and yard sale.
August - The Joy of Collage Art with a workshop teaching the Laura Heine method.

Community Service - Sharon Burns was not in attendance, but we will inquire when the teddy bear quilts are due.

BOM - Marlene presented the next block in the Study in Color Placement series.

Monthly Raffle – **Jan McBain** announced **Andrea Elwyn** won.

Show and Tell
Pat Ford, Anita Turley, Barbara Lingle, Betty Tilley, Mary Potter, Kathy Cannon, Debbie Stanford, and **Elizabeth Sawyer** brought in some of their latest creations. **Hilke Hoffer** displayed the 2025 Raffle Quilt.

Anita Konzak-Turley moved and **Andrea Elwyn** seconded to adjourn the meeting, and the cleanup process began.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events







STUDY IN COLOR PLACEMENT
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
May 2025
BEACH BLOSSOM
By Marlene Diehl

For the next several months you will be sewing the same basic pattern and keeping your block. Please bring them to the meeting to share during Show and Tell.

Fabric Requirements – Use fabrics left from January thru March BOM. (Fat Quarters [no large prints, not good for directional prints; you may use solids]. Every fabric will **not** be used in every block. A fabric may not be used how you anticipate. 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)

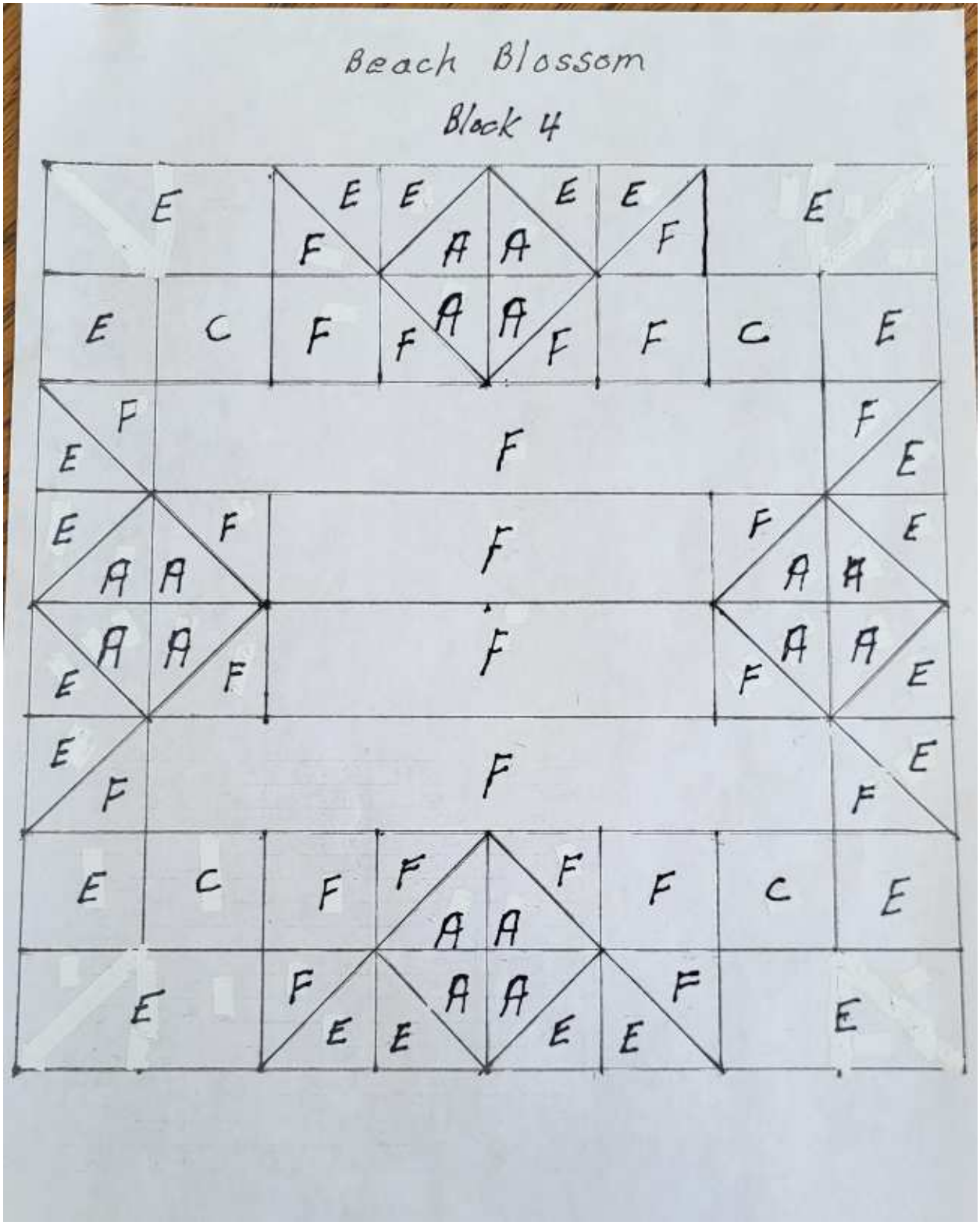
A	4 – 4 ¼" squares		C	4 2 ½" squares
E	4 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares 4 – 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strips		F	4 – 4 ¼" squares 4 – 2 ½" squares 2 – 2 ½" x 12 ½" strips 2 – 2 ½" x 8 ½" strips

1. Make ½ square triangles 4 at a time. Place the following 4 ¼" squares of fabrics right sides together (RST), sew ¼" on all 4 sides, cut on both diagonals. Trim to 2 ½" square. Figure 1

   2 – A/E 2 – A/F 2 – E/F

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.) 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
Block 4