CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
November 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! We also offer an option to attend via Zoom for those members that cannot attend in person.

Next Guild Meeting: November 12, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

December Newsletter Deadline: November 20.

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President's Message



"Patterns mills "are shopfronts that quickly produce a pattern without any sort of testing or vetting, and then put it on the market with an (Artificial Intelligence) AI-generated or stolen image for a very tempting price.

AI-generated FPP patterns have these common features:

- The pattern cost is low for what is supposed to be a full-sized quilt pattern with a multitude of templates.
- Take a closer look at the FPP piecing. Are the curved sewing lines actually possible to get those results? Probably not.
- There are no actual completed quilt images within the listing.
- Low number of reviews that are very generic such as "easy to download" or "really enjoyed the pattern" and aren't helpful in understanding the quality of the actual product or its construction.

So, how do you avoid accidentally purchasing a pattern like this?

Review Julia Wachs Designs blog:

https://www.juliawachs.com/blogs/news/how-to-spot-ai-generated-quilt-patterns

Julie Trollinger, President

Upcoming Programs and Workshops



November 12, 2024, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Ellen Murabito . . . aka The Upcycle Lady . . . has always enjoyed sewing. Dabbling with upcycle sewing as a teen, it wasn't until 2019 that she went "all in" and committed to a "no new fabric" mantra. Ellen is proud to say that it has been five years since she has purchased fabric off the bolt! She earned her Sustainable Design Entrepreneur Certificate from the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) New York in 2020, which opened her eyes to just how important the re-use of existing garments and textiles has become. Ellen is here to encourage and teach you how to introduce upcycling to your sewing skill set!



December 10, 2024, Holiday Party at NEWLIFE Church. Setup begins at 5:30 pm, party begins at 6:30 pm. Please bring three fat quarters for a holiday game. The alphabet will be split by last names for the food and drinks:

- A-G drinks
- H-P appetizers
- Q-Z desserts



November Birthdays

Kara	Small	November 28

Of Special Note

Community Service

Sharon Burns has invited **Jackie Snyder** of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) and she will be at the meeting in November to collect the quilts we have made. I think we have 12 quilts now**! Participants that made quilts and want to be in the picture should plan on being at the Church between 6:30pm - 6:45pm.**

Calvert County 4-H Workshop



Our next 4-H workshop is November 9. If you would like to assist, please let **Sue Huseby** know. Guild members who are bringing their personal machines should have an additional empty bobbin, and an open toe or walking foot.

Several of our previous projects with the 4-H kids were submitted to the Calvert County Fair and won ribbons! One potholder received reserved champion! In October we made pumpkin mug rugs as shown below. Great job!



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, Nov. 8, 12:00pm – 5:00 pm; Large Room

Twin Beaches – North Beach
Friday, Nov. 15, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, West Room, 2nd Floor

Prince Frederick Library
Monday, Nov. 18, 12:00 pm– 5:00 pm, Room 3

Upcoming Fundraising Events
We will be selling raffle tickets and/or boutique items at the following two events. **Please let Hilke know if you are available to help.** These are our last fundraising events of the year, and they help to pay for our programs, workshops, and community projects. Tell your friends to stop by and shop!





Donations Request

At the September meeting, Stephanie Fulk and Kimberly Lusby asked for fabric donations for Feminine Hygiene Kits. These kits will be sent to Africa and will enable girls to attend school during their monthly cycle. Please look through your fabric stash or purchase the following fabrics. They need to be prewashed before cutting.

- 8 ½ x 8 ½ inch squares of flannel, darker colors (not white)
- 8 ½ x 10 ½ inch rectangles of cotton, any color
- 6-inch squares of cotton, any color

Stephanie and Kimberly can collect the fabrics at any time, but the deadline is our December meeting. Thank you.

October 2024 Show and Tell



Above - Andrea E. with her quilted Sunbonnet Sue!



Above right – Andrea E. with a bright quilt top for a friend.

Below left – Mary P. with a quilt top for her brother.



Below right – Mary P. with a quilt for her niece's new baby girl!



October 2024 Show and Tell

Participants in the Barn Quilt Painting Party show off their work!









Would you like to see more local Barn Quilts? Follow the link below for the Guided Calvert Barn Quilt Trail Bus Tour, Saturday, November 9, 2024

https://calvertag.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=17981&month=11&year=2024&day=9&calType=0

Calvert Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024

Our speaker, **Pauline C**opeland, gave a great, informative, and helpful program on what are the markers that will determine whether you are looking at a quilt, or an art quilt. She showed several different quilts and arts and helped us to look for what determines what category they should be in. It was an interesting concept that many of us might never have realized was there.

Fundraising
Hilke Hoefer gave a report on the fundraising efforts at Annmarie Garden Artsfest and the Calvert County Fair. Financial details can be found at the end of the newsletter with the treasurer's report.
Hilke said that our bags were one of the most popular items that sold. And a big Thank You and applause for all who helped with the two events, and those who sewed and quilted and produced such a wonderful inventory.

Hilke announced that we will have two more fundraising events: The Northern High School Band Booster Holiday Craft Fair on December 14, and the Christmas Bazaar at the Calvert County Fairgrounds on December 7 and 8.

Membership
Sue Huseby announced that we now have 40 members. The next 4-H sewing session will be on November 9 from 1pm-4pm and will be a kid's quilt class as the kids need assistance and help making their sewing projects. If interested, please contact Sue Huseby and she will have all the finer details.

Community Service
We need to start thinking about ideas for next year's community service project.

Programs
Elizabeth Sawyer announced that our November program will be on upcycling.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl announced there were 11 blocks turned in and they were won by **Anita Turley**. Next month the pattern will be mug rugs to keep.

Monthly Raffle
Jan McBain announced that **Andrea Elwyn** was the winner.

Name Tag Raffle: Debbie Stanford was the winner.

We had a brief Show and Tell due to our speaker's wonderful informational seminar.

Show & Tell:
Andrea Elwyn showed a beautiful Sun Bonnet Sue quilt, and a gift quilt for a friend.
Mary Potter made a quilt top for her brother and for her niece's new baby girl.

Think about any ideas you might like to put forth for our next raffle quilt for next year.

December is the time for us to give a donation to the church for allowing us to have our meetings and conduct our parties. What are some of the ideas you may have as a donation, whether it is money, food bank or gift cards, etc.

Karla Sisson has volunteered to help **Debbie Francisco** with the Zoom meeting connections for members.



Congratulations to Marlene Diehl who won the Grand Champion ribbon at the Calvert County Fair.



Mug Rugs



Mug rugs can be any size. The directions on the left are for a finished 7” x 10” mug rug. The mug rug on the right was made from one piece of a speciality fabric, it measures 6 ¾” x 11 ½”.

	**Feature fabric** Cut one piece 5 ½” x 7 ½”
	**Coordinating fabric** Cut 1 piece 4” x 7 1/2” Cut 1 piece 2” x 7 ½” Cut 1 piece 7 1/2' x 10 ½” for backing

	Batting Cut 1 piece 7 ½” x 10”

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All seams are ¼” allowance.

Pattern adapted from Karla Sisson
by Marlene Diehl

Note: You will keep your mug rug. They will not be raffled at the November meeting. Please bring them to share for Show and Tell.

1) Sew the 4” x 7 ½” piece to the left side of your feature fabric, right sides together. Press to the dark. Sew the 2” x 7 ½” piece to the right side of your feature fabric, right sides together. Press to the dark.

2) Layer the batting on the bottom, lay your mug rug piece right side up, and your backing fabric right side down. Stitch around the 4 sides leaving a 3” opening on the bottom for turning. Trim corners and turn to the right side. Press edges flat, turn the unfinished opening seam to the inside. Close the opening closed by hand or edge stitch it closed.

3) Quilt as desired.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3
		