CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
October 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: Due to COVID-19 we have been meeting virtually via Zoom. However, in November we are planning to meet in person again at the New Life Church, 3170 German Chapel Rd, Prince Frederick, MD. The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7:00 pm. The room opens at 6:00 pm for set up and social time. Please join us!

Next Guild Meeting: Oct. 12, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Next Board Meeting: TBD

November Newsletter Deadline: October. 20

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President's Message



Greetings friends,

We love our machines. We have spent lots of money on our machines, as well as the care and maintenance of them. And not just our sewing machines; we each own several big ticket electronic items. Something that I have noticed over the years is that many times when people buy these items they bring them home and plug them directly into the wall socket. Unfortunately that can be a critical mistake. The best way to protect these items from a power surge either from electrical storms or power failures is to first plug them into a surge protector, not a power strip. What's the difference, you ask? A power strip is just an electrical cord with extra plug spaces, a surge protector will stop an electrical surge from damaging the items that are plugged into it. This is also helpful when you travel with your machine to retreats and classes. Take a surge protector with you. Don't risk the safety of your machine to an unfamiliar electrical source. So now that I've convinced you to get a surge protector, which one do you buy? There are a few features that I look for when purchasing; the first one is a light that lets you know that it is grounded, the second is the joules. The joules tells how much of a surge the strip will protect your items from. I only buy

surge protectors that have a joules rating of 1500 and above. I recently had an electrical surge at my house. If my TV, cable box and gaming system had been plugged into a regular power strip, I would have had to replace them all. Instead I just needed to buy a new surge protector.

Hope this information helps,

Adrienne

Upcoming Programs



Oct. 12, 7:00 pm via Zoom (log on 6:30 pm). A Zoom lecture with **Norene Skiles "Use It All".** Quilters are the curators of extensive textile collections and should use their materials wisely and without waste. Norene will explain how she organizes her collection (including scraps) and her techniques and ideas for using all your scrap fabric and batting. She will show how her scrap quilting has progressed and includes how she upcycles old quilt blocks and clothing (not tee shirt quilts). She is a firm believer that you should use it all since you paid for it. The lecture/trunk show is centered on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle theme.

If you would like to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting, you can forward the meeting link that you receive from Adrienne Sims to that person. Then let Adrienne know so that she will be able to let them into the meeting room before the meeting begins.



October Birthdays

Debbie	Francisco	October 6
Barbara	Lingle	October 28

Enjoy your special day!

Committee Openings

We have several open volunteer opportunities for the guild. For new members, it is a great way to get to know people; and for all of us it is a way to ensure that our guild continues to thrive. **Community Service, Block of the Month, and Librarian** positions are looking for new chairpersons. Please let Adrienne know if you are interested in supporting the guild in any of these areas.

Of Special Note

Membership Dues 2021 – 2022

Our membership year runs from July 2021 to June 2022. We would love to have you to continue to join us so please remember to renew if you have not already done so. Dues of $30 can be made out to the "Calvert County Quilt Guild" and mailed to:

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Sewing Fridays at the Library are Back!

The next several library workshops will concentrate on finishing our 2022 raffle quilt, however, personal projects are also welcome at any of the scheduled times. Please come when you can to help strengthen guild unity through (new) friendships, learning and fun. Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates:

Fairview Library – 2nd Fridays
October 8 – Large Room, 1-5pm
November 12 – Large Room, 1-5pm

Prince Frederick Library
Friday, October 22 – Room 1, 1-5pm
Thursday, November 18 - Room 1, 1-5pm due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Raffle Quilt Tickets/Monies

If you have money from Raffle Quilt sales or requests for additional tickets, please contact **Jan McBain.** You can send her the stubs with funds or call her to set up a meeting time and place. The ticket stubs and money must be turned in by the December meeting.

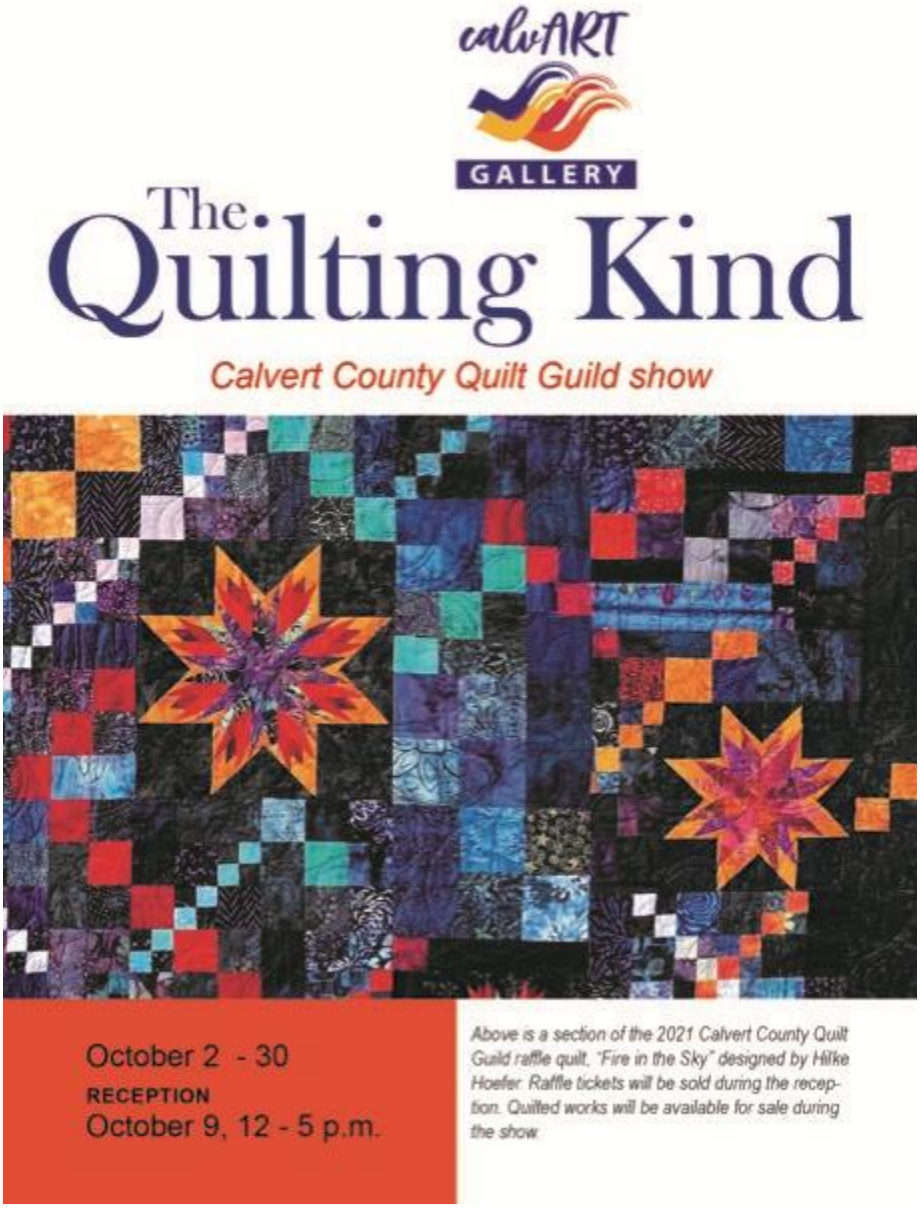


I got BINGO, did you?
Adrienne

Yes, I'm ashamed to tell which way I got bingo!

Just a reminder that we will be selling raffle tickets for our 2021 Raffle Quilt, "Fire in the Sky", at the Calvert Arts Festival on October 9. Please contact **Hilke Hoefer** if you can help.





The CalvART gallery is featuring an art exhibit of quilting during the month of October and the Calvert County Quilt Guild is the featured artist! As space is limited, Hilke has selected certain items that will reflect a wide variety of styles and techniques. We are allowed to sell items, especially raffle tickets at the official reception on Saturday, October 9, 12-5 pm (same day as the All Saints ArtsFest). The gallery will have a large poster of the quilt in place of the real one, which will be at the church. The gallery is doing a lot of advertising, including sending out lovely flyers/postcards to an extensive mailing list. This should be a great boost for CCQG in membership, local awareness, and funds.

September 2021 Show and Tell



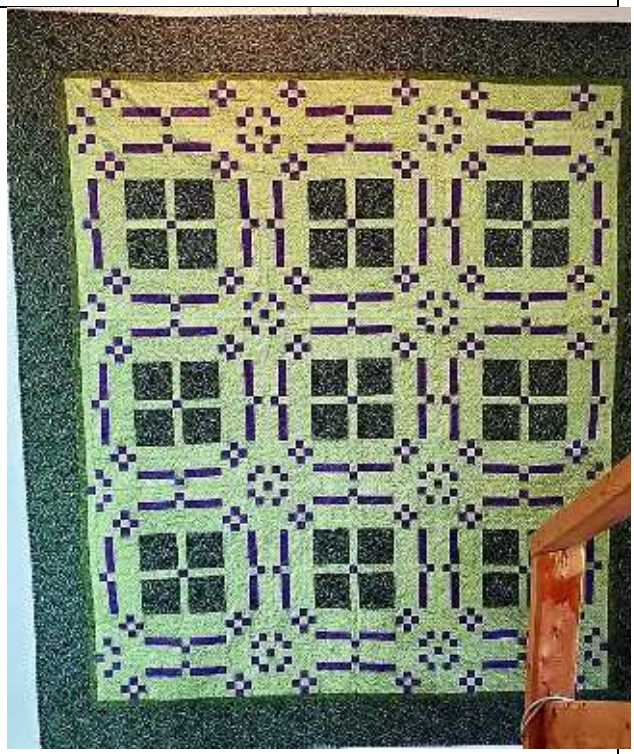
Anita K. - Mystery Quilt



Karla S. - Mystery Quilt



Marlene D. - Mystery Quilt



Nikki H. - Mystery Quilt

September 2021 Show and Tell



Debbie D. – Mystery Quilt. Blocks will be embroidered with the names of the states they travelled through.



Nikki H. - Quilt for a friend in the Garden Club



Nikki H. - Casino quilts for card playing friends



September 2021 Show and Tell







Nikki H. – Quilts for Quilts of Valor and the Women's Memorial in Arlington, VA.

September 2021 Show and Tell



Joan S. - Blended Hexagons



Joan S. - Quilt for St. Mary's Hospital from BOM's that someone else won.



Joan S. - Baby Quilt from blocks won at a Guild party.



Anita K. - Placemats

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021 MEETING

This was a virtual meeting held on Zoom. Nineteen members were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by **President Adrienne Sims**. She introduced our guest speaker, **Karen Eckmeier**. Karen is an author, who specializes in collage arts. Karen presented a slide show of some of her projects. She showed and explained the components of her quilts. She explained how to use simple shapes and bits of fabric to make beautiful wall hangings. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Mystery Quilts
The business meeting began with **Anita Konzak** showing slides of the completed Mystery Quilt. These quilts were the winter project in lieu of Block of the Month. Participants that shared quilts this evening were **Karla Sisson, Marlene Diehl, Nikki Huffstutler, Debbie Deboodt** and **Anita Konzak.**

Show and Tell
Next was Show and Tell. **Nikki Huffstutler, Joan Shimski,** and **Anita Konzak** submitted slides of their quilts.

Block of the Month/Quilts of Valor
Until the end of the year, guild members are requested to make QOV blocks. The instructions for the blocks have been in the newsletter. This will be in lieu of the Block of the Month.

Treasurer's Report
Debbie Francisco gave the treasurer's report. Expenses were $500.00 an Income was $345.00.

New Life Church
Pat Blackford donated one yard cuts of flannel, if anyone is interested in making receiving blankets for New Life Church. New Life Church will be our new meeting place. The room will be available to the guild on the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. The guild will continue with the Calvert County School closing schedule.

calvArt Gallery
Hilke Hoefer announced that the calvArt Gallery is making the quild the Featured Guest Artist. Also we would be allowed to display and sell our crafts and quilts. Volunteers are needed for the reception and to sit with the quilt.

Committee Chair Openings
We still need candidates for the offices of community service chair, librarian, and BOM.
Nikki Huffstutler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Hilke Hoefer** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Committee Service Spotlight



In the spring, 70 mug rugs were donated by the guild to the Central Maryland Chapter of NOCC (National Ovarian Cancer Coalition) to put in the survivor bags at the annual run/walk which recently took place in September. Beautiful work for a great cause!

As you may have heard, the Guild is planning on meeting in person starting in November, 2021, at the New Life Church in Prince Frederick, 3170 German Chapel Rd. We would like to partner with the church and make baby blankets or baby quilts for the newest members of their congregation. If anyone has a quilt or blanket for the baby dedications at New Life, please let Adrienne know.

Block of the Month

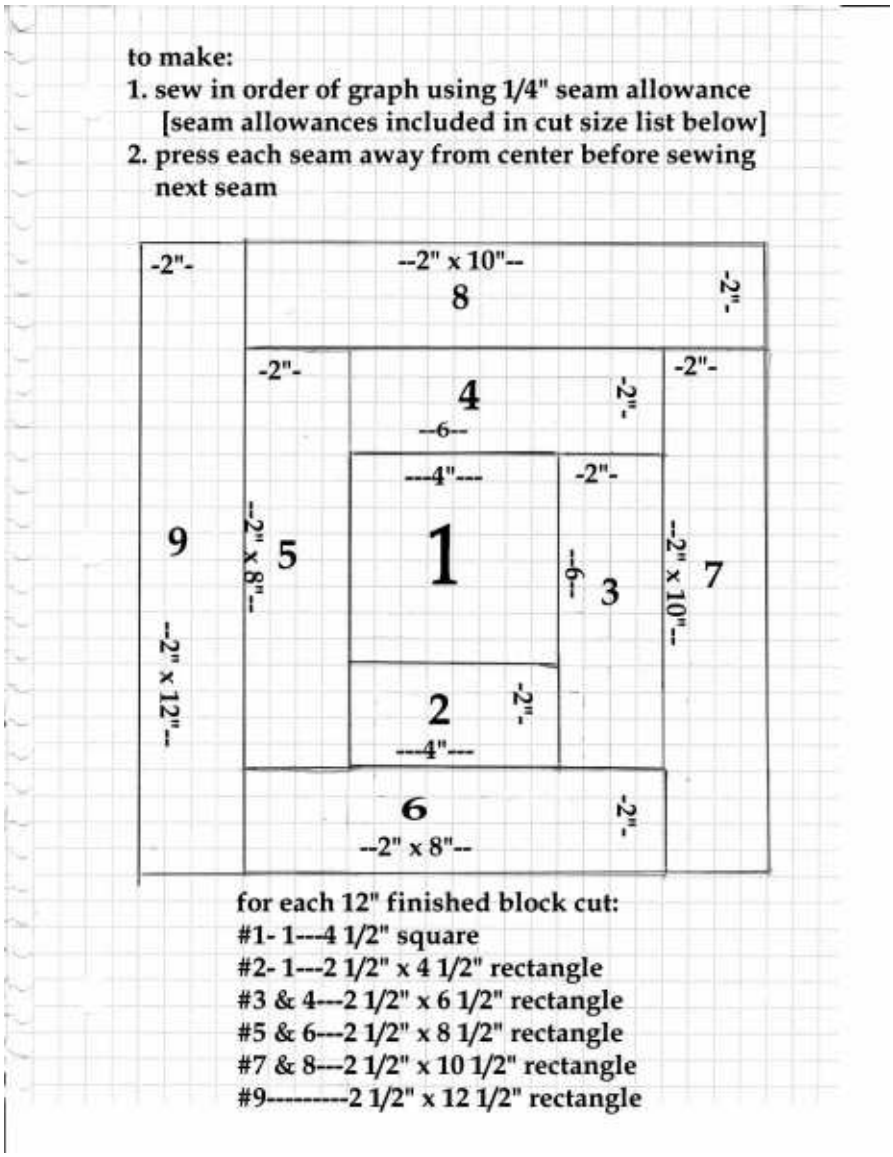
For the next few months, you will have a choice of two Quilts of Valor blocks. Please take a look at the blocks on the following pages: **Quilts of Valor Log Cabin** and **Red, White and Blue Ribbon Block**. You can make one of the blocks or both and please make as many as you can! **Dee Wunder** will be coordinating drop off/pickup with details to follow.

Each Block should be 12.5” unfinished

Quilts of Valor Block

All seams ¼ “

Quilts of Valor Log Cabin

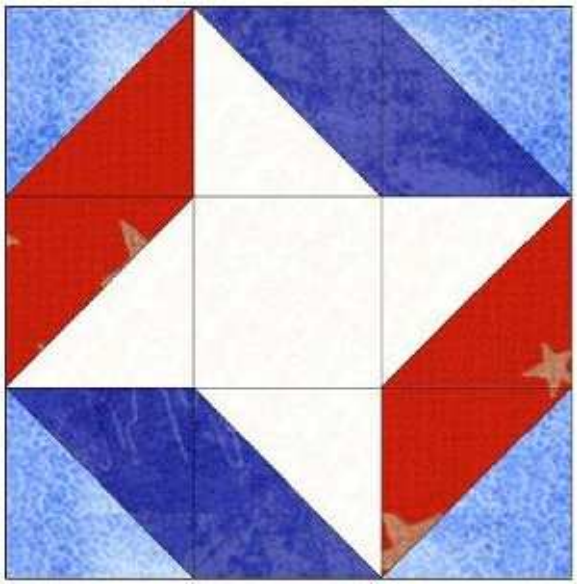


Fabric requirements:
Round #1 center square is red or blue
Round#2 is white
Round#3 is white
Round #4 is red or blue
Round #5 is red or blue
Round #6 is white
Round #7 is white
Round #8 is red or blue
Round #9 is red or blue

It can be scrappy, Whites as the light and Reds as dark for a block or Whites and Blues. Do not mix Red or Blue in a block.

Red, White, and Blue Ribbon Block

12 inch finished (12 ½ unfinished)



For your Ribbon Block you will need:

From your red, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

From your darker blue, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

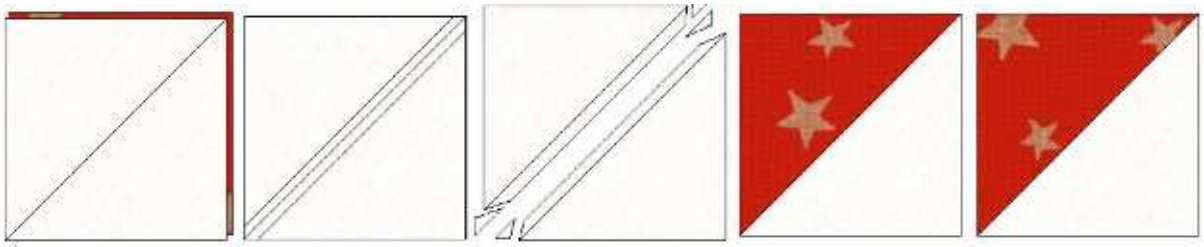
From your lighter blue, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares

From your white, cut two 4-7/8 inch squares and one 4 ½ inch square

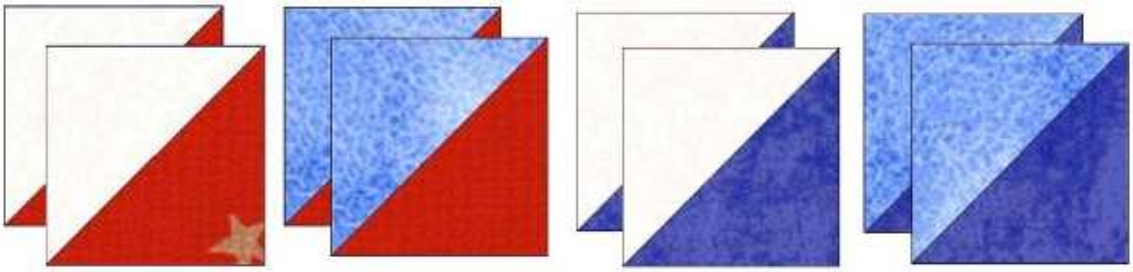
Let's make the red and white triangle squares first. Carefully draw a line corner to corner, diagonally through the white 4-7/8 inch squares. This will be a cutting line when you are finished. Place a red and white 4-7/8 inch square right sides together. If you have a true ¼ inch foot on your machine, you can sew on either side of the drawn line.

If not, you will have to draw a second line on either side, exactly ¼ inch from the first line. They will be your sewing lines. After you have sewn on your sewing lines, ¼ inch on either side of your corner to corner line, you will cut this square in half on the drawn cutting line. Clip off the corners as shown.

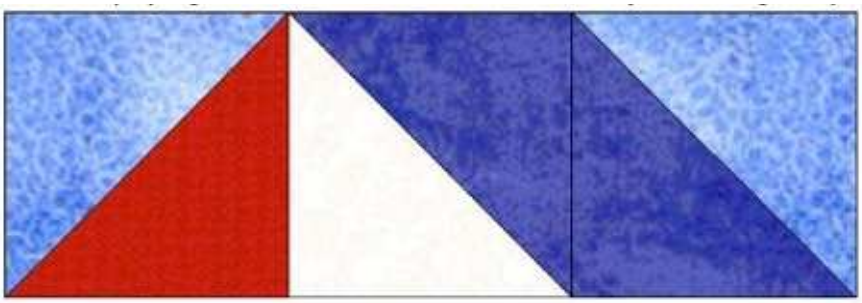
You will now have two triangle squares, which should measure exactly 4 ½ inches.



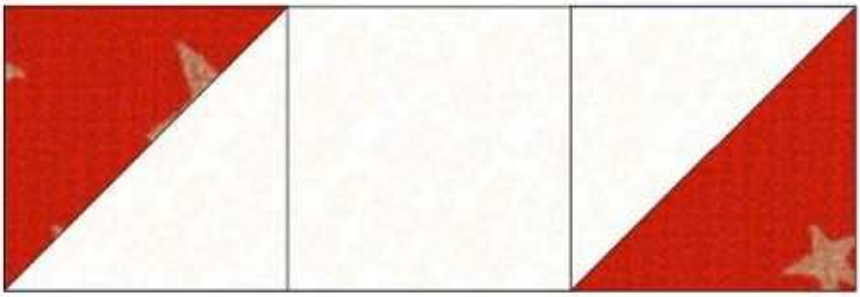
For this block you need two each of red/white, red/light blue, white/dark blue, and light blue/dark blue triangle squares as shown.



Sew two rows like this paying close attention to the direction your triangle squares are going.



Make one row like this, again, paying attention to the way your triangle squares are going.



And finally, put your block together. It should measure 12 ½ inches.

