CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
October 2023 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: October 10, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

November Newsletter Deadline: October 20.

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President's Message



Dear Quilting Friends,

It's official: I have reached SABLE level (Stash Accumulated Beyond Life Expectancy). I know I am not the only one.

Most quilters have two hobbies—sewing and collecting fabric. (Fair warning newbies!) We buy fabric because it is on sale, because we like it (tone-on-tone, gingerbread men, gold metallic in it), we might need it someday. Now I try to only buy fabric for a specific project.

I sometimes feel guilty when I look at how much I have. Then I get irritated when I can't find that perfect fabric I know I have and must take all the blues out (or pick a color) and go through them. Why did I save that 2" X 5" piece?? I am trying to embrace Elsa and "let it go." But it all comes in handy for BOMs.

Good news! We have a couple opportunities coming up to use our stash: community service projects making wheelchair quilts and bags, and twin quilts for children in need.

But I might need "one more piece" of fabric to complete them.

Karla

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

October 10, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Planning for Twin Quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) and our 2024 Raffle Quilt. We need a few people to share quick and easy patterns for twin size quilts. Please bring three or four copies of the pattern OR where it can be accessed. A sample would be nice!

Then Hilke will get us started on the 2024 raffle quilt. We need a few people to bring a cutting mat, rotary cutter, and ruler.



November 14, 7:00 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Cyndi Zacheis of Moonlighting Quilts will present Creating Celebration Quilts. In this lecture, she will share the secrets to creating personal, meaningful celebration quilts. Using traditional patterns or original designs, you can create unique, effective memory quilts. Everyone leaves with at least one idea they can use right away.

December 12, Guild Holiday Party. Details to follow.



October Birthdays

Debbie	Francisco	October 6
Nancy Jo	Kazmaier	October 29
Barbara	Lingle	October 28
Debra	Huebner	October 26

Of Special Note

Guild Library

Our librarian, **Mary Potter**, will be at the October meeting. Look at the list of books on our website and the three new ones shown in the August newsletter. Send her a request so she can bring books to the meeting to spark your creativity.

Library Sew-Ins

The following dates have been approved for us to have workshops at local libraries. Come to sew and socialize!

Fairview Library (intersection of Rt 4 and Chaneyville Rd)

Friday, October 6, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, November 17, 12-5 pm; Large Room
Friday, December 8, 12-5 pm; Large Room

Prince Frederick Library
Because of the holidays, the dates at PF are on various days of the week instead of just the usual Thursday.

Thursday, October 12, 12-6 pm; Room 1
Tuesday, October 24, 12-6 pm; Room 3
Monday, November 13, 12-6 pm; Room 3
Friday, December 15, 12-5 pm; Room 1



Annmarie Garden Artsfest September 2023



Christine and Nikki ready to sell raffle tickets alongside a booth full of beautiful boutique items!





THANK YOU for all your help on three days of concentrated effort to make our guild look good and have great sales. We generated funds and goodwill - many ladies of all ages expressed interest in joining the guild or library workshops for a trial test, so hopefully we can expect a rise in membership.

Also huge thanks to all guild members who made such a wide variety of beautifully made items. The table runners, mug rugs, potholders, cozy bowls, and doll items were a big hit, as was our raffle quilt. Halloween items were also in high demand. Let's keep sewing for the fair and other events! Many repeat customers mentioned they liked our booth best and sought it out as their first stop. There were some requests for cozy bowls in more modern fabric designs. - Hilke



We will be selling boutique items at

Huntingtown United Methodist Church
4020 Hunting Creek Road
Huntingtown, MD

Please contact Karla Sisson if you can help.

Shifts: 8:30 to 11:00, 11:00 to 1:30, 1:30 to 4:00 (includes take down).
Only two people needed per shift.

September 2023 Show and Tell





Above Left - Nikki H. with a quilt for Quilts of Valor.

Above Right – Jan McB with a balloon banner.

Below Left – Sharon B. with a quilt for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP).

Below Right – Sharon B. displaying a quilt using the Perpetual Motion pattern.





September 2023 Show and Tell







Above and Left – Barbara L. displaying Halloween and Fall cross stitch pictures.

Below Right – Sue H. with Tea Bag holders.



Julie T. with a bag for the Tooth Fairy.



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Hilke H. - Kids quilt for AMG.



Hilke H. - Panel Quilt for AMG.





Left - Julie T. with a glow in the dark pillowcase.

Above Right - Sue H. with a hanging star.

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Kasey M. - Quilt using Riley Blake Gingham Fields fabric.



Kasey M. - Double slice layer cake pattern!



Sue H. with one of her adorable animals!



Debbie S. with a bag for her mom who was also a guest at our meeting!

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Debbie S. with a quilt made for her daughter.



Debbie S. with a quilt made as a sample for a kit.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

President Karla Sisson opened the meeting and introduced our speaker, **Michelle Umlauf**, representing Clover Needlecraft. Michelle introduced many tools from Clover. Many items some of us had never seen before. She also explained that the little red ball on the seam ripper is to save you from ripping fabric when you're ripping out pesky seams.

After a break we started the business meeting with door prizes provided by Michelle. **Debbie Stanford** and **Susan Blanton** won those.

President Karla Sisson reminded us of the budget meeting scheduled for September 26. The meeting will be held at NEWLIFE Church, beginning at 6:00 pm. All board members, and at least one other member, must be present either by Zoom or in person.

Programs
VP Kara Small is working on ideas for October because our planned speaker had to cancel. She is also working on speakers for next year. **Hilke Hoefer** could provide ideas for the 2024 raffle quilt at the October meeting. **Kasey Mersch** and **Sharon Burns** could also discuss simple quilt ideas for twin quilts to present to the organization Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP).

Treasurer
Treasurer Carla Warner gave the treasurer's report.

Secretary
No changes to the minutes from last month's meeting.

Block of the Month
Marlene Diehl announced that **Andrea Elwyn** won the blocks for this month. Marlene shared the Appliqued Log Cabin pattern for next month’s block.

Library
Librarian Mary Potter is on travel again. She has three new books that were listed in last month’s newsletter and the others are on our website. If you are interested in any of the books, let her know and she will get them to the next meeting.

Newsletter
Susan Blanton mentioned that any information for the newsletter should be sent to her by the 20th of each month.

Social Committee
Kasey Mersch is gathering ideas for the December party.

Membership
Sue Huseby reported that we have 34 paid members, 28 were present at the meeting. Marlene Diehl won the membership raffle.

Monthly Raffle
Jan McBain reported that Debbie Lenhart won the Monthly Raffle.

Raffle Quilt 2023
Kathy Cannon reported that several members turned in their money, and one member requested more tickets.

Artsfest at Annmarie Garden
Hilke Hoefer gave instructions on working at Annmarie Garden and asked for more sign ups to work. She also informed us we will have a booth at the Calvert County Fair. She passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Community Service
Sharon Burns reported on two community service projects. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is requesting twin size quilts for children, and youth, 60 x 80 inches. They will also accept pillowcases if they match the quilt donated. The Calvert County Nursing Center would love some wheelchair bags. Sharon showed hers, which is 12 inches wide and 8 inches deep, and made for the handles on the wheelchairs. She will plan a workshop to make these items.

Andrea Elwyn suggested we have Calvert County Quilt Guild T-shirts to wear when we are working at events. She has a contact and will look into this.

Show and Tell
Carla Warner, Kara Small, Nikki Huffstutler, Jan McBain, Sharon Burns, Barbara Lingle, Hilke Hoefer, Julie Trollinger, Sue Huseby, Kasey Mersch, and **Debbie Stanford**, all showed their beautiful projects.



Meeting adjourned.



Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
October 2023

Block seams are ¼"

Directions by Marlene Diehl

Appliqued Log Cabin

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	**White** 6 ½" x 6 ½" square, or 6 ½" square holiday motif.
	**Green -** 2" x 35 " strip, sub cut 1 of each, or use assorted green fabrics to achieve the following 2 x 6 ½ 2 x 8 2 x 9 ½ 2 x 11
	**Red** - 2" x 41" strip, sub cut 1 of each, or use assorted red fabrics to achieve the following 2 x 8 2 x 9 ½ 2 x 11 2 x 12 1/2

Applique a holiday motif to the square or fussy cut a holiday fabric to size. Sample patterns are on the back with some websites that demonstrate how to applique. All seams are pressed away from the center.

1) Applique a winter holiday item onto the 6 ½" square or fussy cut a 6 ½" winter motif (Figure 1).

2) Sew the 2" x 6 ½" strip to the right side of the 6 ½" square. (The piece should measure 6 ½" x 8".) Fig. 1.

3) Sew the 2" x 8" strip to the bottom of the set made in step 2. (8" x 8") Fig. 2

4) Sew the 2" x 8" strip to the left side of the set made in step 3. (8" x 9 ½") Fig.3

5) Sew the 2" x 9 ½" strip to the top of the set made in step 4. (9 ½" x 9 ½") Fig.3

6) Continue sewing and pressing the remaining strips in same manner. Figure 4 shows the strip sewn to the right, and Figure 5 shows the strips sewn to the bottom and left. The picture at the top of the page shows the last strip sewn to the top of the block.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4	Figure 5
				

There are many ways to applique. Try one on this Block of the Month.

Below are a few tutorials you may want to check out if you've never done it.

Pat Sloan: Fusible Applique, how to make it soft Tutorial - Pat Sloan's Blog

How to Applique! - Bing video

Basic Steps to Quilting Appliqué — String & Story (stringandstory.com)

