CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
October 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: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, October 9, 2:00 pm at Fairview Library.

November Newsletter Deadline: October 20.

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Presidents Message



It seems like Fall would never arrive, and now it is here and the temps have finally cooperated and aren't in the Summer-level temps. I love to finish up gardening this time of year and cleaning out the flower beds and planning for what will come next. The Guild meetings will move location to the Huntingtown United Methodist Church in October and November due to ministerial conflicts at the NEWLIFE Church. Of note, the class on October 17 will remain at the NEWLIFE Church. Apologies for the back and forth.

By the time you read this in the newsletter, the budget meeting will have been held (wait for discussion at the meeting) and a board meeting will be scheduled. I am starting out the board meetings with a catch-up and then invite everyone who wants to attend after that point. There are lots of items to discuss, charities to work toward supporting, and lots of plans that need votes in upcoming meetings. Speaking of…I have seven (yes, 7) boxes/tubs of fabric in the back of my truck that I will bring to the October meeting. I think we can use it to make lap-sized quilts for our charity donations and anything else that comes along. Most of it is already divided by color and theme. Get ready to grab bags and start sewing!

Anita

Upcoming Programs and Workshops



October 13, 2026, 7:00 pm, at Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd, Huntingtown. Park in the back and enter through those doors. Karen Kehl from **Better Done Quilts** will present Commemoration Quilts. Commemoration quilts range from signature quilts to modern art quilts. Karen will review some famous commemoration quilts, and share commemoration quilts made or received by the presenter. Different types of commemoration quilts including some with hidden messages will be shared and discussed. The presentation concludes with ideas on how to design and make your own commemoration quilt to honor and remember a special day.

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at NEWLIFE Church. Karen Kehl Workshop: Strip Piecing Mini Land, Sea and Skyscapes, location. Have you ever thought about making a stunning landscape or seascape quilt, but didn't know where to start? If so, this class is for you. Strip piecing nature scenes is a great stress reducer and a fantastic way to use up scraps! In half a day, you will have learned techniques to assemble your project and will started laying out your masterpiece. By the end of the day, you will have a small landscape or seascape (up to 15 x 18 inches) laid out and partially or completely sewn. This fun technique uses 1.25 inch strips to "paint" a landscape or seascape. The class will discuss choosing pictures for inspiration, selecting fabrics, organizing fabrics, laying out the quilt, and piecing techniques. This is a fun activity that includes improvisational elements. The quilt you make will be a one-of-a kind work of art! ***See supply list on page 4.***



Strip Piecing Mini Land, Sea and Skyscapes



November 4, 2026, 9:30 am (doors open at 9:00 am. Church of Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Rd, Lexington Park (next to the police station). Calvert County Quilt Guild Trunk Show at Quilters by the Bay (QBB) Quilt Guild. Start thinking of some of your beautiful creations that you would like to share with QBB. They will have two long white tables to put things on and under. QBB will have two people to hold up quilts and walk around for all to see. Let's show off our talented group!

November 10, 2026, 7:00 pm, at Huntingtown United Methodist Church, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd, Huntingtown. Park in the back and enter through those doors. Edgar Chapman from Chapman Vac and Sew, 3180 Solomons Island Rd in Edgewater, will discuss sewing machine maintenance.

December 8, 2026, 6:00pm, Holiday Party at NEWLIFE Church.

October Birthdays



Debbie	Francisco	October 6
Barbara	Lingle	October 28
Nancy Jo	Kazmaier	October 29
Stephanie	Fulk	October 31

Of Special Note

Library Sessions
Listed below are upcoming sewing sessions. Questions? Contact Hilke.

Oct. 9	**Fairview**	**12-5**	**Large Room**
Oct. 14	**Prince Frederick**	**12-6**	**Room 2**
Oct. 22	**Fairview**	**11:30-4:30**	**Large Room**
Oct. 27	**Twin Beaches**	**12-5:30**	**West Room**

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Please contact **Hilke Hoefer** if you can help at the fair.



Local Longarm Quilting Services

Deep Roots Quilting Company
Carol Leal, Longarm quilter
Cell: 410-474-2274
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Offering:
Longarm Quilting, E2E up to 108” wide
T-shirt Quilts, Binding
Pricing provided upon request
Located in California, Maryland

Community Outreach



The Calvert County 4-H youth were awarded several ribbons at the Calvert County Fair for their zippered bags. Congratulations to both the students and teachers!

Strip Piecing Landscapes and Seascapes

Instructor: Karen Kehl

Have you ever thought about making a stunning landscape or seascape quilt, but didn't know where to start? If so, this class is for you. Strip piecing nature scenes is a great stress reducer and a fantastic way to use up scraps! By the end of the day, you will have a small landscape or seascape (up to 15 x 18 inches). This fun technique uses 1¼ inch strips to "paint" a landscape or seascape. The class will discuss cover choosing pictures for inspiration, selecting fabrics, organizing fabrics, laying out the quilt, and piecing techniques. This is a fun activity that includes improvisational elements. The quilt you make will be a one-of-a kind work of art!

Preparation - Before class, please cut all fabrics into 1 ¼ inch strips.

Materials and supplies:

- Working sewing machine with cord
- Neutral thread
- Fabric scissors
- 1 ¼ inch wide strips of fabric – I recommend batiks, although prints or solids will also work. Bring a large variety of colors you will use (blues, greens, browns, purples – if you want a sunrise or sunset include reds, oranges, yellows, pinks). Strips should be between 2 and 42 inches long. You should bring at least 780 linear inches of strips (to determine the linear inches, measure the length of each piece and add the lengths together. For example, if you have one 4-inch, two 6-inch, one 20-inch and three 40-inch strips, you have 156 linear inches (4+6+6+20+40+40+40=156). 780 linear inches would be approximately ¾ of a yard of fabric cut into 1.25 inch strips.

  Sharing and trading strips is encouraged – you may become a strip collector!

  NOTE: You may pre-order a bag of 1¼ inch wide strips by e-mailing the instructor at betterdonequilts@gmail.com. These are mixed, batik strips and will include long and short pieces in many colors. Each bag will contain at least 780 linear inches of strips (enough for your class project) and costs $45.

- 16 x 20 inch piece of thin 100% cotton muslin or batiste to use as design area.
- Box for organizing fabric strips. Clean, unused pizza boxes work well. For this project 2 pizza boxes are recommended. I use a 11 x 14 inch plastic box with sheets of paper as dividers.

  NOTE: You may pre-order pizza boxes by e-mailing the instructor at betterdonequilts@gmail.com. Pizza boxes are 12 x 12 inches and are $1.00 each.

- RECCOMENDED – Photos of landscapes or seascapes for inspiration.
- RECCOMENDED - Phone with a camera.
- OPTIONAL – 16 x 20 inches of ultra-lightweight fusible interfacing.

September 2026 Show and Tell







Anita with a fall themed quilt above left and a beautiful, framed panel above.

Left - Anita with a breast cancer donation quilt containing the various colors that represent the various types of breast cancer.

September 2026 Show and Tell



Above, Betty T. with a beautiful one block wonder.

Right – Susan B. with an Iridescent string quilt.

Below left – Julie T. with a quilt made from a boy's onesies; and a quilt for the child made from the leftover fabrics on the right.







September 2026 Show and Tell





Top Row - Nikki H. with two quilt tops for Quilts of Valor.



Donna N., Kim L., and Stephanie F. with Barn Quilt wall hangings they made together.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Anita Konzak-Turley, president, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's meeting featured a trunk show by two members of **Quilters by the Bay, Susan Stachelczyk** and **Mary Syre**. Both showed their very first quilts, made in the mid-1980's. They showed many different techniques they have used through the years: applique by hand and machine, paper piecing, hand and machine quilting, traditional and modern quilts, borders and no borders. The two long-time friends showed us many beautiful, inspiring quilts.

After a 10-minute break the business meeting began at 8:00 p.m.
Anita reported on **Upcoming programs**:
October: Karen Kehl of Better Done Quilts will present commemoration quilts. She will hold a workshop on Saturday, October 17 at NEWLIFE Church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
November 4: our guild will present a trunk show at Quilters by the Bay meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Anita if you would be interested in showing some of your work.
November: Edgar Chapman from Chapman Sew and Vac in Edgewater will talk to us about machine maintenance.
December: Holiday party
January: Rachel Rossi of Rachel Rossi Design will be our speaker.
February: member demonstrations. Please sign up if you have a technique to demonstrate.
March: Quilts of Valor (QOV) presentation.

Upcoming Events/Raffle Quilt: Hilke talked to us about Artsfest at AMG this month. She also spoke about the Calvert County Fair, September 30 through October 4. Help, please!
October 24: We will have a table at the Huntingtown United Methodist Church Knitters craft show. Volunteers are needed. Contact Hilke.
October 25: Festival in the Park at Kings Landing was presented by Janine Stone. We may have a booth there. Information to come.
Anita plans to have a raffle quilt committee meeting in October. Bring your ideas.

Raffle Tickets Kathy Cannon reported that she still has tickets for members to pick up.

Library Christine Tenney sent out an email with the updated list of books, including some checked out and not returned. She asked for suggestions for pricing so that we may sell them all.

Website We pay a fee for our website. However, we have paid our webmaster only once. An amount was allocated on the budget. Karen R. moved that we pay him the remainder of the funds after paying the fee for the website. Julie T. seconded it. It passed after discussion.

Membership Sue Huseby reported we have 34 paid members now. **Barbara L.** won the name badge drawing.

Sunshine Lillian Mair that a card was sent to Collette.

Pretty Pockets. A former member had been making these soft flannel pockets for mastectomy patients at CalvertHealth. She is moving out of state and passed them to **Karla Sisson.** Karla asked if someone wanted to continue this project. All necessary supplies are included. She also asked members to ask if other area hospitals would be interested in having some. Two members took a few to finish.

Treasurer Debbie Stanford gave the treasurer's report. A copy is in the newsletter.

Community Service. We will vote in November on whether we wish to make lap quilts for Safe Harbor, women and children. **Julie T**. reported that she has Hobbs 80/20 batting for us to use.

Block of the Month. Many QOV blocks were turned in. Thank you! **Marlene Diehl** has them for her group to put together.
Karen Richardson suggested an individual, modified Round Robin. For next month decide what you wish to make, colors, and your center. See information in this newsletter.

Monthly Raffle. **Karen Richardson** won.

Anita is planning a budget/board meeting for October.

Show and Tell. Presenters were **Betty T, Anita T, Susan B, Julie T, Stephanie F, Kimberly L, Donna C,** and **Nikki H.**

Business was concluded. Hilke H moved we adjourn. Betty T seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Block of the Month: Round-Robin #1 (of 8) - The Start

Don't worry, this is not a traditional Round-Robin quilting exercise; You will be your own round-robin and do your own piecing and quilting. Each month, you will add to your creation following the guidelines given for the month. A variety of blocks and techniques will be used throughout the process. In the end you will have a beautiful, unique creation. The possibilities are endless; it might be a quilt, a wall hanging, coordinating table runners, pillows, wearable art - whatever you decide!

This month you have three decisions to make:

1) What do you want to make?
2) What colors are you going to use?
3) What will you do for your starting block and its size?

Your creation starts with a center block, which can be any size – 4", 6", 8", 9", etc. What is your center block going to be? A medallion? A star block, such as an Ohio Star? An embroidered design? A monogram? A photo?

I'm trying to scrap bust and therefore am making a scrappy lap quilt; my center block is a 6" (finished) crazy quilt block. If you want to start with a **crazy quilt block**, here is a link to help you create your own crazy quilt block: CRAZY QUILT BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS.

I cannot wait to see what everyone creates!

Karen Richardson
Block of the Month