CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
September 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, September 8, 7:00 pm.

Next Board Meeting: TBD.

October Newsletter Deadline: September 20.

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Presidents Message



September – already!!! This is the month where we set up at AMG (beginning September 18 with booth open from September 19 - 20) and at the Calvert County Fair (September 30 – October 4). Don't forget to finish your projects and get them handed in to Hilke so they can be part of the Guild sales. And don't forget the library sew-ins!!

A quick reminder that Andrea Elwyn will have limited availability and will be working in the background managing programs. Easier said, please have patience setting up and taking part in upcoming programs and enrollment. Two upcoming events will be very cool – trunk show from the Quilters by the Bay in September (we reciprocate in November), and in October, a presentation from Karen Kehl with a class the following Saturday, October 17. If I forget, please track me down to register and pay the $20 for the class (which will be reimbursed when you attend). The newsletter has more info on the class and what is needed.

I recently read a great article from the New York Times on the comforting resurgence of 'Grandma Hobbies'. Yes, please! Members of the Millennial and Gen Z generations are including quilting classes as part of their new hobbies, partially for the skills, but as the article indicates, "the learning

[of] handicrafts offers a way to reclaim a sense of community as well as traditional skills". I know we see that working with the 4-H kids already. Let's spread the word!!!

Anita

Upcoming Programs and Workshops

September 8, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church, Quilters by the Bay (QBB) Quilt Guild Trunk Show. Members from QBB will join our meeting and bring quilts to show. In a reciprocal agreement, members from our guild will do a Trunk Show at their quilt guild meeting on Nov. 4, 9:30 am (Church of Ascension, 21641 Great Mills Rd, Lexington Park.



October 13, 2026, 7:00 pm, at NEWLIFE Church. 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 TBD. 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



Nov. 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!

September Birthdays



Debbie	Lenhart	September 10
Lillian	Mair	September 15
Mary	Seger	September 28
Joan	Shimski	September 30

Of Special Note

Membership



Our membership year runs from July 2026 to June 2027. Yearly dues of $30 are due now. **Sue Huseby** is collecting them at the Membership table when you sign in. **To remain a member on the roster, please pay by the end of September.** Dues of $30 can be made out to the "Calvert County Quilt Guild" and mailed to the P.O. Box below if you are unable to attend a meeting.

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Library Sessions

Listed below are dates for tagging items for Annmarie Garden Artsfest. Questions? Contact Hilke.

Sept. 3	**Prince Frederick**	**12:30-6**	**Room 3**
Sept. 11	**Fairview**	**12-5**	**Large Room**

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Please have all donations of boutique items for Artsfest at Annmarie Garden in by our September 8 meeting or September 11 at the Fairview library.

Artsfest Schedule

Friday	**Sept. 18**	**Setup 10 to 4; need 8 people**
Saturday and Sunday	**Sept. 19 and 20**	**Prep at 9am; sales 10am to 5pm**

There will be three shifts per day with six volunteers to cover two tents:

Shift 1 – 9am to 12pm (early time opening tents/prepping
Shift 2 – 12pm to 3pm
Shift 3 – 3pm to 5pm

Volunteers will get a free pass. Sign up with a friend, it's fun! Send an email or text message to Hilke to signup.



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



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!

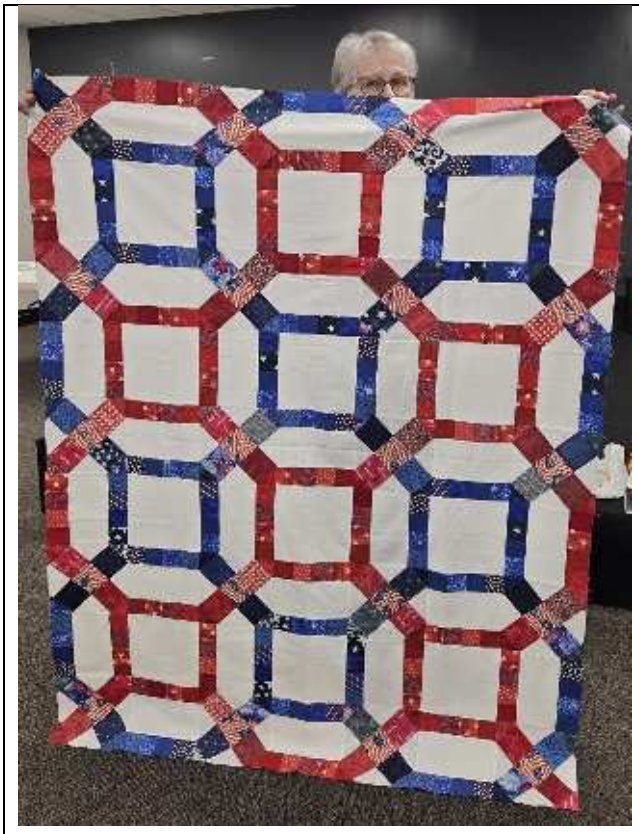
  NOTE: You may pre-order a bag of 1¼ inch wide strips by e-mailing the instructor at betterdonequilts@gmail.com. These are mixed, batik strips and will include long and short pieces in many colors. Each bag will contain at least 780 linear inches of strips (enough for your class project) and costs $45.

- 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.

August 2026 Show and Tell





Above left- Marlene with a Quilt of Valor (QoV)
Above right and below left – Nikki with two QoV
Below right – Betty with a duck themed baby quilt





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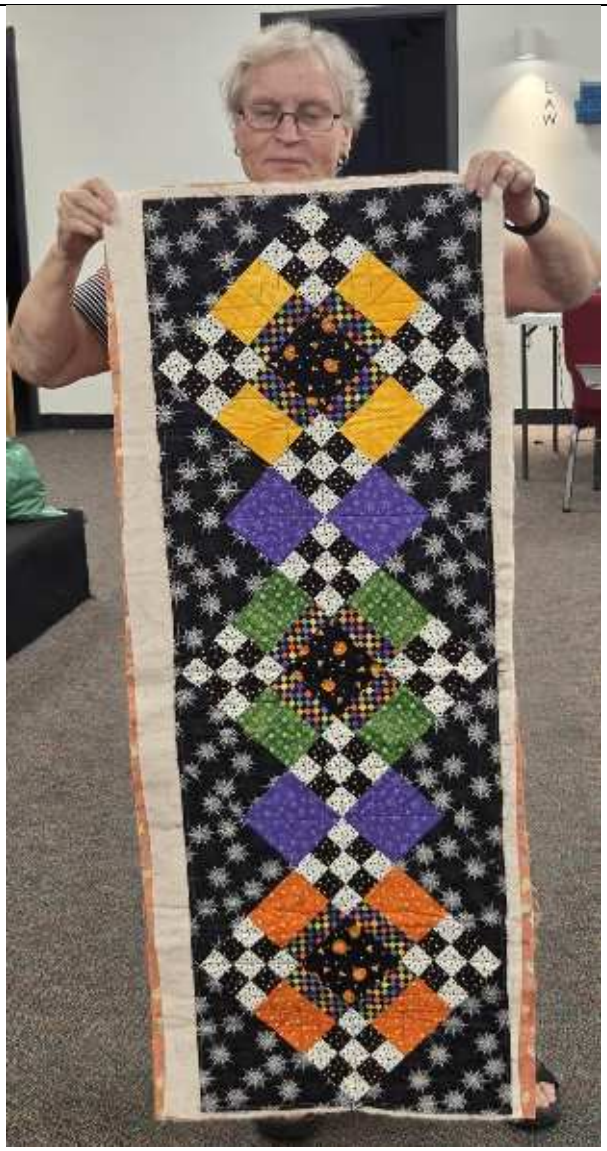


Above left – Betty made umbrella themed table runners with flange binding from Andrea's demo

Above right - Anita with Halloween themed table runners from donated blocks

Left - Kathy with a fall themed bench pillow all done on the embroidery machine

August 2026 Show and Tell





Left - Hilke with a Halloween table runner

Above – Kathy made a pillow with a pink truck for breast cancer awareness

For your listening pleasure, two quilting parodies from Autumn Hollow Patchwork:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8YWVURnTXM

And for you Jennie Doan fans:

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

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

A Sew-in began at 5:00 pm in the Theater Room of NEWLIFE Church.

President Anita Konzak Turley opened the business meeting at 7:10 p.m.
Minutes for July: **Betty Tilley** made a motion to approve the minutes as written in the newsletter. **Marlene Diehl** seconded the motion.

Vice-President Andea Elwyn has been reassigned at work and will not be able to attend our meetings before March of 2027. She could use someone to help her with her duties. **Karla Sisson** received her key for our meeting location.

Anita reported on upcoming programs:

- September: Members of Quilters by the Bay will hold a trunk show. We will return the favor at their November 4 meeting at 9:30 a.m. More information to come.
- October: Karen Kehl of Better Done Quilts will present Commemoration Quilts. She will hold a workshop on Saturday, October 17, currently scheduled at the church.
- November: Currently planning a meeting of discussion…anything quilts!
- December: Holiday party.
- January: Speaker
- February or March: A Quilts of Valor presentation.

Upcoming Events/Raffle Quilt. **Hilke** has scheduled tagging and pricing sessions at the libraries:

- August 25 Prince Frederick branch noon to 5:00, room 3.
- September 3 Prince Frederick 12:30 to 6:00, room 3.
- September 11 Fairview branch noon to 5:00.

Please have all donations of boutique items for *Artsfest at Annmarie Garden* in by September 8 (meeting) or September 11 (library).
Artsfest set up is September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00.
The event will be held September 19 and 20. Hilke had a sign-up sheet. More help is needed each day.
We will again have a booth at the *Calvert County Fair*, September 30 through October 4, with September 29 for setup. Please see Hilke to help.

Raffle Tickets
Kathy Cannon reported one person turned in money for tickets. She still has tickets for members. Please see her for yours!

Membership
Sue Huseby reported we have 31 paid members. She is also scheduling another 4-H session soon.

Sunshine
Lillian Mair reported cards were sent to Andrea and Collette.

Treasurer
Debbie Stanford gave the current treasurer's report which will be included in the next newsletter.
Anita is planning a budget meeting for September. See by-laws for who should attend.

Audit Report
Karla Sisson and **Pat Ford** audited the July 2025 to June 2026 treasury binder. They met with Debbie this evening, clarifying a couple items, making a couple suggestions. Karla reminded all guild members that receipts must be presented for reimbursement. The audit form was signed and placed in the binder.

Block of the Month
Karen Richardson was unable to attend but did talk with Anita. Please make a 12.5" X 12.5" (unfinished size) red, white, and blue STAR block to donate for next month. These will be given to Quilts of Valor. Star of your choice!

Monthly Raffle
Debbie Stanford presented many items and **Janice McBain** won.

Show & Tell
Presenters were **Marlene D, Betty T, Anita T, Nikki H, Kathy C, Hilke H.**

Business was concluded. **Marlene D** moved that we adjourn. **Betty T** seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Members could stay to continue working on projects until 9:00 p.m.