CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
December 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Wednesday of the month) start at 7 pm and are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick. We meet in the large room to the right as you enter the building. The doors will be unlocked at 6:30 if you want to come early to stitch and chat!

Meeting Cancellation Policy: If Calvert County Public Schools are closed or have an early dismissal due to weather conditions, the guild meeting is cancelled.

Next Meeting: December 16

January Newsletter Deadline: Dec. 20

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Must have a membership to access. Contact Betty Tilley at btilley@smart.net

Calvert Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/

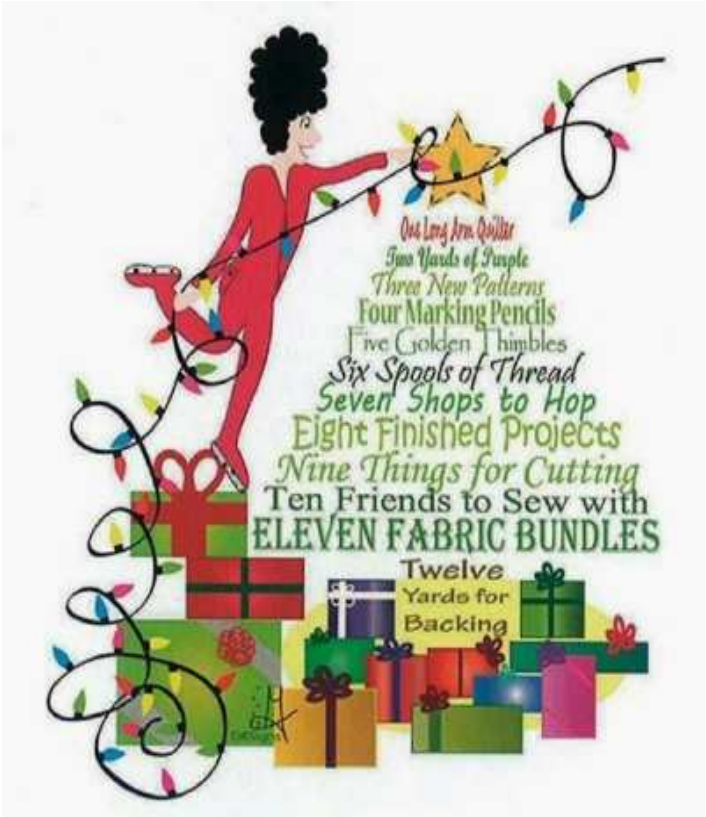
President's Corner

Happy holidays to you all!

The holidays can be so hectic and full of stress, so I'm hoping you will each be able to take a breath and enjoy finishing up your gift projects, shopping, wrapping cooking or just enjoying family, friends and neighbors. After all, your relationships are what life is all about. Whatever holiday you celebrate, have fun, be happy, reflect on the past year and look forward to the new!

Happy quilting,

Pat Blackford, President



Upcoming Programs:

We are starting out with a UFO Sit & Sew at the Fairview Library in Owings, **Dec. 4th,** from 12-4:30pm. Bring your own projects and chat and sew! Love to see lots of people come! Get your Xmas projects finished! We are setting up some mentoring contacts. If you have a question about a technique or a project you are working on, we will have a list of contacts for you to call. Or someone will meet you at the church prior to the meeting to lend a hand!

December 16: Holiday Party at our December meeting. We have opted for potluck and everyone is invited to bring an appetizer to share. Savory, Sweet, or Spicy! The Guild will provide drinks and paper products. There will be a game of Bunco with prizes and lots of fun.

The drawing for the 2015 Raffle Quilt will also take place at the December meeting! Please return your ticket stubs and ticket payments to **Kate McMinn** at the meeting if you have not done so already. If you have outstanding tickets and will not be able to get them to Kate before the drawing, contact her so she can make arrangements to get them from you.

January 13: Sit & Sew from 6-9pm at the church. Bring your machine and come have some fun! In January we will also be doing a charm pack swap. Bring an unopened charm pack (one you bought, but never ended up using) to trade off. We will throw them all on the table and draw numbers to pick. January is a good month for a member demo. Everyone has ideas and talents that can be shared. Even revisiting previous demos is a good refresher. Please let Julie know if you have an idea that you would like to share.

February 10: Sit & Sew from 6-9pm at the church. Bring your machine and come have some fun as you finish your UFO's!



A mystery quilt will be presented this winter in February. Here's how the mystery quilt works: The fabric requirements and cutting instructions are given the first week. Construction steps are posted in the following months -- just enough to keep you guessing! At the end of the mystery, everyone brings in their quilt tops to show.

Saturday Workshop Alert!

Saturday, March 12th we will have **Barbara Cline** presenting a workshop from her new book, "Amazingly Simple Triangle Stars".



Sunshine: If you know of any Guild member or loved one who is seriously ill, undergoing surgery, etc., please inform Sunshine Committee **Barbara Lingle**. If you would like to send cards, or well wishes to a Guild Member, please contact Barbara at bahlingle@comcast.net.

December Birthdays



Our December birthday girl is **Kathy Gerardy**. She is celebrating on December 4. Enjoy your special day!

Of Special Note:

Membership:

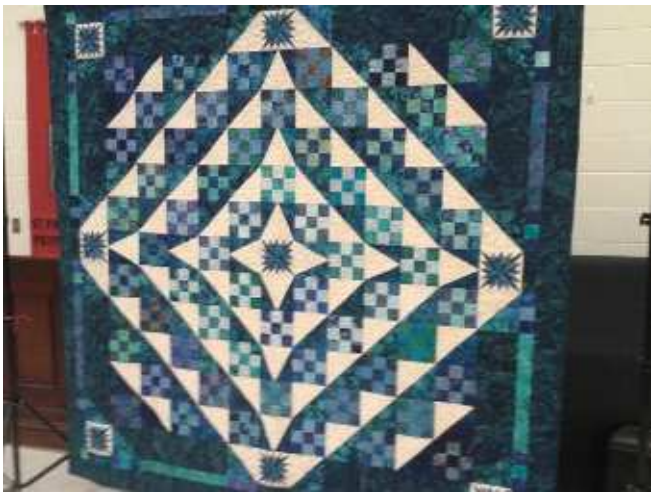
A new member joined the guild, **Karla Sisson**. She lives in Owings. Welcome Karla!

If you have not received your Guild membership card or need a new badge holder, please see **Jan**

McBain. Just a friendly reminder that everyone should be wearing their badge at the meetings.

Raffle Quilt 2016:

Hilke Hoefer is collecting "watery" blue, teal, and green batiks for the 2016 Raffle Quilt in 2-1/2 inch strips. Please bring them to the December meeting. We will be scheduling a separate sit and sew to help her make basic nine patch blocks for the quilt. Any extras will be put into a smaller charity quilt for our 2016 charity. All are invited, details to follow. Quick, easy, and everyone can have fun participating! The quilt pattern is based on the quilt shown below but with some modifications to make it unique. It will be stunning!



Raffle Quilt organized by Hilke several years ago for the Church that is similar to our 2016 Raffle Quilt

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events:

4-6 December - Bellwether Dry Goods, Lothian, MD. 10am-4pm, Open House and Quilt Sale. 40-60% off all quilts displayed in the tents. Go to www.bellwetherdrygoods.com for more info.

January 7-9, 2016, World Quilt Florida
Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL

24-27 February 2016 - American Quilter's Society is hosting the new "AQS Quilt Week" in Daytona Beach, FL. Further information can be found on www.quiltweek.com/locations/daytona.

25-28 February 2016 - Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, Virginia. Go to http://www.quiltfest.com for more information.

16-19 March 2016 - American Quilter's Society is hosting the new "AQS Quilt Week" in Lancaster, PA. Further information can be found on www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster.

Community Service:

Hilke is going to present the group with a charity for the Guild to make small quilts. This will be the charity project of 2016. Quilts donated will be either baby, lap, or throw sized. She will let us know which charity it is at the December Christmas party and you'll have 10-11 months to make your quilt.

Opportunities to make and donate quilts:

Empty Bowl Supper with the auction - if you are interested in making a quilt to auction, contact **Linda Murphy**

Harvest Ball - Calvert County Memorial Foundation - if you are interested in donating a quilt to auction off, contact **Allison Korb** to get a copy of the form to donate a quilt.

November 11, 2015
Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

Stevii Graves was the speaker tonight. She's from Virginia. She conducted a successful workshop today on string piecing.



Some of the Workshop participants showing off their blocks

At the evening lecture, Stevii discussed tools for quilting that can be found in unusual places such as the hardware store, grocery store, automotive store, office supply store, pet store, etc. It was a very intriguing conversation.

Business Meeting

President Pat Blackford called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm. Pat mentioned that she got a letter from the City of Bowie. Blair Mansion is hosting quilting bees starting in December. They are looking for hand quilters. No long-term commitment. No experience required. If interested, let Pat know.

Book Report – Kathy Gerardy gave a book report on the Farmer's Wife 1930's quilt. It's a quilt sampler. 5000 women are on Facebook for this quilt along.

Minutes – No changes to last month's minutes. Betty Tilley motioned to approve. Kathy Gerardy provided a second.

Membership – One new member, Karla Sisson joined the Guild.

Treasurer Report – provided by Allison Korb. See details on page 6 of the newsletter.

Programs – Julie Trollinger:

Action Items- December 4th – Sewing at Fairview Library from 12-5.

Jan and Feb – sit and sew on our Wednesday night meetings. Bring your machine, projects, etc.
Charm pack swap in 2016.
Mini-demo sign up.

Xmas party – will play Bunco on 12/9. Decided on potluck / appetizers for guild. Julie looking for help for party.

Barbara Cline triangle class on Saturday, 3/12, at public library.

Allison Korb led a discussion on the guild and wants to increase personal interaction and fun.

Newsletter – Susan Blanton needs all items by the 20th of each month.

Community Service - Hilke Reid Hoefer to come up with groups to donate to for 2016.

Raffle –Nikki Huffstutler. Debra Huebner won.

Raffle Quilt Update – Hilke handed out a quilt to consider for next year's raffle. Needs watery blues and green materials. Would like the material in 2 ½" strips. Needs experts for foundation piecing. Lots of batiks. Wants to use seashells or marine life materials.

Block of the Month – Nancy Jo won.

Show and Tell:
Janice McBain
Nikki Huffstutler
Lynda Gallagher
Susan Blanton
Kathy Gerardy
Elizabeth Sawyer
Pat Blackford



Pat's beautiful quilt

EVERYONE BRING RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONIES AT NEXT MEETING.

Meeting was adjourned 9 pm by Betty Tilley, Debra Huebner provided the second.

