CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
December 2016 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 14

January Newsletter Deadline: December 20

Guild E-mail Address:

:info@calvertcountyquiltguild.org

Guild Snail Mail Address:

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Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Guild Yahoo Group Address:

calvertquiltguild@yahoogroups.com

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

Calvert Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/

President's Message



Please bring your completed 2017 Raffle Quilt blocks to the December meeting. I would like to begin arranging the squares at that meeting so everyone has the opportunity for some input. This will allow time to get it sewn and to Allison by January 1. I know this project has been a challenge for many and hope you all were willing to at least give it a go! I certainly enjoyed helping those that reached out for assistance.

And now, a story . . .

A couple of years ago I was in a long line at BWI airport trying to get thru security (you know, the kind that make us all feel like cattle) and had my small Singer sewing machine in a soft case with me. It was getting heavy so I had put it on the ground and was sliding it along on the floor with my foot. The line was moving very slowly for some unknown reason and the people around me were getting impatient and testy. At some point, a lady in the line next to me touched my shoulder and asked me if I was a fighter. Totally gobsmacked, I asked her why she thought that. Her answer: "Well, your carryon luggage says 'Featherweight' on the front so I thought it probably contained stuff for boxing and maybe you either fought or were a coach." I couldn't help but laugh and really hope I didn't embarrass her too badly when I responded with "No, it's a 'Featherweight' sewing machine". Everyone in the immediate vicinity cracked up as well and actually began to chat (not grumble) with one another. Glad my machine and I could be of some service that day!

Hope you all had a happy, joyful Thanksgiving. I'm truly thankful to be able to call you all friends.

Pat Blackford

Upcoming Programs:



December 14 – 6:00 pm - Holiday Party – the meeting will start with a pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite appetizers, entrees, side dishes, or desserts. It's Pot Luck!
We will also have a Yankee Gift Exchange. If interested, bring in a wrapped, quilt related item that has a $15 - $20 value.

Our Holiday gift to the community this year will be to support the Heart FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) mission at St. Paul's. Heart FELT fills backpacks with food for school children that, otherwise, would have nothing to eat. You may bring food items or donate cash or check. If you are planning on giving a check, make it payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write Heart FELT in the memo section.

St. Paul's is currently serving 37 children at Calvert Elementary School. Each weekend they send home a backpack filled with food. On a regular two-day weekend, they send food for two breakfasts, two lunches and three suppers. All items must be individually wrapped.

Suggested items are those that would be packed in school lunch or eaten for snacks. Canned items should be small cans (7oz). Nothing perishable.

Breakfast bars	Granola Bars
Cup of noodles	Canned meats
Fruit chews	Small packs pretzels
Juice boxes	Hot Chocolate packs
Little Debbie items	Oatmeal packets
Mac & Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Pop tarts	Cheese crackers
Small cookie packs	Pudding cups
Soup	Spaghetti
Vegetables	Fruit, small packs



The highlight of the evening will be drawing the winning ticket for our beautiful 2016 Raffle Quilt. Make sure that **Kate McMinn** has your money and ticket stubs!



December Birthdays

Kathy	Gerardy	December 4
Elizabeth	Hubbard	December 27

Happy Birthday to all!

Of Special Note:



2017 Greenbelt Courthouse Show - Call for Quilts

It's that time again when we start to gather the quilts for the annual exhibit at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, MD.
The exhibit will hang for three months from January 30-April 24, 2017. If you would like to show your quilt, please RSVP to this invitation by emailing me at **hrhilke@comcast.net** with the following information.

1. A digital photo of the quilt, its name, and dimensions (W x L).
2. Your name, address and phone.

Deadline for entries is January 15, 2017. You may enter one or two quilts, depending on their size. If accepted, a confirmation will be sent to you with drop off times and places. Quilts must hang from Monday, January 30 (hanging day) to Monday, April 24, 2017 (take down day). There is a limited number of spaces for large quilts so these will be accepted on a first come basis. All quilts must have a hanging sleeve at least 3" wide and a label on the back with your name.
Help is needed with the hanging of the show. Please contact me if you can help. You do not need to have an entry in the show, just be able to work and have fun. You don't have to be able to climb ladders. Husbands and friends who can climb ladders are welcome. It takes a crew of 12-15 people to hang all the quilts within 5-6 hours. We start at 10am.
Once up, the show is free and open to the public during regular courthouse hours: M-F, 9-5. The courthouse address is: U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD.
If you have any questions, please contact me by email, **hrhilke@comcast.net** or phone, 410-257-4569.

Community Service:



The date to give the quilts to Calvert Memorial Hospital for the Infusion Center is Monday, December 19, at 11:00am. **Debra Huebner** will be meeting Amy Brady in the lobby. CMH will post pictures on their Facebook page and will send on to the newspaper. If you have a quilt to donate, please see Debra before December 19.
For 2017, it was voted that CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, would be our charity. CASA is a national organization with chapters in the local area. Their volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives. Our goal is to make quilts for as many children as we possibly can.



Jan McBain has received from a friend donated boxes of fabric and unfinished quilt tops from her mother who has moved into an assisted living home and unable to do any more quilting. Jan will be bringing these boxes to our next meeting for anyone who wishes to have them. She also has sewing machines for sale and if anyone is interested they can contact MaryJo Bevard at 301-855-8306. Jan will have pictures at the meeting to view.
The machines for sale:

1. Bernina Activa 135 - one owner, well kept/gently used, recently serviced, all original attachments plus extras, soft carrying case. $400.00
2. Brother-project runway Serger, used twice, like new, original attachments. $300.00
3. Pfaff 2144-combination sewing/embroidery, single owner, all original attachments, embroidery unit, 2 hoops/placement guide, transfer cable, foot pedal/power cord, owner's manual, upgraded to 2170. Downloaded "Serpentine Stitch"--$1000.00

Also Jan has several items for sale:

1. Brother PQ1500S sewing machine, used twice, was $1300.00, for sale at $500.00.
2. Alto's Quilt Cut 2-fabric cutting system, hardly used-$100.00.

Contact **Jan McBain** - 410-286-7001



UFO Challenge. Our UFO Challenge will run through February. The rules are:

1) Project has to be at least a 36" square or contain 2 yards of fabric;
2) Project should have more than two hours of work yet to do on it;
3) You must register projects for the challenge and for every UFO finished (quilted and bound), you will receive a special raffle ticket.

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events:

February 9-12, 2017, Birds of a Feather The Longarm Network Machine Quilting Education Event, Newport News, VA. www.thelongarmnetwork.com. Registration is open.

February 23-26 2017, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 540-786-2289.

http://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival





Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting

9 November 2016

Meeting commenced at: 7:10pm

Minutes - Motion to accept the minutes were made, and seconded.



Treasurer's Report - Treasurer updated the guild on the court case for unpaid monies. No response was received; next step to file a motion for the guilty party to appear in court and answer questions before a judge under oath to cover assets. $500 was allotted for the filing; the guild has invested less than $200. A motion was made before the guild to vote whether to continue the suit, as we possibly approach the statute of limitations (possibly 10 years).

Christmas Meeting Charity for 2016 - Heart FELT Project fills backpacks (limit 6 lbs.) with small single serving food items for children to take home on weekends and holidays. We are still collecting donations and/or checks payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Anita might have the list of preferred items from last year; Pat will email to us when she has available. Bring contributions to December meeting.

NOTE: Debra still collecting lap quilts for the Infusion Center at the Calvert Memorial Hospital. Deadline is next month.
She suggested we call newspapers to take pictures when we present them and will call her hospital contact to schedule the time and date.

Charity Suggestions for 2017 -

CASA, serves approximately 60 children in Tri-County area (Debra Heubner will get number of children in Calvert County)

Hope to have every child in program in Calvert County receive their own quilt.

Depending on number, we may have to select by age group and do either quilts or pillow cases with kids' themes.

Anita Konzak moved to select CASA for 2017. Betty Tilley seconded. Motion approved.

December Meeting / Christmas Party -

Pot Luck dinner, bring your specialty.

Gift Exchange - maximum $15-20; wrapped with no markings. All those bringing a wrapped gift will be given a number. The gifts will be opened, starting with #1. The next person can "steal a gift" from a previously opened gift. Gifts can only be "stolen" twice. After two times, it can no longer be stolen.



Suggestion made to start at 6pm for dinner and gifts; Pat will check with the church to confirm time and availability.

Membership - Jan reminded members to sign in when they arrive.

Publicity - We are still interested in using social media to advertise Guild ($20 cap). Allison volunteered to schedule a one-time ad, $5 a day for 4 days to see results. She will also contact SoMD Online which is free.

Raffle Quilt Sales - Kate McMinn and Pat Blackford had our quilt at Material Girls last Saturday and sold $84 in tickets. Elizabeth Sawyer will be at Material Girls on Saturday; anyone who can join her is welcome. There is a bus scheduled to stop this weekend.

Newsletter - Items due to Susan Blanton by 20 November.

Monthly Raffle - Anita Konzak is the winner.

Block of the Month - Nikki Huffstutler is the winner

No block for December – use the time to work on your own Christmas gifts!



Karla Sisson (she has a quilt block approved for the Barn Quilt Trail)
Elizabeth Sawyer
Anita Konzak
Nikki Huffstutler
Marlene Diehl.

Programs - Julie is trying to find people who offer different techniques or are local. Prices for guest speakers are going up so she is trying to stay in budget. She has been in contact with Linda Cooper, who makes Kinetic quilts: unique 2-sided mobile-like art quilts. Passed around an information sheet.

UPCOMING SHOWS/EVENTS –
November 11-13 - Quilters Quest continues
December 4-6 - Bellwether Open House & Quilt Sale, Lothian
February 9-12 - Birds of a Feather
February 23 - Hampton Roads
March 3-12 - Shop Hop on Delaware Eastern Shore
March 18-19 - Baltimore Heritage Expo.

Elections - Pat announced the elections will be coming up in June. **Please give serious thought to volunteering for an office or committee chairmanship**. All new committee members will need to be voted in.

Meeting adjourned - motion made by Betty Tilley; seconded by Debra Huebner.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.



Members continued workshop for Cinco de Mayo quilt.