CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
March 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7 pm and are held at Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Room 113, Prince Frederick. The room will be available at 6:00 pm 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 Guild Meeting: March 10

Next Board Meeting: March 3, 7 pm, at Fairview Library.

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20

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http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/



President's Message

National Quilting Day is March 21st. How will you celebrate?

In June 1991, (the now disbanded) National Quilting Association at its 22nd annual show in Lincoln, Nebraska passed a resolution creating our special day. It is observed the third Saturday in March and it quickly took on a global following.

Starting in 2016, National Quilting Day is now supported by the Quilt Alliance. Check out their web site for suggestions on how to celebrate the day and for downloadable patterns and projects. https://quiltalliance.org/nationalquiltingday/

Also, check out this newsletter for some local suggestions on how to celebrate. On Friday, March 20th the guild will be at the Prince Frederick Library for our "sit 'n sew". On the 21st or 22nd, you might want to take a short trip to Bowie to view the Southern Comforters Quilt Show.

Whatever you choose, I hope you will take some time to celebrate our "special" day.

Marlene

Upcoming Programs

March 10 – Jennifer Edwards from Safe Harbor, one of our community service projects, will speak and tell us more about what they do for women and children in the community.

In addition, if any guild members would like to share Quilting tips, helpful websites, videos, TV shows, etc. with the guild, please contact Debbie Lenhart.

April 14 – Ginny Brown, of **Brown Rabbit Quilts**, will share a lecture and trunk show focusing on her quilting experience and techniques as a certified Deb Tucker Studio 180 design instructor.

May 12 – Linda Poole – Quilted Journey Around the World, Seeing the World through the Quilter's Eye. See what inspires quilters from travels abroad or within their own countries.



June 9 – End of year party with a Sweet Sixteen theme to celebrate our 16th anniversary.



March Birthdays

Karla	Sisson	March 2
Michelle	Roberts	March 20
Elizabeth	Sawyer	March 23

Of Special Note

Membership

We have two new members. **Joan Shimski** of Hollywood, MD, and **Vix Plante** of Aquasco, MD. Welcome to the guild!

Condolences

It was announced at the February meeting that long time member **Sue White** passed away on February 8 after a long illness. Our condolences go out to her family. Contributions can be made in her name to Calvert Hospice. https://calverthospice.org/

Block of the Month



Anita Konzak-Turley has let us know that she will be resigning as the Block of the Month chairperson. In this role she selects and prints patterns and is responsible for the Block-of-the-Month drawing at the guild meeting. Anita will be happy to work with her replacement during a transition. Please let Anita or another board member know if you are interested in this fun, creative way to serve the guild.

Future Guild Sewing Dates

Please join us in any of the times listed below. Our workshops are fun, productive and great for getting to know fellow guild members better. **Hilke Hoefer** has scheduled the following sewing dates for any and all sewing projects:

- Friday, March 20, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, March 30, Fairview Library, Large room, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Friday, April 3, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, April 27, Fairview Library, Large room, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Solomons Library Sew and Share

Lynda Gallagher has reserved the Solomons Library Meeting Room for sewing for Guild members living closer to that location. All are welcome. The next session will be:

- Monday, March 30, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

CCQG Challenge: Are you ready?

Calvert County Quilt Guild Challenge

September 2019-April 2020

Theme: A Visit to the Hardware Store

Rules:

1. Execute a quilt with a minimum ***perimeter*** of 60 inches. The maximum size is 100 inches.
2. The quilt must contain items found in a hardware store, either in the quilt itself or in the embellishments.
3. The quilt must have three layers and be completed. Completed means quilted with no raw edges on the perimeter (or binding clips), a hanging sleeve and a label.
4. There will be two prizes awarded:
    a. Highest number of hardware items utilized. Keep a list. It could be part of your label. Be honest, Ladies!
    b. Guild favorite, as voted on by the populace.
5. You are free to design and embellish to your heart's content. No rules here.
6. This challenge will run September 2019 through April 2020. Winners will be determined at the April 2020 meeting.
7. At April's meeting, you are to bring your hardware creation in a sealed, brown paper bag. There will be a table set up for you to place your sealed bag. Two persons not partaking in the challenge will be assigned to open and display the quilts. Voting will take place during our break. Votes will be tabulated by at least two members. Winners will be announced in the latter part of the business meeting.

Upcoming Workshops: Please Select from the Two Options for April and May and Sign Up

If you are interested in the April 18th workshop with **Ginny Brown** for LeMoyne Trails or Cut Crystals Wedge Star using Deb Tucker rulers (contact JoMarie Coster) or the May 12th workshop on the Dragon Fly Star or the Monarch Butterfly with **Linda Poole** (contact Marcia Smith) and/or sign up at the side table at the March meeting.

Community Service

Please keep in mind our two community service projects for this year. Contact **JoMarie Coster** with any questions. These can be done at the library sewing sessions or on your own.

1. **Safe Harbor** is a shelter for abused women and children. **We are making quilts, pillow cases, or large tote bags that they can use and take with them when they leave the shelter.** The quilts will be for mothers and children. Size is up to you, but should be at least 50" x 60" for moms and teenage children. Children's quilts should be approximately 40" x 45". These are just suggested dimensions.
2. **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland**. Their clients receive a tote bag with diapers and wipes, so they would gladly accept any tote bags we can make, no larger than 14" square. Care Net will fill them with the needed supplies.

Upcoming Regional and Quilting Events



https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/

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March 7, 2020 at 10 am- *Registration* begins for July 10-12 classes at MAQ (Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.) at Gettysburg College.
http://www.maqonline.org/

Southern Comforters Quilt Guild



2020 Raffle Quilt

The Best Little Quilt Show in Maryland

March 21-22, 2020

Bowie High School
ANNEX
3021 Belair Drive
Bowie, MD







Show and Tell February 2020 Meeting















Show and Tell February 2020 Meeting






Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

7:00 PM - Guild member **Debbie Deboodt** demonstrated how she uses her Brother ScanNCut (https://www.brother-usa.com/home/cutting-machines/scanncut/scanncut-dx) to create applique designs.

Business meeting began at 7:45 PM.
January meeting minutes were approved by **Jane Roxey** and seconded by **Donna Porter**.

Programs
Debbie Lenhart spoke regarding upcoming programs. She referred members to the newsletter for scheduled lectures and workshops. She asked members to sign up to talk about their favorite tools, tips, websites or other favorite quilting tips for the March 10th meeting. She asked if you were interested in the April 18th workshop for LeMoyne Trails or Cut Crystals Wedge Star or the May 12th workshop on the Dragon Fly Star or the Monarch Butterfly to sign up at the side table. She announced that **Augusta Cole** will be coming in October with her lecture "Scrap Party" and a workshop called "Curved Log Cabin."

Debbie L. also requested to be given any items for Safe Harbor, Care Net or Quilts of Valor so she can pass them on to **JoMarie Coster** who was unable to attend this evening. She mentioned that JoMarie is asking that tote bags for CareNet be approximately 15 x15.



The treasurer's report was given by **Debbie Deboodt**. She let members know that copies of the current budget were available on the table for anyone interested. Karla Sisson asked if the table for the Calvert Arts Festival at All Saint's Episcopal Church was paid, and Debbie said it had. Marlene later noted that a check had been issued for this in July.

Block of the Month
The block this month was a Quilts of Valor square which JoMarie will turn into a quilt. Next month's block will be "Unwoven Nine Patch" in spring colors. Instructions will be published in the next newsletter. **Anita Konzak-Turley** also announced she will be retiring from her job next year and moving to New Mexico shortly thereafter. She requested that someone volunteer to start working with her to take over the BOM project. Please contact Anita if you are interested.

Membership
Sue Huesby, membership chair, announced we had 27 members and 3 guests in attendance. We had one guest, **Vix Plante**, who joined the guild. We now have 54 members. **Sharon Burns** won the nametag raffle.

Miscellaneous
Marlene Diehl announced past member **Susan White** has passed away and her viewing will be held at Rausch Funeral Home on February 13 and the funeral will be at St. Anthony's in North Beach on February 14.

Hilke Hoefer reminded members that the open sewing day is Friday at the Prince Frederick library from 12-5 PM and to check the newsletter for other sewing dates as they are scheduled where the library had rooms available. She also said that the Greenbelt Courthouse Quilt Show is hung and available for viewing whenever the courthouse is open. The reception will be March 19th. If you would like to go as her guest, please let her know as she needs to RSVP.

Karla Sisson announced that the June potluck would be a Sweet Sixteen party to celebrate the guild's 16th anniversary. The sign-up lists for helpers and potluck dishes will be available at the May meeting.

Marlene Diehl again discussed the county regulation that does not allow any type of monetary transaction at any county owned building or facility. Therefore, we cannot sell raffle tickets, have other clubs sell tickets for their raffle quilts or let lecturers/instructors sell materials during meetings. She said the board is still looking into alternative meeting rooms.

Marlene put out a request for volunteers for the nominating committee for the upcoming election of a new President and Secretary. **Jane Roxey** and **Nikki Huffstutler** have volunteered. They need one more volunteer. Please contact either of them if you would like to help out.



Sue Huseby	**Kathy Cannon**
Ludmilla Hajdur-Stainbrook	**Lynda Gallagher**
Andrea Elwyn	**Jayne Roxey**
Julie Trollinger	**Susan Blanton**
Debbie Francisco	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.



Unwoven Nine Patch Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block..

	Focus – Spring colors/blenders 2 – 4 ½" squares 4 – 12 x 1 ½" strips
	Background – white/light off white – if using prints for focus, use blender/printed background. If using solid for focus, use solid background 2 – 4 ½" squares 4 – 12 x 1 ½" strips

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All seams ¼".

Pattern and instructions by Anita Konzak Turley.

Depending on who one talks with there will be an early spring, but only after we have those seasonal snows! Either way, spring is only a month, or so, away when it comes to living in Maryland. With that, it is time for a spring block to make a cute quilt or table runners or getting ready for a baby, graduation, or spring holiday.

1) Create four (4) sets of 12 ½" strips (a bit left over so allow for trimming) by sewing together one focus strip and one background strip. Press to the dark.

2) Out of each strip set made in Step 1, cut two (2) 4 ½" blocks and two (2) 1 ½" blocks. Set aside the 4 ½" blocks in sets of two for the next step. Set aside the total of eight (8) 2 ½" x 1 ½" blocks to complete in Step 4.

3) Using two (2) each of the 4 ½" x 2 ½" blocks made in step 2, sew a focus row onto a background row to make four (4) sets of striped 4 ½" square blocks. Trim to 4 ½" square, as needed. See Figure 1.

4) Using two (2) each of the 2 ½" x 1 ½" blocks, nest two pieces to make a checkerboard. Repeat this four times. Sew two (2) of the checkerboard sets together, repeat, and then sew the two created sets together to end with a trimmed, 4 ½" square of 16 checkerboard blocks. See Figure 2 and center block of Figure 3.

5) Following the figure above sew three rows together. Each of the 4 ½" solid blocks will be on opposite corners.

6) This is a very quick and easy block, so have fun with it! One word of assistance, by nesting your opposing colors when making the blocks will help in aligning the colors along with seam lines helping with precision of the piecing.

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3
		