CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
August 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: August 10

September Newsletter Deadline: August 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 Message

Let's Quilt! Not piece, but actually quilt! Yup I said QUILT! **Elizabeth Hubbard** is going to attend August's meeting and bring her box of tips and tricks and show us how easy it is to quilt our own tops.

You can bring your machine and your hospital quilt OR a simple sandwich of fabric and batting. Elizabeth suggests a fat quarter sandwich for a practice piece. If you don't want to bring your machine, Elizabeth will have paper and pencil for you to draw out some ideas.

Elizabeth will also come to some of the sit & sew library sessions and assist anyone with their quilting. You just need to let her know that you are planning to bring your top and machine and are ready to quilt and if her schedule permits, she will be there.

2017 Raffle Quilt



Karen K. Stone has graciously given us permission to use her Cinco de Mayo pattern for our new raffle quilt. We will be on the lookout for a multi-colored fabric for the backing. This fabric will be used as our color palate for the blocks. If you see something that you think is exciting, please share with Elizabeth and she will put together a selection for us to choose from.

Meanwhile, we will need to print the pattern, cut out the various pieces, and put together "packets" of patterns for the individual blocks. If you would be interested in assisting Elizabeth in this part of the project, please let her know.

The goal is to have the backing fabric selected at the August meeting, and the pattern cut and sorted

into blocks so it can be distributed at September's meeting. Elizabeth can then give a short demonstration on the block construction.

This will be a fun project where everyone can participate, no matter your skill level.

Guild Library



There was a discussion at the July meeting regarding our Guild Library and how to best use our books in the collection. Some ideas included:

1) Having a book sale of the older books to members and donating the rest to the Library System.

2) Leave it as is and do nothing to change.

3) Sell off at least 50% of the books and use the money to buy newer books to stimulate interest in the library.

We'll do an official vote at the August meeting so please start to pull together your thoughts on this issue.

Upcoming Programs:

August 10 meeting: Elizabeth Hubbard is going to do a presentation on "How to quilt". This may clear up the instructions at the end of every quilt: Quilt as Desired! If members have a small dry erase board and dry erase markers, bring them. If not, we'll have graphing paper to work from. As mentioned above, you can also bring your machine.

UFO Challenge. Our UFO Challenge will run August 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.

September 14 meeting - Artsfest preparations.

October 12 is a meeting and workshop with **Debby Kratovil. The Joy of Hex - workshop: Pyramid & Jewels.** Two quilts for the price of one! We will make Thousand Pyramids in the morning session using a Charm Pack (5" squares) and a background fabric. The afternoon class is the Fractured Jewels quilt using the LEFTOVERS from cutting the Thousand Pyramids. Quick cutting and piecing techniques are taught using a 60 degree ruler. Innovative designing and the bonus of learning what else your 60 degree ruler can do.



Debby Kratovil's Fractured Jewels Quilt

To learn more about Debby before the meeting, go to her website: http://www.quilterbydesign.com.



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

Membership:

2016-2017 dues are due now!



August Birthdays

Sharon	Burns	Aug 23
Shirley	Mandler	Aug 25

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note:

Raffle Quilt 2016:
Kate McMinn is coordinating ticket sales and has begun distributing tickets to sell before the December deadline. Please see Kate at an upcoming meeting to pick up your tickets and/or additional tickets if you need them. If you know of a venue to display the quilt and sell raffle tickets, please let Kate know.



2016 Raffle Quilt

Artsfest 2016 at Annmarie Garden
Mark your calendars, September 17 and 18, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. **Hilke Hoefer** will have sign-up sheets as we get closer. Please plan to support this event. Shifts are usually two-hours long.

Hilke has scheduled the following workshops to sew and prepare for Annmarie Garden at the Prince Frederick Library:

- Sat. Aug. 20, Room 1, 12- 5
- Wed. Aug. 24, Room 1, 4-9

We are looking forward to a good turnout for productive and fun work sessions. Hilke will be bringing fabric for I Spy quilts, but you can work on anything that you would like to make!

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events:
September 15 to 18, **Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza**, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center at 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456. The Merchants Mall and Quilt Show daily hours will be: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday, September 18 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
For additional information go to https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quilt-extravaganza/

Community Service:

Deb Huebner is going to be collecting the lap quilts for the Calvert Memorial Hospital. If you need batting, contact **Hilke Hoefer**. We opted for smaller sized quilts so that members could handle all parts of the construction (piecing, quilting, and binding) themselves. **Elizabeth Hubbard** and **Allison Korb** are going to try to find a date to help people do the quilting on their own machines. As noted earlier, Elizabeth will be doing a presentation on quilting at the August meeting. Stitch in the ditch or stripes are fine. If you are still struggling please contact Allison for help.



Manual Accu-Cut - $150. Contact **Nikki Huffstutler** if you are interested.

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting

13 July 2016

Meeting commenced at 7:07

No guest speaker tonight; it was a “yard sale” day.



Minutes - Changes to minutes: Anne Marie Garden dates were wrong; 17-18 September, set up 16 September. Kate McMinn made a motion to accept the minutes after the changes; Betty Tilley seconded.

Treasurer’s Report - all is well; Kate McMinn and Terri will be doing the annual audit. Report to be provided next month.

Membership – No new members. Reminder to all - Annual membership dues are due now, $30.

Programs:



Mystery Quilt begins. No need for the “buy in”; it is completely free with 5” blocks in light color.

UFO Challenge - will run August through February - rules:

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3) must register it/them; and for every UFO finished (quilted and bound), you will receive a raffle ticket

October 12 - Pyramids and Jewels workshop with Debra Kratovil; 10am - 5pm.

Library - Allison Korb brought up a question on the library currently being held by Elizabeth Sawyer. Allison mentioned that if the library books are not being used, maybe the guild should consider doing away with the library - sell off oldest books to guild members; donate them to the library so that anyone can check them out and use them; or keep the library as is. Another option is to sell off the old books and just maintain the newer books. Some books signed by the authors could be sold on eBay to make some money. These are just a few ideas.

Andrea Elwyn made a motion to table the discussion/decision until the next meeting; Kate McMinn seconded.

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Community Service - Debra Huebner is our new volunteer for community service. Infusion quilts and lap quilts; quilt them yourself.

Annemarie Garden:
Hilke has the batting; if you are working on a project for AMG, contact Hilke ahead of time to get some of the batting.
For AMG, you are responsible for quilting and finishing the item yourself.

Workshops scheduled to work on AMG items:

- 23 July - Prince Fredrick Library - Room 1 - 10am - 4:45pm
- 30 July - Prince Fredrick Library - Room 2 - 9:30am - 4:45pm
- 24 August - Prince Fredrick Library - Room 1 4pm - 8:45pm
- 20 August - Prince Fredrick Library - Room 1 - 12pm - 5pm

Newsletter - Inputs due by 20 July

Monthly raffle – was won by Kathy Gerardy

Block of the Month – was won by Anita Turley

Next year's raffle quilt - Hilke asked if anyone else was interested in doing it next year; potential ideas - modified Carpenter's Wheel in woodsy colors or possibly Karen Stone's Cinco de Mayo (Sweet Dreams Quilt Studio) (blocks are 12 inches, need high contract and variation of fabrics; Elizabeth Hubbard offered to contact Karen regarding the use of her pattern, and potentially teaching a workshop/class.



Show and Tell - Betty Tilly, Kate McMinn, Andrea Elwyn, Allison Korb, Linda Gallagher, Elizabeth Sawyer

Betty Tilley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Barbara Lingle seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

August 2016 Block of the Month

Fabric: Red, Green, Beige



Cutting:

Cut 24 Red Squares 1-7/8" X 1-7/8"
Cut 21 Green Squares 1-7/8" X 1-7/8"
Cut 4 Beige Squares 4-1/2" X 4-1/2"

Sewing:

Sew small nine patches using 5 red squares and 4 green squares to make FOUR nine patches.



Then sew one nine patch with 5 green and 4 red. Use this for the center.



Alternate nine patches with the beige squares as shown in the block above. Press to the beige squares.

Don't forget to make your own block in your own colors to keep for your sampler quilt! ☺