

CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
August 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: August 12

September Newsletter Deadline: Aug 20

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Calvert Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/

President's Corner

Those of you that weren't at last month's Guild meeting missed a wonderful speaker. Shannon G. Shirley shared some of the collection of quilts that were made in response to her challenge to "Celebrate the Day" with quilts and I was inspired.

I understand that our guild has not done any kind of challenge project during the past 2 years. I do remember that Shirley Mandler did a couple of Mystery Quilts @ 2-3 years ago but I'm not aware that there's been anything since then. So, I thought it might be fun for each of us to challenge ourselves and one another and see what we come up with. This would be a golden opportunity to try out new techniques, tools, materials, trims, etc.

My proposal is that each participant select a specific date and make a quilt @ 24"X36" to honor one of the unique holidays that falls on that particular date. For example: July 25th is "Day out-of-time day", it's also "National Merry Go Round Day", "Thread the Needle Day", "Culinarians Day", "Birthday of the Birthday Cake Day", "National Hot Fudge Sunday Day", or "A Chorus Line Birthday" (1975) depending on the website you chose to visit (there are several). What date should we each choose? Why not honor our own birthday (after all, that's something we never do for ourselves) by selecting one of the 'holidays' (serious, goofy or unique) that most inspires us and falls on that specific date. The only caveat would be if 2 or more people share the same birth date, each would choose a different occasion falling on the same date.

When would we reveal our masterpieces? How about February or March, 2016, when there is little else going on OR, we could do June, 2016, at the Guild party.

You can find an entire list of different websites that address what I see as opportunities for a party, (the lists are often different from one another) by Googling 'Random Holidays'. Want to view some of the quilts that Ms. Shirley received in response to her challenge? She has a gallery of them on her website: www.onceinarabbitmoon.com
So, what do you think, ladies? Interested? Sound like fun?

Patricia Blackford
President

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Upcoming Programs:

The supply lists for workshops can be found on the website, under Calendar. Click on the name of the workshop on the date of the event and then you will find the link to the supply list.

August 12 – Sit and Sew: work on items for our Annmarie. Garden Boutique Sale.(See supply list on next page).**We will start this project at 6:30 pm so that our project/tiles have time to dry.**

September 9- "Free Motion Embroidery" BJ Adams will do a workshop and lecture/trunk show "Drawing and Lace Machine Embroidery".

October 14 - Meeting: Lecture on "Where Did You Get That Idea?" with LeeAnnaPaylor.

SATURDAY WORKSHOP, October 17 - "Sewing with Silk" with Cheryl Lynch

November 11 - Stevii Graves will be doing a workshop (this is a Federal Government holiday) on string quilting and a lecture on "Unusual Places for Quilter's to Find Tools".

December 9th is our Christmas Social.

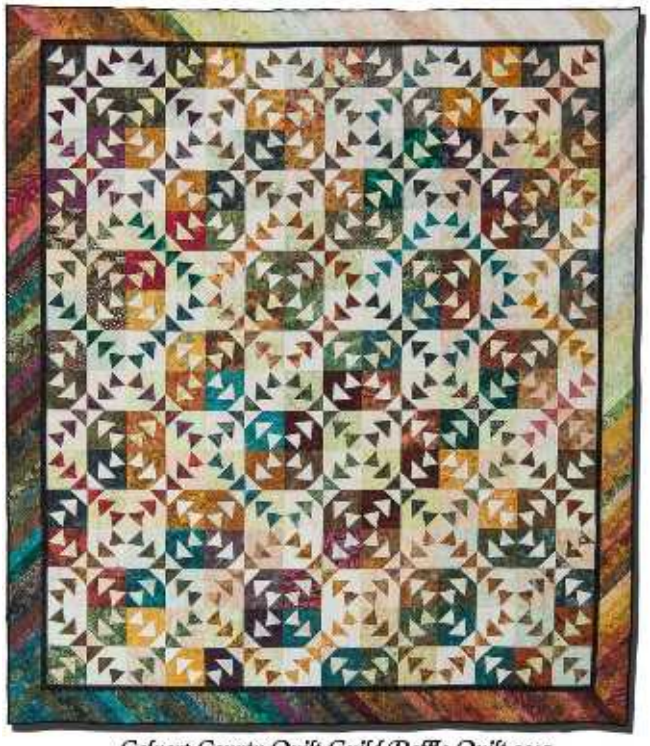
Sunshine: If you know of any Guild member or loved one who is seriously ill, undergoing surgery, etc., please inform Sunshine Committee Barbara Lingle. If you would like to send cards, or well wishes to a Guild Member, please contact Barbara atbahlingle@comcast.net.



August Birthdays:

Sharon	Burns	23-Aug
Mary	Conto	30 Aug
Shirley	Mandler	25-Aug
Donna	Pipeling	5-Aug
Katelin	Welles	21-Aug

Raffle Quilt
Kate McMinn has raffle ticket books for everyone. The raffle tickets are being distributed at the meetings,five books per member. Please see Kate at the next meeting to get your raffle tickets if you have not already done so. This is a fabulous quilt! Drawing is in December.


Calvert County Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt 2015

Of Special Note:

Supply List for August Guild Meeting – Sit and Sew for Annmarie Garden ArtFest Garden Boutique Sale:

Newspapers
Medical Gloves
Paper Plate
Rubbing Alcohol
Paper Towels
Drinking Straws
Plastic Knife, Fork, Spoon
Alcohol Inks – only if you already own them. Please do not buy them for this project.

We will start this project at 6:30 so that we can have time for the project/tiles to dry.

Wear Old Clothes.

ArtsFest at Annmarie Garden – Sept 19 and 20
Items are due at the August meeting for our Annmarie Garden Boutique sale. Sign-up sheets are available. We are looking for a volunteer to ensure that all time slots are filled. Please contact Pat Blackford if you can help sign up and organize the volunteers for this activity.

Sandy Kowal is moving to Annapolis! She and Laura have done an outstanding job coordinating this program for the past few years and now we need someone or another "partnership" to take on this project for 2016. Please give this some consideration!

Membership:
Dues are due! Please pay your dues for the next year when you arrive at the August meeting if you have not done so already. Jan McBain will be there to collect your $30 and give you your new membership card which can be used for discounts at quilt shops, etc.

Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes



July 8, 2015
Quilt Guild Meeting

President Pat Blackford welcomed everyone, and switched things up a little bit.

Business Meeting
President Pat Blackford opened the business meeting at 7:12 pm.

Minutes – No changes to June's minutes. Minutes approved by Betty Tilley and seconded by Kate McMinn.

Treasury -(Allison Korb) Beginning total $10,800; no income for June; expenses totaled $619.17, (paid Art Fest fees/tables and $100 donation); ending balance $10,185.39.

Membership – Membership Dues are now, um, due! (Pay yours today or at the next meeting)
Janice McBain provided the report. We welcomed a new member - Debra Stachnik, and welcomed a guest, Miss WillowArtuso, Betty Tilley's niece.

By Laws - No additional changes were needed. Betty Tilley approved the bylaws as written, Julie Trollinger seconded.

Arts Fest, Anne Marie Gardens, 19 & 20 September (set up 18 Sept)

1) Arts Fest Wrangler Needed - We need a volunteer to be in charge of wrangling the Arts Fest effort at Anne Marie Gardens this year. Please contact Pat Blackford or Julie Trollinger if you are interested. Julie has already arranged the booth, and reserved three 8-foot tables, and will pick up the passes for those who work there.

2) Sign up sheets for manning the booth - Sign up!! Work a shift (and get some inspiration looking at the artwork at the other booths).

3) Boutique Items - Sandy Kowal is the boutique coordinator and is still collecting items. If you picked up any kits, make sure you finish them and turn them in.

Programs - (Julie Trollinger)
August - Anne Marie Garden boutique project day. See the newsletter for a list of supplies to bring to the meeting.
September - BJ Adams - Making lace with thread
October - Sheryl Lynch - Sewing on silk

Book report - Elizabeth Sawyer brings in a variety of books every meeting that are from the guild's library; check one out and try a new technique.

Community Service - Hilke was not in attendance for this meeting. Walker bags are still needed. The Calvert Nursing Home received the first installment of walker bags. The next group of walker bags will go to the nursing home in St Mary's County.

Newsletter - Any inputs to the newsletter must be sent to Susan Blanton by 20th of each month.

Raffle Quilt - Kate McMinn is distributing the raffle tickets for each member to sell. Pick up your tickets.

News from other Quilt Guilds - The Pax River Quilt Guild has scheduled a bus to Pennsylvania's Quilt Extravaganza at the Oaks on 19 September. The bus leaves from Wildwood Shopping Center. (Keep in mind this date conflicts with the Anne Marie Gardens' Arts Fest).

Block of the Month - (Allison Korb) Winner is Anita Turley

Show and Tell - Linda Gallagher; Elizabeth Sawyer; Nikki Huffstetler; Pat Blackford.

Guest Speaker -Vice President Julie Trollinger introduced our guest speaker, Shannon Shirley.
Shannon has been quilting for 27 years, starting out in the very traditional fashion with sewing and quilting by hand. Tonight's presentation was the result of a challenge she put out - Celebrate the Day with Quilts. With six "day" celebrations for each month, for example January had World Braille Day, National Bird Day, Balloon Ascension Day, Dress Up Your Pet day, Bald Eagle Day and National Popcorn Day. The quilt collection was very inspirational for future quilts.

Monthly Raffle - (Nicki Huffstutler) Winner is Julie Trollinger

Close - Meeting was brought to a close at 9 pm; Betty Tilley motioned for the meeting's closure; Andrea Elwyn seconded.

Workshop / Lecture Survey 2015

Please help determine the types of workshops and lectures you would like to see booked for the guild.**Please print and return this page to Julie Trollinger if you missed this opportunity at the July meeting**.

1. Have you ever taken a workshop with this guild? ____ Yes ____ No

2. Are there any special techniques that you would like to have a workshop on? Please list below and be specific.

3. Are there any teachers (within reasonable traveling distance) that you would like to be invited to the guild for a workshop or program?

4. How often do you think a workshop and lecture should be scheduled?

   ____ Monthly
   ____ Bi-monthly
   ____ Other _____

5. Do you prefer a Wednesday or Saturday workshop?

6. What other activities would you like to see the guild do at our meetings in lieu of a lecturer?

7. What could *your* presentation be at a mini-demo night? It can be a technique, tips, small project, EQ computer demonstration, quilt tool uses, photo paper transfer, etc.

8. Other comments:

Signature _____