CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
November 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: November 11

December Newsletter Deadline: Nov 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



I had the opportunity to attend a couple of local quilt shows in Michigan recently. Once again, I was struck by the variation of quilts and couldn't help but compare what was being shown there with what we see here. There was a very high percentage of felt and wool being used in applique work and hand embroidered scenes combined with pieced borders and sashing was also popular. I have begun to notice more wool and felt being used at the larger shows in our area but not nearly as frequently or as much. One vendor had gorgeous hand dyed fabrics and has put together a pattern specifically for making landscape quilts.

One of the shows was put on by the Aitking Library Quilters in Lexington, MI. (a fairly large guild). This show was in a church. Current year's quilts were shown in a large room for all to see and vote on. Quilts that had been shown in prior years were draped over the pews, altar and anywhere else they could find in the sanctuary. It was very moving to see them all displayed this way.

Their community service projects were displayed and the pattern to make "Stockings for Soldiers" was free to any who wanted one. I had never heard of this program but really liked the concept. The organization collects handmade stockings, selects a particular soldier's name, puts that name on the cuff, fills it with things that are both special and needed and ships the stocking to be distributed to that particular soldier. It's probably a little late in the year for us as a group to participate in this project, but it's not too late if any of us is interested in getting involved at the individual level. If you want to know more, check out www.stockingsforsoldiers.org. There is a lot of information on this website including the

stocking pattern and other items they are looking for. The letters from the soldiers are particularly poignant.
You never know what inspiration you will find when you attend quilt shows both large and small.

Happy Quilting,

Pat Blackford, President

Upcoming Programs:

There is still time to sign up for Stevii Grave's "String Quilt Workshop", Wednesday Nov 11th from 9:30am - 4:30 pm at St. Paul's Church.

In this class we will be making a stash busting string quilt that will form four pointed stars in the center of the blocks. The blocks will be made on a foundation that will control the shape. This is an easy, no stress process. The quilt, which finishes at 60" x 72" can be made either scrappy or with any other colors of your choice. For instance, Julie Trollinger is planning on black, white, and red.



Stevii Grave's String Quilt Workshop

Supplies:

- ¾ yards background fabric. Sample used white, but any "reads as solid" color fabric can be used
- Scrap fabric "strings" at least 6" long, width varying from 1"-2 ½" wide. Bring as many as can be crammed into a gallon zip lock bag.
- Neutral sewing thread
- Sewing machine and standard fare (needle, cords, foot pedal, seam ripper, extension cord, surge protector, pincushion, etc.)
- Thread snips
- Small scissors
- Rotary cutter, 12.5" square ruler, cutting mat at least 14" square
- Iron / ironing pad (If you don't have one, we are known to be good sharers)
- Kit fee: $10 will include foundation and template for center kite shape.



Please be thinking of ideas for the charity that we will support at Christmas. Ideas need to be presented at the November meeting so that we can bring in requested items at our Christmas social on December 9. Also, if you have any party ideas for the Christmas social, please let Pat or Julie know.

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.

At the September meeting, there was interest in having basic quilting classes and mentors. Julie can set aside time at either the Fairview Library in Owings or at Southern Community Library in Solomons. Please let Julie know if you are interested in taking a class or being a mentor. We can then

firm up the times and dates. Julie has an outline on subjects that we would cover ready to go.



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.

November Birthdays



Allison	Korb	Nov 1
JoMarie	Coster	Nov 5
Jackie	Arnold	Nov 6
Kate	McMinn	Nov 21

Enjoy your special day!

Of Special Note:

Thanks to **Allison Korb**, we have taken control of our own domain and website now! Our new email address has changed to info@calvertcountyquiltguild.org. Thank you Allison!

Calvert County Fair Results:



Anita Konzak Turley won Grand Champion in the quilting division for her quilt, "My Winter". A big congratulations (also to Allison Korb for quilting it!)

Nancy Jo Kazmaier won First Reserve Champion with her Christmas Quilt.

Congrats to our Grand prize and Reserve Grand prize winners! Other winners in quilting and sewing categories include:

Anita Konzak Turley:
- My Winter - Champion
- Charming and Quaint - Second
- My Albuquerque - First

Hilke Hoefer:
- Pink Party Dress - Second
- Pink Robe and PJ's - First
- Large Wall Hanging - First

Nikki Huffstutler:
- Football - Second
- Pick Me - First
- Oriental - First
- My Milky Way - First
- Large Wall Hanging – Second
- Quilting Juvenile First
- Homemakers:
- Microwave pads - First
- Embroidered pin - First
- Pillow cases - Second
- Embroidered towel - Second
- Knitted scarf – Third

By the way, Nikki entered in all three county fairs for a total of 16 Blue Ribbons, 11 Red Ribbons, and 4 White Ribbons.

Shirley Mandler:
- Illusion - Third
- Pink and Black - First
- PJ's - Third

Congratulations to all and thank you for sharing your beautiful quilting and sewing talents!



Allison and Julie ready for sales at the Calvert County Fair

Membership:
A new member joined the guild, **Terri Franklin**. She considers herself a "new" quilter; however, for Show and Tell she brought in an adorable Halloween placement that she recently made. Welcome Terri!

Raffle Quilt:
Please return your ticket stubs and ticket payments to **Kate McMinn** at the upcoming meeting. The drawing is in December and it will be here before you know it! 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. You can always get additional ticket books from Kate if you have opportunities to sell more.

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events:

This year Quilters Quest Shop Hop will take place November 6th through November 15th. Participating stores will be open Monday-Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm and Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm during the Quilter's Quest. Ten shops are participating and many are organizing bus trips. For more information, go to http://www.quiltersquest.org

13-15 November 2015 - Lebanon Quilters Guild 9th Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA (www.lebexpo.com for directions) and www.lebanonquiltersguild.com for more information.

4-5 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

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

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.



October 14, 2015
Quilt Guild Meeting

General Meeting
President Pat Blackford opened the meeting at 7:04 pm, followed soon after by our guest, Lee Ann Paylor.

LeeAnn Paylor began sewing when she was 8 years old, sewing with her grandmother. She works on mixed media, quilting, painting and crafts. She addressed the benefits of quilting and being creative, and led us through creativity exercises to understand ourselves, our fellow quilters and ways to think "out of the box."

Business Meeting
The business meeting officially began at 9:07pm.

Pat Blackford set the rules for the Quilt Challenge for your special day!



Minutes – No changes to September's minutes. Minutes approved by Anita Turley; Kate McMinn seconded.



Treasury - (Allison Korb) We had a total income of $3,875.00 (raffle ticket sales, Anne Marie Gardens and Calvert Fair boutique items); and expenses of $586.52 (Website; St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Anne Marie Gardens expenses); See the Treasurer's Report on page 8 for more details.

Website - The new website is up and running - everything is there!!

Unofficial Facebook Page - unofficial fb page // great place to share what you are working on and see Quilt socializing on FB// Quilt business is website!

Raffle Quilt and Raffle Tickets - Sell them! Turn in the ticket stubs and the money as we are getting close to the drawing!


Calvert County Quilt Guild Raffle Quilt 2015

Raffle Quilt News - We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Material Girls and/or Cotton Seed Glory during the weekend of the Quilters Quest on 14 and 15 November. Contact Pat Blackford ASAP.

Membership – Janice McBain; we had one guest who decided to join the guild, Ms. Terri Franklin.

Book report - no book report. Shirley Mandler will be going to Fall Market and possibly get books. If there is a book you would want to see, check with the Librarian. She can bring the books in for you to check out. If the guild does not have it, there may be an opportunity to purchase it.

Monthly Raffle - (Nikki Huffstutler) Allison Korb won this month's raffle.



Block of the Month - (Allison Korb) Monthly Block of the Month went to Nikki Huffstutler.

Newsletter - Any inputs to the newsletter must be sent to Susan Blanton by 20 October.

Member Kudos - Congratulations to the Ribbon Winners at the Calvert County Fair this year. Anita Turley took Grand Champion with Allison Korb's quilting skills; Nancy Jo Kazmaier took Reserve Champion; Hilke Hoefer and Nicki Huffstutler took home ribbons as well.

Anne Marie Gardens and Calvert Fair Wrap Up - A very big THANK YOU to all the guild members who manned the booths at Anne Marie Gardens and Calvert County Fair. We have made a reputation for ourselves, making good, quality times. We will get a run-down next month as to what sold, what sold the best, and what did not.

Scene Setter for Next Month's Meeting:

- Next year's raffle quilt - Should it be a group effort or a committee?
- Community projects - think about suggestions for community projects. Two suggestions were made so far: Safe Harbor (quilts), donations (food, clothing money); Birth Right will get any bibs and changing pads not sold at the Arts Fest and Calvert Fair.
- Christmas Charitable Organization - possibly to Heart Felt at St. Paul's? Teddy Bears for hospice?
- Recommendations for the Christmas party, and volunteers to work on it

Programs - (Julie Trollinger)

November 11 - Stevie Graves - string quilting; workshop on meeting day
December 9 - Annual Christmas Party
January / February Workshops - Possibly member demos during times of inclement weather.

Show and Tell:

Betty Tilley
Shirley Mandler
Allison Korb
Nikki Huffstutler
Anita K. Turley
Terri Franklin, and
Linda Murphy.



Close - Meeting was brought to a close at 9:40 pm; Debra Huebner motioned for the meeting's closure; Anita Turley seconded.



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NOVEMBER 2015 BOM

BLACK TIE AFFAIR

TWO 8-1/2" BLOCKS

Fabric: Black and a Bright Fabric

Cutting:

Black Fabric: Cut four 4-1/2" squares, cut two 2" squares
Color Fabric: Cut four 4-1/2" squares, cut two 2" squares

Sewing:

Place the 2" squares over the corner of 4 opposite fabrics. Sew from point to point on the small square. Press the square open and cut away any excess on the back.



Align squares in a four patch and sew together, pressing seams open.

