CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
August 2018 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 8

September Newsletter Deadline: August 20

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

Calvert County Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/

President's Message

Are you as eager to sew as I am? Unfortunately my available time doesn't always match my enthusiasm. According to the August 2018 issue of Bizarre and Unique Holidays this is "Admit You're Happy" month. Sewing makes me HAPPY. It's great seeing a plan come to life.

In general, I'm not a shopper, but the fabric store – that's different. Just ask my sister who I left in the car with my two children while I ran into the fabric store to pick up something. When I returned awhile later she told me next time to drop her and the kids at the movies!

Deciding on a pattern, reading through the instructions, selecting the fabrics, actually making that first cut and sewing that first seam – that's pure bliss. But I want to sew in large chunks of time which I don't often have. I have Nancy Zieman's book "10-20-30 Minutes to Sew" where she discusses breaking projects down into smaller units and accomplishing real progress. Maybe you have time to cut just one color of fabric each day, or you leave pressing those seams to when you are watching TV. Quilting is perfect for dividing a project into smaller units. Little by little you can finish it and spread a little happiness over each day. I need to take my own advice and get started. HAPPY QUILTING!

Marlene Diehl

Upcoming Programs:

August 8 – Shirley Mandler will be presenting on Fabric Creation – Initiation, Planning, Printing, and Finishing.

September 12 – TBD



August Birthdays

Sharon	Burns	August 23
Shirley	Mandler	August 25
Nicki	May	August 27

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note:

Membership



Yearly dues of $30 were due at the JULY meeting. If you have not yet paid, please see **Jan McBain**.

Also, Jan is creating an inventory of Guild items. If anyone has items that belong to the Guild, please email Jan or see the list at the next meeting by the sign-in table to verify.

With Sympathy

Please offer your condolences to **Carol Mitchell.** Her husband of 51 years, Robert L. "Mitch" Mitchell, passed away on July 14 after an illness.

Guild Library



Our Guild Library is a wonderful resource of many types of quilting books by renowned authors in the quilting industry. Many of these are especially useful for new quilters, but there are many books for specific types of quilting techniques where we can all increase our knowledge. Our librarian, **Elizabeth Sawyer**, usually brings a selection of books to the meetings. However, if you would like to see the list of books available at any time, they can be found on our Yahoo site:

1. Go to Yahoo.com, (login*) then select More.
2. Select Groups. In the Groups Home area you should see 'calvertquiltguild'. If not, search for it in the Search Groups box.
3. Once you are in the site, click on More, and Database.
4. You should see a choice for Guild Library Books with over 269 books.
5. You can click on Title or Author on the top row to sort by those options.

If you see something interesting, let Elizabeth know and she can bring it to the next meeting. If you borrow a newly purchased book you might consider doing a book report at a meeting so everyone knows it's there and what it's about. Alternatively, if you would like to donate a book to the library, bring it to Elizabeth.

*If you do not have a Yahoo user id and password, contact **Betty Tilley**.

Community Service



2018 Charity - Angel Tree

There are approximately 30 quilts remaining from the 2017 charity with CASA. **Karla Sisson** contacted Patrice Brooks with local Social Services who stated there are 50-100 children who are submitted to Angel Tree after the deadline, and who would love quilts for these children. Our target date for completion of new quilts is the November meeting. The ages are typically toddler to fifteen.

Meals on Wheels Placemats

Thank you to all who have made placemats so far. We have 55 at this time. JoMarie would like to have 100 by the October meeting.

Fairview Library Sewing Dates

A room has been reserved for the Fourth Monday of each month:

- August 27
- September 24
- October 22
- November 26

This is a great opportunity to sew with friends and work on items for Artsfest and the County Fair, Community Service, or personal projects. The hours are 2 pm to 9 pm. Come when you can!

Solomons Library Sew and Share

Lynda Gallagher has reserved the **Solomons Library** the **last Monday of the month** for sewing for all Guild members living closer to that location. The hours are 10:00 am to 12:45 pm and the next sessions will be:

- August 27
- September 24

Programs Survey

Please think about what types of classes you'd like to see offered by the guild. **Marcia Smith** will be handing out a survey at the August meeting so come prepared with your ideas!

2018 Raffle Quilt

Ticket sales have already started for our beautiful raffle quilt. We will need volunteers to sell raffle tickets on the following dates:

1. Artsfest at Annmarie Garden, September 15 and 16
2. The Calvert County Fair, September 26 to 30.

Sign-up sheets will be available at an upcoming meeting.

Sharon Burns is collecting your ticket stubs and money. Please see Sharon if you have not yet picked up your ticket books or need additional ones!



2018 Raffle Quilt

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events



Guild Challenges for 2018

Once again, it is time to put on your thinking caps and come up with a quilt design for our CCQG challenge! Challenge quilts must be turned in at the February 2019 CCQG meeting. Choose to do one or both challenges and have fun with them!

Challenge #1: Quilt a Phrase

Challenge Rules:

- Quilts can be pieced or appliqued.
- Quilts can be machine or hand quilted or a combination of both.
- The FINISHED quilt needs to be no smaller than 24" x 24" and no larger than 36" x 36".
- Your quilt must depict a phrase. An index card can be pinned to the back with your phrase. The idea is to see if someone can figure out your phrase based on your quilt.

Sample phrases: "Pennies from Heaven", "Kick the Bucket", "Time Flies", "Live Long and Prosper", "Can you hear me now?", "Home is Where the Heart Is", "Who Loves You Baby?", "Hold Your Horses", "Come on Down/Over", "Sock it to Me", "Blast from the Past", etc.

Let your imagination run wild. Judging criteria is based on how well your quilt depicts a phrase.

Challenge #2: Make a Miniature

Challenge Rules:

- Quilts can be pieced or appliqued.
- Quilts can be machine or hand quilted or a combination of both.
- Quilt may not be a pot holder (please).
- The FINISHED quilt must be no larger than 18" x 18".

Quilts will be judged by Viewer's Choice (by guild members).

Anyone with questions can call or text Marcia Smith at 302-245-3237 or email at msmith91565@yahoo.com.

Hope you will find these challenges interesting and fun!

Sewing Advice

THEN	NOW
Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.	Wake up.
Think about what you are going to do.	Always keep a good stash of fabrics, patterns and notions ready so you can sew whatever you want, whenever the mood strikes.
Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically.	Save that attitude for housework.
Good results are difficult when indifference predominates.	Indifference is great when mending, repairing zippers, or shortening pants. If the results aren't good, people will stop asking.
Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.	This is good advice only if you sew with your machine in the sink or on the bed.
When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.	There are no urgent housekeeping chores. Just enjoy your sewing.
When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible.	Never buy a sewing machine with a mirror in it.
Put on a clean dress.	You may sew in your jammies, but wear slippers. Otherwise, your feet will get dusty.
Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals.	What?
Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on.	Brush your teeth, if time permits and you remember.
If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.	Lock the door and don't answer the phone. If your husband comes home, you really can't refuse to let him in, but leave a number where he can order takeout.





Show and Tell July 2018 Meeting












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Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018



July's meeting opened at 7 PM with **Marcia Smith** introducing the evening's speaker, **Judy Shapiro**. Judy spoke for an hour while showing her various applique quilts. She spoke about the beginnings of the Baltimore Album quilts and the symbolism they display. She went on to talk about modern versions of the Baltimore Album and display a couple of examples. Other applique types she demonstrated and spoke about were Hawaiian applique, Broderie Perse, machine applique, collage and beading. Examples ranged from the traditional to art quilts to clothing.

After a short break the business meeting began at 8:15 PM.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved and seconded by **Elizabeth Hubbard** and **Betty Tilley**.



Treasurer's Report: **Karla Sisson** gave the treasurer's report then **Julie Trollinger** stated that the guilds accounting books were audited and displayed excellent record keeping. The suggestions made by the auditors: They said the treasurer should not convert cash to a personal check before depositing. Everything checked out with the money but they said it wasn't a good idea.
Secondly is that people handed the treasurer sealed envelopes with money for the raffle quilt last year due to absence of volunteer handling the tickets. Suggestion was to try to have volunteers be more diligent about having two people counting and signing off on cash before turning it in to the treasurer.

Raffle quilt discussion: Julie Trollinger agreed to be the keeper of the quilt. **Elizabeth Hubbard** will take the quilt to the Patuxent Quilt Guild to sell tickets. **Hilke Hoefer** said she would take it to the Annapolis guild in October and **Linda Gallagher** will take it to the Quilter's By The Bay guild in the fall also. **Laurel Kirkman** said she would talk to North Beach about showing it at the Farmer's Market they have on Friday's.

Meals on Wheels placemats: JoMarie Coster said she was going to try to get about 100 placemats as the request was for about 95 the last time she spoke with the representative. From all the placemats she collected from members at the meeting, it looks like she is about halfway there. All placemat donations should be turned in by October.

Hilke Hoefer let the group know she will not be at the Fairview library this month but to please use the room so we don't lose the reservation. The room is reserved for the guild July 23th from 2-9 PM.

Inventory of guild items: Please contact **Jan McBain** if you are the keeper of anything belonging to the guild.

Guild Challenges: A question was brought to **Marcia Smith** regarding this year's guild challenges, the miniature quilt and Quilt-a-Phrase. She said she will have Susan Blanton publish the rules and judging criteria in this month's newsletter.

New meeting room announcement – Marlene announced that we have decided to move the guild meetings to the Harriet Brown Community Center beginning January 2019. A vote was put to the members and the majority preferred Tuesday evenings as Wednesday evenings are not currently available. **Jan McBain** will put an announcement in the Calvert Recorder as soon as it is finalized.

2019 Raffle Quilt Committee: Marlene asked for volunteers to start this project. The following members volunteered: **Elizabeth Hubbard, Laurel Kirkman, Claudia Thornburg, Nancy Kazmaier, Hilke Hoefer and Pat Blackford**. Elizabeth has arranged the first meeting for July 23 at the Fairview Library at 2 PM.



Programs - Kathy Gerardy confirmed the next workshop is Saturday at the Harriet Brown Community Center with **Judy Shapiro**. We will be doing machine or hand applique. Next month's speaker is **Shirley Mandler**.

Membership – Jan McBain introduced this month's guest, Susan Fierova who is visiting from South Carolina. Jan announced that JoAnn's no longer has a guild discount available. They do have a discount program but it's not as nice as in the past and she suggested that using their coupons will yield better savings. More information regarding their current discount program is here: https://plus.joann.com/

The **nametag drawing** went to **Adrienne Sims**. The drawing from the five members with perfect attendance for the previous year went to **JoMarie Coster**.

The evenings' raffle was won by **Frannie Fletcher**.

Newsletter: Susan Blanton asked that any items for the newsletter be submitted by the 20th of each month. Marlene announced that quilt related items you would like to sell can be listed in the newsletter.



Show and Tell items were shown by: **Laurel Kirkman, Linda Gallagher, Adrienne Sims, Betty Tilley, Nancy Gardner, Karla Sisson, Elizabeth Sawyer, Susan Blanton, guest Susan Fierova, Pat Blackford and Jan McBain.**

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.



Blocks & Pinwheels Block

This makes an 12 ½" unfinished block.

	Color 1 (Focus) – solid or print Cut one (1) – 8" square
	Color 2 (Background) – Light – solid or light Cut one (1) – 8" square Cut one (1) – 7" square
	Color 3 (Dark Contrast) –solid or light print Cut one (1) – 7" square

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Block of the Month
July *AND* August, 2018

Focus – color that 'pops'.
Background – light
Contrast - complimentary

Block seams are accurate ¼".

Directions by Anita Konzak Turley.
Reference – www.generations.com
Reference on HST:
Craftsy.com - How to Make Half Square Triangles

I will not be attending the July Guild meeting, so everyone making this block will have until AUGUST to complete it and bring it in. Summer is the time for celebration; gatherings, family, and of course trying to get a minute to either relax or vacation. Though the colors in this block are red, white, and blue, they can be any combination of colors to reflex your personal style – your style, your family, your gathering.

This block is a series of half square triangles and solid blocks. The instructions are for making this block using speed cutting and piecing.

1) From **color 2 and color 3**, cut the 7" square both horizontally and vertically down the center to create four (4) 3 ½" squares from each piece. Cut at 3 ½" on both sides.

2) Using the 8" squares from **color 1 and color 2**, mark a line on color 2 square on both diagonals of the piece (see step 2). This line will be used as a cutting line after sewing (step 5). Refer the www.Craftsy.com reference on how to make half square triangles, if needed.

3) With right sides together of **color 1 and color 2**, sew ¼" on either side of the diagonal line (see step 3).

4) Centering your ruler, cut vertically, aligning where the drawn lines interact at the center (see step 4a). Next, make the same cut horizontally, again aligning with the drawn lines at the center (see step 4b). Cut at 4" on both sides.

5) Next, make two diagonal cuts (on the marked lines made in step 2) (see step 5). Separate and open the pieces. Press to the dark side. **Trim to 3 ½".**

6) Piece final block according to layout. Trim block to finish at 12 ½".

