CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
December 2017 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: December 13

January Newsletter Deadline: December 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

Yes, I have a cutting mat that has seen better days. Here are some tips that will help keep your mat looking new and performing well.

Tips In Caring For Your Self-Healing Cutting Mat:

- Your mat will warp easily:
- Don't roll for a prolonged period of time - it will open up lines where you've cut on it and can cause the mat to crack
- Don't stand it on its edge - lie it flat, on your cutting table or under a sofa or bed;
- Don't iron or apply heat - don't put hot food, drinks or laptops on your mat;
- Don't leave in direct sunlight or against a radiator or other heat source;
- Don't leave it in a car on a sunny day.

Moisturize:

Did you know your cutting mat needs moisture and this will make cutting easier and your rotary cutting blades won't dull as quickly? To moisturize your mat now and again place it in a bath of cool water with approx 1/4 cup of white vinegar to every gallon of water. Let it soak for about 20 minutes. Using a soft mushroom scrubbing brush and a splash of gentle liquid soap you can clean the surface at the same time. Rinse and air or towel dry (no heat or direct sunlight!). For a large mat that is larger than the tub, soak one-half of the mat and then turn it and soak the other half.

Avoid repeated cutting lines:

Try to cut regular cuts on different sections of the mat, regular use of one measured line will create grooves and eventually slice through your mat causing problems when cutting and blunting your

rotary cutting blade (a regular occurrence working in a quilt store particularly on the quarter yard and yard lines!!!)

If a section of your mat fails, don't throw your mat out instead use heavy scissors (not your fabric scissors!) to cut the mat into templates and smaller sections, great for retreats and travelling.

From:
http://madebychrissied.blogspot.com/2015/05/How-To-Clean-And-Care-For-Self-Healing-Cutting-Mat.html

Julie Trollinger, President

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Request for Quilt Donations

JoMarie Coster has a friend who is a missionary in the Ukraine. The orphanages there are in need of blankets and will take quilts. She will discuss this at a future meeting and can collect them.

Upcoming Programs:



December 13 – 6:00 pm Holiday Party. Bring a dish to share, new, sewing-related gift with $20 max for optional gift exchange, and **HeartFELT** donation, if desired. **Shirley Mandler** will be selling her fabrics to benefit CAWL. Doors open at 5:30.



Our Holiday gift to the community this year will be to support the Heart FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) mission at St. Paul's. Heart FELT fills backpacks with food for school children that, otherwise, would have nothing to eat. You may bring food items or donate cash or check. If you are planning on giving a check, make it payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and write Heart FELT in the memo section.

St. Paul's is currently serving children at Calvert Elementary School. Each weekend they send home a backpack filled with food. On a regular two-day weekend, they send food for two breakfasts, two lunches and three suppers. All items must be individually wrapped.

Suggested items are those that would be packed in school lunch or eaten for snacks. Canned items should be small cans (7oz). Nothing perishable.

Breakfast bars	Granola Bars
Cup of noodles	Canned meats
Fruit chews	Small packs pretzels
Juice boxes	Hot Chocolate packs
Little Debbie items	Oatmeal packets
Mac & Cheese	Beef-a-Roni
Pop tarts	Cheese crackers
Small cookie packs	Pudding cups
Soup	Spaghetti
Vegetables	Fruit, small packs



The highlight of the evening will be drawing the winning ticket for our beautiful 2017 Raffle Quilt. Make sure that **Signe Wilkinson** has your money and ticket stubs!

January 10 – **Allison Korb** will present tips on batting, threads, and needles. **Marcia Smith** will show us how to fold fabrics for neat storage and help us organize our sewing rooms. Marcia will also tee up a guild challenge to begin in February.



February 14 – Scrap Quilting – Penni Domikis will give an inspiring talk on using up our scrap stash. She cuts her own rulers and templates and will bring some items to sell. For more information on Penni and her quilt pattern design company, please go to Cabininthewoodsquilters.com.



February 24 – 9:00 am. Penni Domikis. **Scrap Petal Garden Workshop.** Make a gorgeous scrap petal garden quilt using one of a few methods of machine applique. $20 Kit Fee includes Pattern, Nested Petal Template and choice of Terial Magic or Steam a Seam 2 Lite.



December Birthdays

Jackie	Carson	Dec 29
Kathy	Gerardy	Dec 4
Elizabeth	Hubbard	Dec 27
Dianne	Morgan	Dec 26

Of Special Note:

Membership:

Do you remember what it felt like when you came to your first meeting of the CCQG and not knowing anyone? Well, I do and it was rather scary. So…..I am looking for a couple of volunteers who might be interested in taking a guest and/or new member and show and explain to them each of our stations for the meeting (BOM, raffle, etc.) Also, welcome them to sit with you to answer any questions they might have during the meeting. I would love to do this, but find it impossible to do and handle the business at the sign-in table at the same time. I think this is important to guests to welcome them and show our fellowship as quilters. A special thank you to **Marcia Smith** and **Kathy Gerardy** for volunteering for this but I would still appreciate any other volunteers.

Thank you, Jan McBain

Call for Quilts for Greenbelt Courthouse Show



The 16th annual show of "Maryland Quilts" at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse has been scheduled to hang from Jan. 29 - April 27, 2018.

Any members I have tentatively approached or anyone interested in being a part of the show, please respond to me by email with the following information:

- Quilt name and SIZE (W x L) _ limit 1-2 entries per person, depending on size
- A digital photo of each quilt
- Your personal info_ name and mailing address; email and phone number

Hilke Hoefer, hrhilke@comcast.net

Guild Sewing Dates at Fairview Library

Hilke Hoefer has scheduled the following 4th Monday dates for open sewing sessions. Bring your own projects or work on guild charity/Annmarie Garden projects:

- Jan. 22, 2018, 2-9 pm
- Feb. 26, 2018, 2-9 pm
- March 26,2018, 2-9 pm

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events



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For additional information go to **https://thelongarmnetwork.com/be-birds-of-a-feather** or just ask **Allison Korb**…she is one of the instructors!

Calvert Quilt Guild Minutes
November 8, 2017



The Guild meeting opened at 6:30PM with the presentation of the quilts for CASA donation and a short ceremony before the quilts were repackaged for donation. The **Rev. Matthew Hamm** of St. Paul's Episcopal Church blessed the quilts, a thank you and acceptance of the quilts was from **Tonya Kennerly**, the CASA Program Manager, and also in attendance was Tamara Ward from the Calvert Recorder who took photos and interviewed individuals.

Presentation: **Julie Trollinger** introduced the speaker as the meeting fully opened at 7:00 PM. **Chris Meyers**, the Marketing Manager at FIL-TEC (www.bobbincentral.com), opened his presentation giving a history of FIL-TEC and how they started the company by trying to solve the problem of keeping commercial bobbins from falling out of machines in turn saving material and time for the company. Their solution was a magnetized bobbin that became commercially popular. The company's next step was creating thread for commercial embroidery, which resulted in the Glide product. Again the next logical step was stabilizer from FILTEC. To expand the company, the products were introduced to longarm quilters and personal embroidery leading to thread and bobbins in multiple weights and colors. All thread and bobbins are made in the United States. Popular opinion and feedback is there is no thread lint, and when beta tested by the first company they saved 28% in fabric waste.

> FIL-TEC does create a domestic line that can be used for quilting, and compatible needle sizes to use are on their website. They used to sell directly to the public; however, they are now setting up at shows and in displays in shops. The products can be ordered if an individual has a tax ID. **Allison Korb** did offer she does have a tax ID and is willing to place an order. Some individuals stated that some of the FIL-TEC products had been noted at Michelle's Quilts.
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> Tours can be arranged at FIL-TEC, but it is a tour of a factory, not a showroom. They have their own offices, warehouse, personnel, and like to say they are a division of FIL-TEC (still considered as bobbincentral). A new factory is located in Waynesboro, PA and Corporate office in Smithsburg MD. A warehouse and sales team are also in Mexico and they are working on building up in the Dallas TX area for sales team.

October meeting minutes were presented and approved by **Marlene Diehl** with a second by **Pat Blackford**.

Membership: Per **Jan McBain**, one guest became a member – **Anita Jackson**. One additional guest attended the meeting – **Charlotte Vaus**.

The Historian position was accepted by **Adrienne Sims**. She will take the photos at the meetings and upload them to the www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org website

and into the Yahoo groups site. **Allison Korb** and **Anita Konzak** will authorize access to respective sites.

Badge incentive drawing won by **Lillian Mair**.

Sunshine committee: There were no updates from the Sunshine committee.

Library: There were no updates from the library collection.

2018 Raffle Quilt: **Hilke Hoefer** discussed the history of the quilt top donated for the 2018 raffle quilt. The individual worked at the Cottonseed Glory Quilt Shop in Annapolis, which should alleviate concerns if inexpensive fabrics were used in making the top. Currently, the top measures 64" square. Recommended that a committee be formed to continue work on the quilt top, e.g., by adding borders or other work. Hilke did research past quilts and did find that in some years, only 4-5 members did work on the raffle quilt. This was stated to address few additional individuals are expected to finish the top. Committee members include **Hilke, Marlene Diehl, Lynda Gallagher, Allison Korb, and Julie Trollinger.**



Treasurer's report and budget: **Karla Sisson** presented the budget and balance, income and expenses. Questions arose that there was no monies proposed for miscellaneous funds for minor expenses or fixing things. In the current budget, this would be covered as a cash box entry under Office Supplies. Also brought up if a new quilt stand was needed, it could be under raffle quilt as that is justified for that cause.

Allison Korb recommended removing link in the budget specific charity being listed - such as Annmarie for fees, etc., which is another charity. In the past, it was not listed for a specific fee. Karla Sisson should leave it as AMG C3 obligation to ensure accountability to be compliant via bylaws, and in following the Guild charity paperwork where they are specifically listed.



Holiday party: **Kathy Gerardy** reminded all there will be a dinner beginning at 6PM. A sign-up sheet was available to sign up in one of four categories. Kathy will confirm with **Shirley Mandler** for fabric sales. There is an optional gift exchange with a limit of $20; **Karla Sisson** found a game on Pinterest to go along with the gift exchange. Charitable giving in December is to HeartFELT.

Kathy stated a meeting is planned to discuss future programs, including **Penni Domikis** - CabinintheWoodsQuilters.com. She laser cuts her rulers herself and will be at the February meeting. The workshop is planned for a Saturday - Scrappy Petals. Signup sheet will be available in December.

Jan McBain recommended, based on discussions, that when a guest attends a meeting or a new person joins the Guild, a volunteer would take the individual to meet the individuals and

events at the meeting, explain programs, whatever is needed to make them welcome to the guild. Volunteers were **Marcia Smith** and **Kathy Gerardy**.



The Guild raffle quilt will be presented to the **Patuxent Guild by Allison Korb** and to the **Annapolis Guild by Hilke Hoefer**.

Reminder for all that the Quilters Quest starts Saturday, November 11, 2017.

The fabric raffle of a fat quarter bundle was won by **Debra Huebner**.

The Block of the Month blocks were won by **Julie Trollinger**.

Show and Tell:

- **Lynda Gallagher** – attended the Heather Kojan workshop and ended up inventing a HST with three parts. Heather will be further developing this block after Lynda contacted her. Lynda presented a large quilt for her niece in Texas.
- **JoMarie Coster** –presented a quilt made from the ties belonging to a friend's husband.
- **Nikki Huffstutler** – lap quilt of teddy bears and bunnies, and a large quilt in fall colors. For the large quilt, when the pattern is done, it ends up with 5" strips that can be included in another quilt (bit strips and plain strips).
- **Elizabeth Hubbard** - attended the Heather Kojan workshop and made HSTs, made more, and then pieced a quilt top of HST in diamond patterns. She stated the workshop was great as well as the instructor. Elizabeth added the quilt sashing was cut at ¾".
- **Elizabeth Sawyer** – her daughter-in-law asked for a hot pad table liner for Thanksgiving to layout food on table. She created an insulated table runner in embedded star pattern. She also presented a scrappy quilt in a jewel box and diamond pattern, and a foundation-pieced lion face quilt top.
- **Anita Konzak Turley** – created a lap quilt from a charm pack noting only 40 blocks were used.
- **Jackie Carson** – presented illusion blocks in batiks, a jelly roll race with diagonals, a stack and whack in jewel tones and lime green background, and a mondo bag.
- **Debra Huebner** – presented a quilt of "wild" prints from samples acquired from Shirley. She stated she is having fun with quilt backs, and Elizabeth Hubbard added definition in quilting for dimension.

Hilke Hoefer stated she has many scraps for dog beds and the woman to whom she usually gives scraps to is moving to Oregon. She would like to set up some of the Monday workshops

for making dog beds – from 2:00-9:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month at Fairview library.



Hilke Hoefer stated that the quilt show at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt is scheduled for a hanging date of January 29. Do not send anything to Hilke until after the December newsletter is sent with information, including a photo and dimensions of a submitted quilt. She is looking for quilts with color. Discretion for quilts hanging in the show is completely up to Hilke's decision. Reception is in March.

Motion to adjourn was presented by **Andrea Elwyn** and seconded by **Nikki Huffstutler** at 8:43PM.

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Show and Tell Nov. 2017 Meeting















Show and Tell Nov. 2017 Meeting

Yes, this is also Elizabeth!











Calvert County Quilt Guild
December 2017



Scandinavian Fabric Stars

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
December 2017

Holiday fabrics – your choice!
NO SWAP – Just show and tell!

No seams! Adopted from
craftingarainbow.wordpress.com
and Pinterest.

There is no ornament/star swap; however, bring them to show and tell!

1) Choose 4 fabrics that you like together. Cut four (4) strips 12" x 3 ¼" for each ornament.

2) Iron the strips so they are like a double-fold bias tape (fold then press in half with iron, then fold each of the edges into the center and iron again). See figure 1.

3) Fold the strips almost in half – one end is about ½" longer than the other. Start weaving the strips together so that each strip is sandwiching the previous one with the fold to the outside. Pull the ends of the last strip through the loop of the first. Pull the strips snug. They should hold together on their own. See Figure 2.

4) Flip the piece over and weave the long ends together like folding the top of a box. Pull snug. See Figure 3.

5) In turn for each strip sticking out, fold each of the strips into a double-folded triangle point. Fold that point in half to make the star point. Tuck the remaining long tail into the ornament where the point meets the body of the ornament. I used a small scissors, or use your finger. See Figure 4.

6) Tuck in any pieces and straighten star, as needed. Press the ornament so it locks the folds in place See Figure 5.

7) Use embroidery floss or heavy thread to sew a loop and hang it up! See Figure 6. Have fun making this ornament!

Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

