CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
December 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: The guild meetings (second Tuesday of the month) start at 7 pm and are held at Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center (HEBCC), 901 Dares Beach Road, Room 113, Prince Frederick. The room will be available at 6:00 pm 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 Guild Meeting: December 10

Next Board Meeting: December 3, 7 pm HEBCC

January Newsletter Deadline: December 20

Guild Email Address:
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http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/



President's Message

Wishes.
We dream and wish all year long. We wish for all kinds of things: world peace, a cure for cancer and other diseases, success for our children, the perfect job, etc. Dreams and wishes motivate us to take action. They push us to try things we may not otherwise try.

I think we wish a lot more during the holidays. Here's my wish for you; that you find the perfect fabric, your cuts be straight, your seams be accurate, and your finished project be all you dreamed it would be. I hope you'll take advantage of the workshops and programs we have planned for next year and they align with your wishes.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Marlene

Upcoming Programs:

December 10 – Doors open at 6:00 pm for setting up. 6:30 pm Holiday Party will include a potluck dinner. Please bring appetizer, salad, entree, dessert, or water. The evening will continue with Show and Tell, games with prizes, and optional gift exchange ($20 limit on a wrapped, quilt related gift). In addition, baskets will be available to collect items for our holiday charities:

- The director of HEBCC will be distributing baskets to needy families named through Social Services. Non-perishable items for a Christmas meal: canned goods, stuffing mix, etc. Turkey is already provided.
- Care Net. Disposable diapers (preferably newborn or the next size up) wipes, and formula.

January 14 – Former CCQG member **Julia Graves,** owner of Special Occasion Quilts, will speak on **Color Exploration**. This lecture will discuss how to select beautiful color combinations for your quilts and provide tips on how to fix color combinations that just don't seem to be working. Includes a slide show and trunk show illustrating classic color combinations.



Upcoming Workshops:

January 18 – Birthstone Quilt with Julia Graves



Create your own sparkling gem using the same techniques that artist and designer MJ Kinman has used to create her giant gem quilts for over 20 years. Julia is a Certified Gem Affiliate and able to teach all the beautiful blocks in the Gemstone series and other quilts designed by MJ.

These 17″ quilt blocks are not foundation paper pieced; they use freezer paper templates (included with the pattern) that are simple and forgiving to use. You will select one gemstone block to make in class. Your quilt will shine with brilliance and look complex; only you will know how easy it was to achieve.

The blocks and fabric packs can be seen on Julia's website: http://soquilts.com/gem-fabric-bundles/.



December Birthdays

Jackie	Carson	December 29
Kathy	Gerardy	December 4
Elizabeth	Hubbard	December 27

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note

2020 Raffle Quilt

Progress is being made on the 2020 raffle quilt. If you would like to participate, Hilke and her helpers will be at the Prince Frederick and Fairview libraries on the dates listed below. Bring your machine or assist with pressing, etc. There is a job for everyone!

Future Guild Sewing Dates

Mark your calendars! **Hilke Hoefer** has scheduled the following sewing dates for any and all sewing projects:

- Friday, December 13, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, December 30, Fairview Library, Large room, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

And in 2020:

- Friday, January 17, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

- Monday, January 27, Fairview Library, Large room, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Solomons Library Sew and Share

Lynda Gallagher has reserved the Solomons Library Meeting Room for sewing for Guild members living closer to that location. All are welcome. The next session will be:

- Monday, Dec. 30, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

Community Service



JoMarie Coster has volunteered to be our Community Service Chairperson. Thank you JoMarie! She has selected two very worthy charities in Calvert County:

1. **Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland**. The Calvert County location is in Prince Frederick and offers free pregnancy tests, sonograms to confirm a pregnancy, STI/STD testing, material support, and more. **Their clients receive a tote bag with diapers and wipes, so they would gladly accept any tote bags we can make, no larger than 14" square.** Care Net will fill them with the needed supplies.
2. **Safe Harbor** is a shelter for abused women and children. Many of their clients had to leave home quickly and arrive with only the clothes they are wearing. **We are planning on making quilts, pillow cases, or large tote bags that they can use and take with them when they leave the shelter.** The quilts will be for mothers and children. Size is up to you, but should be at least 50" x 60" for moms and teenage children. Children's quilts should be approximately 40" x 45". These are just suggested dimensions.

Supporting both of these charities will let us share our creative talents and help local women in their time of need. JoMarie is targeting June and November as collection dates for the items we make. If you have any questions, please contact **JoMarie Coster** at jmcstr@msn.com.

Note from JoMarie:

There are many free tote bags patterns on the web. If using Home Dec fabric one layer of fabric is sufficient. If using cotton, use a liner to make more stable. There are several YouTube videos on making the burrito pillow case: Missouri Star Quilts and The Crafty Gemini are just two.

I would like to make a delivery to Safe Harbor in June and November of at least 30 quilts, 10 totes and 15 pillowcases for each of those months. Please take advantage of the sewing dates at the libraries to come and work on these projects.

Thank you ladies for agreeing to this project. When we are a blessing to others, we are blessed ourselves.

2020 Greenbelt Courthouse Quilt Exhibit

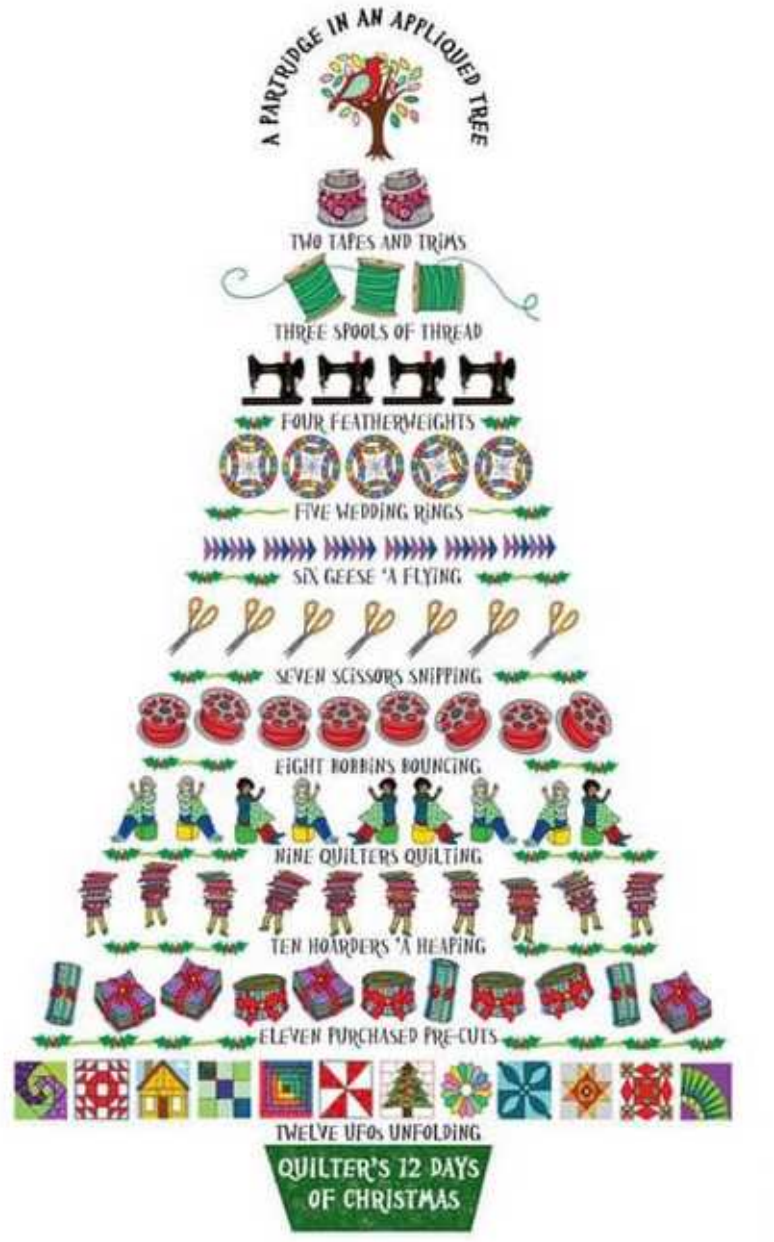


It is again time to "Call for Quilts" for the 18th annual show featuring quilts from our area to be exhibited at the U.S. District Court in Greenbelt, MD. The Annapolis Quilt Guild is the official sponsor, but many other guilds/quilters are invited to participate. Since there is only enough space for 65-70 quilts, entries are accepted on a first come/first serve basis. To give the various guilds

an equal chance to publish the entry rules in their respective newsletter or website, please DO NOT send in entries before December 15.

Entry Rules:

1. Entries accepted December 15, 2019, through January 15, 2020.
2. Quilts must have a hanging sleeve unless under 20" wide.
3. Quilts must be able to hang from early February to end of April.
4. Limit 1-2 entries per person, depending on size and curator discretion.
5. Your email entry form to Hillke Hoefer, hrhilke@comcast.net, must include:
   a. QUILT NAME and SIZE (Width x Length)
   b. PHOTO OF QUILT
   c. ENTRANT'S NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, and GUILD affiliation (for gathering purposes)



Upcoming Regional and Quilting Events

Open House & Quilt Sale

Bellwether Dry Goods

137 Bayard Road
Lothian, Maryland



Bellwether Dry Goods will host their annual Open House & Quilt Sale on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is free. Over 100 one-of-a-kind hand quilted quilts on display and for sale.

Invitations from the Annapolis Quilt Guild

FABRIC FRENZY Bus Trip
Saturday, January 11, 2020

Leave the driving to us! Join us in our Fabric Accumulating Road Trip to the infamous fabric stores of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We will visit Burkholder's Fabrics, Weaver's Dry Goods, Zook's Fabric Store, The Old Country Store, and Log Cabin Quilt Shop. There will be fun, friends, fabric, and discounts!

We will leave from the Harry S. Truman Park and Ride lot off Riva Road, Annapolis. (At the corner of Harry S. Truman Parkway and Riva Rd). We will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. and return approximately at 7:30 p.m. Pack your own food and snacks for the bus. Cost: $45.00 Sign up early and reserve your spot. Anyone interested can call Brenda MacQuillen at 301-642-4323 for details.

FEBRUARY 29, 2020: Bus trip to Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA, 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. The bus transportation fee is $40 and individuals must bring $13 cash for the group rate show entry fee. Bus departs from Harry S. Truman Park and Ride Lot off Riva Road. Payment reserves your spot. Contact Adrienne Randall at 301-785-4720.





Show and Tell November 2019 Meeting

















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Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019

At 7:00 PM, guild member **Allison Kolb** started her presentation on "How to Quilt on Your Domestic Machine." She demonstrated various types of quilt patterns that are easy for the home quilter such as stippling, circles, curls and ribbon candy.

The business meeting began at 8:10 PM with President **Marlene Diehl** asking for approval of the minutes of last meeting. **Pat Blackford** made a motion to approve which was seconded by **Anita Konzak-Turley** and the motion was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report



Debbie Deboodt gave the treasurer's report after which there was discussion of the draft of the 2020 budget that had been sent out to members. Some items discussed were the request from the HEBCC for us to pay room fees in 2020 and implementing a $20 fee for classes.

Programs
Vice President **Debbie Lenhart** listed the upcoming programs for December (Holiday Party) and January (lecture and workshop by Julia Graves).



Block of the Month
Anita Konzak-Turley talked about her suggestion that members make holiday pillow covers for December rather than a Block of the Month. The BOM for November was won by **Betty Tilley.**

Community Service
Marlene announced that **JoMarie Coster** has volunteered to be the Community Service chairwoman. JoMarie said she had spoken to representatives from Care Net (a crisis pregnancy center) and Safe Harbor (abused women's shelter). Care Net can use medium sized tote bags and Safe Harbor could use large tote bags, pillowcases and quilts. You can make twin sized quilts or smaller quilts for the women and children to take with them.

Membership
Sue Huesby announced we had 27 members and six guests in attendance. The membership drawing was won by **Anita Konzak-Turley**.

Miscellaneous
The monthly raffle was won by **Debbie Deboodt**.

Hilke Hoefer said the 2020 Raffle Quilt is coming along. She reminded members of the workshop days at the libraries. The guild has a room at the Prince Frederick library on the 2nd Friday of every month and at the Fairview Library on the 4th Monday.

Betty Tilley announced the Yahoo group is going away and all the guilds information stored there would no longer be accessible after December 10th. She said everything has been

downloaded for storage. She also reminded people they can request access to the Facebook group and Allison will add them.

JoMarie let members know she will be bringing a basket to collect any Quilt of Valor squares anyone makes.

Karla Sisson said she would be bringing some baskets to collect non-perishable food items for the HEBCC charity project to the December meeting. The HEBCC makes baskets of holiday meal items and distributes them to needy families.



Anita Konzak-Turley	**Elizabeth Sawyer**
Laurel Kirkman	**Debbie Deboodt**
Kathy Cannon	**Nancy Gardner**
Nikki Huffstutler	**Marlene Diehl**
Mary Bahniuk	

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



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Inside seam – 5/8", finish seam – 3/8".

Pattern and instructions by Anita Konzak Turley



Pillow Cover Project

Pillow cover instructions for any sized pillow.

	Fabric to fit front and back of existing pillow or pillow form
	Fabric or embellishments for accent

It is the time of year that I start looking for inexpensive and interesting ways to decorate our home for the upcoming holidays. So, when I started searching for nice throw pillows for the sofa I just gasped in that any of those pillows that I liked cost anywhere from $30 - $800 (yes, $800). So, I decided to make my own and came up with the following instructions that will work for any sized pillow or even for a new pillow form.

1) **Pillow/pillow form top**: Measure the existing pillow/pillow form and add two inches (2") to each the width and length when cutting fabric. For example, if your pillow from edge to edge is 16" square, but a piece that is 18" square. If you have a rectangular pillow that is 16" x 20", then cut the piece of fabric 18" x 22".

2) Add embellishments (appliqued fabric, snowflakes, trees, pre-packed contents, ribbons, buttons, etc.). If you have a UFO block, this can also be used as the centerpiece of the top with fabric added to equal the size of pillow top needed.

3) **Pillow/pillow form back**: Two pieces of fabric will be needed for the back, and will be of equal size. Cut each the width of the top and 2.5" beyond one-half the length of the top. For example, if the top fabric is 18" x 18" cut each of the bottom pieces 18 x 11 ½" (18÷2 = 9, plus 2 ½" = 11 ½").

4) At each long end of the backing, fold over and press one inch (1") and then zigzag at the one inch mark to hold down the fold.

5) Place the top of the pillow with the outside facing up. On the appropriate ends, match the raw ends of the back pieces with the ends of the pillow top so that the folded pieces are overlapping in the center. Pin the pieces in the center and in the corners. Stitch 5/8" all around. Trim corners. Turn inside out ensuring corners are pushed out completely. Stitch 3/8" completely around outside edge to finish the pillow top. With the pillow or pillow form inside, the back should overlap a few inches so no pillow 'insides' are showing.

6) Have fun with this project! Show and tell – only – will be at the December 2019 meeting. This block is a lot of fun to have a beginner or child sew for stitching practice…or making a cute gift.

7) Note – when adding embellishment remember to add them approximately 3" from the edge of the pillow to show on the curved pillow top…unless you have a turkey, snowflakes, or other embellishment coming from the seams.