CALVERT COUNTY QUILT GUILD
January 2020 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: January 14

Next Board Meeting: January 7, 7 pm, HEBCC

February Newsletter Deadline: January 20

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http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/



President's Message

We have lots of opportunities to make a fresh start – every morning we get up, every time we turn a calendar page, the beginning of a new year, the beginning of a new decade, etc. A fresh start can happen at any time.

If you don't feel you've connected with the guild, come early to the meetings and introduce yourself, take advantage of our sit and sew sessions (see this newsletter for details), signup for a workshop. I am about the most introverted person there is and I know how difficult this can be, but challenge yourself to meet at least one new person at each meeting.

This is also a great time to resurrect those UFO's. Pull them out and figure out what made you stop working on it – was it just not going as you planned, did you need a skill you didn't have, was time the issue? If it's not going to bring you joy, is it time to pass it on? Perhaps somebody in the guild would love to finish it.

Let's all take a deep breath and make a fresh start.

Post Script from the President

I want to take this opportunity to thank two people who have worked on the governing board with me. First is Debra Huebner who did an excellent job as the Community Service Chairperson my first year and the Raffle Quilt Wrangler this past year. I'd also like to recognize Jan McBain who has been an exceptional Membership Chairperson for many years. Thank you both for your contributions to me and more importantly the guild.

Marlene

April 14 – Ginny Brown, of **Brown Rabbit Quilts**, will share a lecture and trunk show focusing on her quilting experience and techniques as a certified Deb Tucker Studio 180 design instructor.

May 12 – Linda Poole – Quilted Journey Around the World, Seeing the World through the Quilter's Eye. See what inspires quilters from travels abroad or within their own countries.



June 9 – End of year party.

Upcoming Programs:

January 14 – (pre-meeting) We will meet at 5:30 pm for supper with **Julia Graves** at Panera Bread in Prince Frederick.



7:00 pm 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.

February 11 - Debbie Deboodt will be demonstrating the ease in appliqué image cutting using the Scan N Cut machine. Hand cutting intricate pieces with sizers can be tedious, with the cutting machine it's as easy as pressing a button! Cutting multiple images, add a quarter inch for needle turn, narrow lettering images, no problem!

JoMarie Coster will demo a two fabric binding and making a continuous binding strip. Bring pencil and paper to take notes!

March 10 – Jennifer Edwards from Safe Harbor, one of our community service projects, will speak and tell us more about what they do for women and children in the community.

Upcoming Workshops:



January 18 – Birthstone Quilt with Julia Graves, 9:00 am setup for class to begin at 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Fairview Library, Owings, MD. Supply list has been sent for January Workshop. If you have not received the supply list, please contact JoMarie at jmcstr@msn.com.



January Birthdays

January 27	Tammy	Hornick
January 31	Sharon	Fossett

Of Special Note

2019 Raffle Quilt, We Have a Winner!



The winner of our 2019 Raffle Quilt is **Lois Zonderman** of Solomons, Maryland. She purchased her winning ticket at our booth at Annmarie Garden. Congratulations Lois!

Future Guild Sewing Dates

Please join us in any of the times listed below. Our workshops are fun, productive and great for getting to know fellow guild members better. **Hilke Hoefer** has scheduled the following sewing dates for any and all sewing projects:

- Friday, January 17, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, January 27, Fairview Library, Large room, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Friday, February 14, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, February 24, Fairview Library, Large room, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Friday, March 20, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, March 30, Fairview Library, Large room, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Friday, April 3, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, April 27, Fairview Library, Large room, 12:00 pm to 6:00 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, January 27, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

Community Service

With the new year upon us, it is time to begin working on our community project for Safe Harbor. If you want to start small, make a pillowcase. Otherwise jump right in and start a quilt; lap size for a mom would be a good start. A pillowcase to match would be such a nice gift for her to get. If you want to start a little smaller, a bright, fun child quilt would work.

We have batting available if you need. Contact JoMarie when you have finished your quilt with the size you need. If there is anyone interested in helping by quilting, please contact JoMarie.

If you are a bag lady, Care Net and Safe Harbor can use tote bags. Care Net bags need only be large enough to hold some diapers and a pack of wipes. Totes for Safe Harbor can be larger.

Upcoming Regional and Quilting Events



https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/mid-atlantic-quilt-festival/





Show and Tell December 2019 Meeting










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Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2019



The December Holiday potluck began promptly at 6:30 pm. After desserts were consumed, **Karla Sisson** got up and led the group in two Christmas themed games. Winners were awarded the poinsettias decorating the dining tables.

The business meeting began at 8:00 pm with President **Marlene Diehl** thanking **Karla Sisson** and **JoMarie Coster** for their work in planning and setting up the party. Minutes were approved. **Lynda Gallagher** announced that the December Sew and Share in Solomons Library announced in the newsletter would not be taking place.



Debbie Deboodt gave the treasurer's report. Members then discussed the 2020 budget before voting on it. Marlene announced that we have declined the HEBCC "quid pro quo" offer of the room fees for a raffle quilt for their fundraiser. A couple members have offered to follow up with county officials regarding the room fees and the restrictions on monetary transactions during the use of the room. A vote was taken to accept the 2020 budget with the inclusion of the room fee expense. The motion passed.

Programs
Vice President **Debbie Lenhart** listed the upcoming programs for January (lecture and workshop by Julia Graves), February (member demos by **JoMarie Coster** and **Debbie Deboodt**), March (speaker from Safe Harbor and possibly CareNet), April (Ginny Brown of Brown Rabbit Studios) and May (Linda Poole).

Block of the Month
Anita Konzak-Turley announced that she will not be able to attend for four months in 2020. For those four months (Feb., May, Aug., Oct.), members can bring in Quilts of Valor squares and give them to JoMarie. Next month is the Four Seasons block.

Membership
Sue Huesby announced we had 28 members and one guest (Vix Plante) in attendance.



2019 Raffle Quilt Drawing
Marlene Diehl had our guest, Vix, draw the ticket for the raffle quilt. The winner was **Lois Zonderman** of Solomons Landing.

2020 Raffle Quilt
Hilke Hoefer let the group know they will be working on the 2020 raffle quilt this Friday, December 13, at the Prince Frederick library.

Member of the Year
Marlene announced that the Member of the Year for 2019 is **Nancy Jo Kazmaier**.



Marlene Diehl and **Karla Sisson** showed off their “block of the month” pillows. Other items were displayed by:

Melanie Dumas
Debbie Francisco
Kathy Gerardy
Anita Konzak-Turley
Debbie Deboodt

The last activity was a gift exchange among the members who chose to participate with a fun exchange game created by **Karla Sisson**.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.



Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
December, 2019 Meeting

All seams ¼".

Pattern and instructions by Anita Konzak Turley.
Inspiration – probably MSQC.



Four Seasons Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block..

	Focus 4 – 4 ½" square fabrics to represent each of the four seasons – spring, summer, fall, and winter
	Background – white/off white – if using prints for focus, use printed background. If using solid for focus, use solid background 1 – 4 ½" square 4 – 3 x 4 ½" rectangles
	Accent – black solid 4 – 2 x 4 ½" rectangles

For the new year, it is time for new seasons – or just having fun thinking about what to do for 2020 – yes! 2020 - already!!! (another decade down the drain!!! LOL). I am looking forward to more of the great inspiration from everyone and this block is intended to celebrate all of the year. Pick the fabrics that you feel represent YOUR four seasons and make this quick and easy block. When finally pieced, it will be magnificent!

And for a little bit of fun – this is the only time with math where 3 + 2 = 4.5! (making the accent block).

1) Start with one black rectangle and one white rectangle. Using the long end, sew the pieces together and then press to the dark, making a total of four (4) – 4 ½" squares.

2) Row 1 - In whichever pattern desired, take one of the focus fabrics and sew it to one of the blocks make in step 1. The black stripe will be on the outside of the block when finished. Add a second focus block on the opposite side of the block made in step 1. Repeat for the strip that will be made for row 3, remembering the black strip will be on the outside. Press to the single blocks at the end of each row.

3) Row 2 – Sew one of the blocks made in step 1 to the background 4 ½" square block, ensuring that the black stripe will be on the outside. Add the remaining block made in step 1 to the opposite side of the center block. Press to the center block.

4) Sew row 1 strip to row 2, and then add row 3. The block layout is in the above figure.

5) Press the finished block seams to one side. This is a very quick and easy block, so have fun with it!