CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
March 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 5:30 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 Meeting: March 12

April Newsletter Deadline: March 20

Guild Email Address:

info@calvertcountyquiltguild.org

Guild Snail Mail Address:

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Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Guild Yahoo Group Address:

calvertquiltguild@yahoogroups.com

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

March 8th is International Women's Day (IWD). It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is also a call to action for accelerating gender equality. The first IWD gathering was in 1911.

This year's theme is "Balance for Better". I don't know about you, but sometimes work, family life, and commitments I've made are, at times, overwhelming. I always feel more balanced when I take the time to sew, even if it's only for a few minutes. As an organization we have a lot going on – making the yearly raffle quilt, community service project(s), meetings, classes, etc.

Although it can be overwhelming, I find it all exciting and don't want to miss anything. Each of you joined the guild for different reasons. Each member has to find the "balance" that works for them. I hope the guild has activities that will help you find your "balance".

Marlene

Upcoming Programs:

March 12 – Textile artist **Deborah Schupp**, **"How to Ignore the Quilt Police"** - A lively journey through her years of quilting showing how she disregards and improves upon the "conventional wisdom" in designing and constructing quilts.

April 9 – Member demos: **Laurel Kirkman – Thread Painting; Hilke Hoefer – Paper Piecing; and Karla Sisson – Board Basting.**

May 14 – Lecture by **Debbie Kratovil: Short Cuts From a Short Woman.** This is a trunk show bursting with tips, tricks, shortcuts and a variety of innovations that will satisfy any quilter. **Elections for Vice President and Treasurer.**

June 11 – Penni Domikis will return to lecture on color. If you took her **Scrap Petal Garden** workshop in 2018, please bring them for Show and Tell!

July 9 – CCQG 15th anniversary celebration with a potluck dinner!

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Upcoming Workshops:

March 16 – **Mini-Modern Quilts** workshop with **Deborah Schupp** in the HEBCC small room. Attendance is limited to about 15. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

May 4 – **Debbie Kratovil** workshop **Baby Blocks**. The traditional Baby Blocks pattern uses 60 degree diamonds and is stitched using a y-seam. Debbie's Baby Blocks technique takes out that Y-seam altogether. All straight seam sewing. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Large Room at HEBCC.

June 29 - Penny Domikis Seasons of Scraps. Looking for something out of the box to do with your scraps? How about a scrap landscape. Let Penni guide you through creating your own scrappy background and adding one of Penni's "Seasonal Silhouettes" to your foreground to create a true one-of-a-kind art piece. Create a small wallhanging or combine blocks to make a seasonal quilt. Workshop at HEBCC (large room). 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



March Birthdays

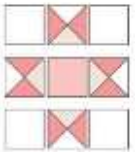
Mary Pat	Murray	March 15
Michelle	Roberts	March 20
Elizabeth	Sawyer	March 23
Karla	Sisson	March 2

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note

Elections

Elections will be coming up in May for the positions of **Vice President** and **Treasurer.** We need three volunteers for the Nominating Committee to solicit and identify candidates for these two positions. Voting is in May, transition period is in June, and the terms of office begin in July. Please let Marlene know if you would like to be on the nominating committee. The job descriptions for both positions can be found in the by-laws. Also, please talk to our current Vice President and Treasurer, **Kathy Gerardy** and **Karla Sisson**, for any questions about their duties.



Beginner Quilting Class

The guild will have a beginner's quilting class on Tuesday, **March 12, 2019, at 5:30 pm** at the HEBCC. This will be held prior to our regular meeting.

All members and friends are invited. There will be a $5.00 charge for non-members. If you have friends that are interested in learning to quilt, this is the perfect opportunity for them to learn and perhaps join our guild.

No need to bring a sewing machine to this class. Bring a notebook and pen and your questions. Please contact either **Karla Sisson** (kesinstitches1@verizon.net) or **JoMarie Coster** (jmcstr@msn.com) with any questions you may have and to sign up for the class.

Membership

At the February meeting, three new members joined our guild:

- Melanie Dumas
- Joannie Wallace
- Debbie Francisco (returning member)

Welcome ladies!

Greenbelt Courthouse Exhibit and Reception



The 17th annual quilt exhibit at the Greenbelt Federal Courthouse, (6500 Cherrywood Lane) is up for public viewing until the end of April. The show is a very unique setting for the 62 quilts from five area guilds, including several from our Calvert guild.

The courthouse sponsored artists' reception will take place in the courthouse lobby on Thursday, March 28 at 5:00 pm for the exhibitors, who may invite family/friends, as long as they are included in the RSVP count.

Please respond by March 23 to Hilke at hrhilke@comcast.net

Community Service

Our 2019 charity is making Adult Clothing Protectors for residents in nursing care facilities. **Linda Stirling** has patterns available. Our goal for this year is 150 clothing protectors.

Sunshine A card was sent to **Sue White** who has not been feeling well.

Guild Sewing Dates

Hilke Hoefer has scheduled two library sewing sessions per month, one each at Fairview and Prince Frederick to reach as many attendees as possible. Since the raffle quilt will be with the quilter (Allison), we can start on AMG Artsfest projects and/or continue on the adult clothing protectors or your own projects. Please come to utilize the large work space/tables and to socialize with/get to know your fellow guild members.

- Tuesday, March 26, Fairview Library, Large room; 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm.
- Wednesday, March 27, Prince Frederick. Library, Room 1; 1:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Friday, April 12, Prince Frederick Library; Room 3; 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Friday, April 26, Fairview Library, Large room; 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Friday, May 17, Prince Frederick Library; Room 1; 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Wednesday, May 29, Fairview Library; Large room; 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Solomons Library Sew and Share

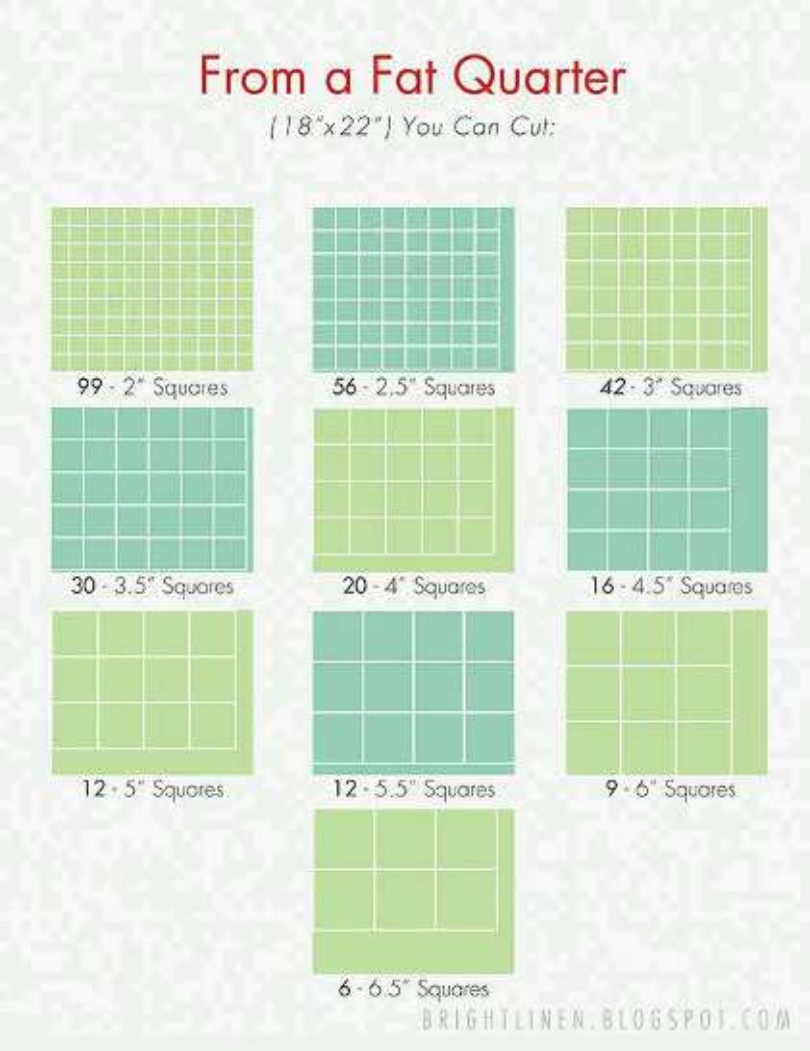
Lynda Gallagher has reserved the Solomons Library Meeting Room for sewing for Guild members living closer to that location. All are welcome. The next session will be:

- Monday, March 25, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.
- Monday, April 29, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

Quilts of Valor 2019 Block Drive



If you are interested in participating in the Quilts of Valor 2019 Block Drive, the instructions can be found on pages 7-8. Also, **JoMarie Coster** has volunteered to collect finished blocks each month at our guild meetings. She will have a container at the sign–in table each month. The deadline for the block drive is August 31, 2019.



Upcoming Regional Quilting Events

MAQ
Mid-Appalachian Quilters, Inc.

The 32nd Anniversary of Mid Appalachian Quilters retreat will be held July 12-14, 2019, with a theme of 'To the Nines'. MAQ is moving to Gettysburg College this year!

This is an annual quilting seminar. 2019 Classes are now posted! Registration starts March 9th at 10:00 a.m. at http://www.maqonline.org/


Mark Your Calendars for Quilts Around the Bay Shop Hop
Quilts around the Bay
Shop Hop
Friday, March 8–
Sunday, March 17
Extended Hours!
Mon–Sat 10–5
Sun 12–5
Our theme for the 2019 Shop Hop is Lighthouses on the Bay!
Visit the seven participating shops and enter for lots of fun and prizes, including Amazing Grand Prizes. Each shop has a FREE lighthouse pattern and separate prizes to win!
Follow our Facebook page for upcoming news, shop block designs and grand prize information: facebook.com/QuiltsAroundTheBay/
Blue Hen Quilt Shop
73 Marrows Road
Newark, DE 19713
302-533-5215
www.bluehenquiltshop.com
Hoppin Bobbin
690 S. Philadelphia Blvd.
Suite 100
Aberdeen, MD 21001
410-272-2226
www.hoppinbobbin.com
Spring Water Designs
9691 Gerwig Lane
Suite G
Columbia, MD 21046
410-381-0695
www.springwaterdesigns.com
Rodney Village Shopping Center
1716 S. Governors Avenue
Dover, DE 19904
302-674-9030
www.delawaresewing.com
Quilt Vine
3987 Main Street
Trappe, MD 21673
410-476-6166
www.quiltvine.com
Tomorrow's Treasures
2110 Priest Bridge Drive
Suite 12
Crofton, MD 21114
410-451-0400
www.tomorrowstreasures.info
Serendipity Quilt Shop
31821 Cannon Street
Dagsboro, DE 19939
302-732-6304
www.serendipityquiltshop.com

Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
Bowie, Maryland

Samuel Ogle Middle School
4111 Chelmont Lane
Bowie, MD

Admission $10. Bring a canned good for the Bowie Food Pantry and receive a ticket to our Raffle Baskets

March 23, 2019 – 10am – 5pm
March 24, 2019 – 11am – 4pm

Awesome Quilts, Vendor Hop with prizes, Raffle quilt and baskets, Silent Auction, Maryland Quilters Challenge exhibit, Full classes, free demos, quilt appraisals, Featured Quilter and more. Visit www.southerncomforters.org for more information.

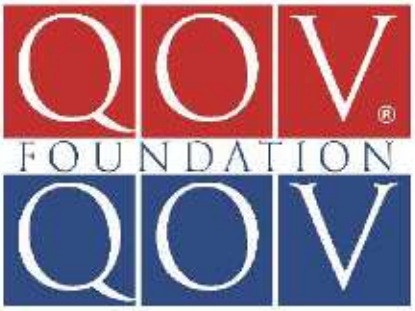


2019 Friendship Star Quilt Show "Oh My Stars"

Montgomery County Ag Fair, MDA 16 Chestnut Street Gaithersburg, MD 20877

On display there will be over 250 quilts made by local artists; a Merchant Mall/vendors; Raffle Baskets; a raffle for a Singer Featherweight; Member's Boutique; Silent Auction; Drawing for annual raffle quilt Admission: $10 (bring a canned good for a dollar off) Show hours: Friday April 26 Noon to 6pm Saturday April 27 10am to 6pm Sunday April 28 10am to 4pm







Quilts of Valor® 2019 Block Drive

The 2019 Quilts of Valor block drive features a floating Ohio Star. Once completed, please send your blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator for distribution nationwide. They will be made into Quilts of Valor to help State Coordinators with their waiting lists. If you wish to keep the blocks you make in your group, you may do so. Also you may mail them to your State Coordinator. Find your state coordinator here. Please report the number you make to suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org by 8/1/2019. We will publish the total number during Conference.

The purpose of the national block drive is to give individuals or groups who wish to make just a few blocks, but not assemble a quilt, have their block(s) in quilts made across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. We will try to post samples on Facebook. If you make a top or quilt, please post a picture. These blocks will assist State Coordinators. They will help fill requests not covered by local groups and ease their backlogs. We thank you for your help with our mission! The deadline for this drive is August 31, 2019.

Guidelines:

1. There are two colors needed: background – red or blue solid or patriotic print; main color – white or white on white (see photos).

2. Use a scant ¼" seam allowance and press carefully.

3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.

JoMarie Coster will be collecting blocks at our guild meetings. She will have a container at the sign–in table each month.

CUTTING:

Color 1 – Background	8 – 4 ½" squares	55060 (Go Die)
(red or blue solid or a patriotic print)		
Color 2 – Main Color	1 – 4 ½' square	55060 (Go Die)
(white solid or white-on-white)	8 – 3 ½" squares	55006 (Go Die)

Step 1: Picture 1 below shows your cut pieces. Take your eight 3 ½" small squares and mark 4 of them corner to corner as shown in picture 2. If you feel confident, you do not have to mark. Place each on the bottom left edge of 4 background squares (picture 3). Sew them (picture 4). Trim them at ¼" (picture 5). Press back (picture 6).



Step 2: Repeat with the other 4 small squares. See pictures below. You will end with 4 squares with star points.



Step 3: Layout your 9 squares like a 9 patch block. Sew it together your favorite way. The pictures show how I like to do it. Take your center row and lay it right sides together with the left row. Chain piece these 3 together. Do NOT cut apart. Lay open your 2 columns. Lay the the right row on top of the center row and chain piece them together. When you finish, it will look like the 4th picture.



Step 4: Final step is to turn top row down and sew row horizontally. Turn bottom row up second and sew it horizontally. Press it open (see last picture). Your finished block should measure 12 ½".





Show and Tell February 2019 Meeting







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Quilter's parrot

Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Prior to the meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, several members brought fabric, scissors and pins and cut out fabric and batting for the shirt protector project led by **Linda Stirling**.

At 7:00 pm **Heidi Hendrix** and **Stacy Farnese** from the Calvert County chapter of **Quilts of Valor** talked about their mission. The local group is called Faith and Freedom and can be contacted via their Facebook page. They meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the basement of the administration building for the Chesapeake Ranch Estates (395 Clubhouse Drive, Lusby). They also spoke about the Under Our Wings program which teaches children to sew and allows young people to earn community service hours.

Guild Quilt Challenge
Marcia Smith then read the rules for the Mini quilt and Quilt-a-Phrase challenges being voted on at the meeting. At the end of the meeting the votes were counted and the winners were:

Mini Quilt: 1st place: **Nancy Jo Kazmaier**; 2nd place: **Laurel Kirkman**
Quilt a Phrase: 1st place: **Kathy Gerardy**; 2nd place: **Karla Sisson**

Business meeting began at 8:00 pm.
Adrienne Sims made the motion to approve the January minutes, seconded by **Donna Porter,** and approved by the members.
Karla Sisson gave the treasurer's report.

Programs
Kathy Gerardy spoke about upcoming programs.

- **March 12**: Deborah Shupp "How to Ignore the Quilt Police." She will also be giving a workshop on Modern Minis on March 16 from 9-2 at the Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center (HEBCC).
- **April 9**: Member demos – **Laurel Kirkman, Hilke Hoefer,** and **Karla Sisson**, will use 20 minutes each to do a short how-to demo for the members.
- **May 14**: Debbie Kratovil – she will also be doing a workshop on May 4.
- **June 11**: Penni Domikis "Color" with a workshop on June 29 called "Seasons of Scraps."
- **July 9**: Potluck with 15th Anniversary Celebration. Joy Coffelt will be returning on July 13 to do a workshop for the guild on ruler work.
- **August 13**: Mary Kerr

Block of the Month
Anita Turley talked about the block of the month for March. She said get your creativity on and make two monster head blocks. One block will go to the BOM winner and one will be used to make a charity quilt.

Community Service
Linda Stirling announced there are patterns and cut out fabric and batting in the back of the room for members to take home. She hopes to have 150 shirt protectors completed by July and would like three at least from each member.

Library
Elizabeth Sawyer brought in the guild photo albums for members to browse and identify people in the pictures or take any pictures they would like to have.

Membership
Jan McBain announced we had three new members, **Joannie Wallace, Melanie Dumas** and **Debbie Francisco** as well as one guest, **Nan Suydam**. **Julie Trollinger** won the name badge drawing.

2019 Raffle Quilt
Hilke Hoefer said the raffle quilt is nearly ready to send to Allison for quilting. Just need to sew the back together and she hopes to have that completed and to Allison by the end of February.

Miscellaneous
The Greenbelt Federal Courthouse quilt show is hung and can be viewed through the end of April. There will be a reception for the quilters who have quilts in the show on Thursday, March 28th.

Barbara Lingle reminded members that the Mid-Appalachian Quilters retreat classes are posted and registration begins March 9. Information can be found here: http://maqonline.org/

Marlene Diehl announced we need three volunteers for the Nominating Committee to find candidates for Vice-President and Treasurer. Voting is in May, and the term of office begins in July.

The board is currently reviewing the By-Laws and will present changes to the membership in June.

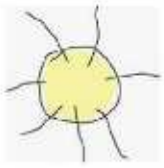
JoMarie Coster and **Karla Sisson** are planning a beginning sewing class prior to each guild meeting starting next month. The classes will start at 5:30 pm. Contact one of them if you have someone who would like to attend.



Marlene Diehl, JoMarie Coster, Sue Huseby, Adrienne Sims, Julie Trollinger, June Wurtz, Nan Suydam, Debbie Deboodt and **Melanie Dumas.**

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm.

Calvert County Quilt Guild
March 2019



Monster Block – MAKE 2

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	**Color 1 - Background – solid or small print** - cut one (1) 12 ½" x 12 ½" square
	**Color 2 – Monster – solid or print** - cut the monster to your delight

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
March, 2019

Outline stitch features and monster in black.

Directions by Anita Konzak Turley.
Reference – The Internet.

So, here is the deal: This block of the month (BOM) has the intention to bring out everyone's creative side. There is also an ulterior motive for this BOM – to not only have the chance to win a set of the submitted blocks, but to also contribute to a juvenile quilt that can be sold as a Guild fundraiser quilt.

The idea of a monster block quilt was first presented by Hilke Hoefer, one of our Guild members. She also had the suggestion that everyone make a monster block to contribute to complete the quilt – and now is the time for that opportunity. For the Guild quilt, Anita will gather the contributed blocks, add sashing and borders (or not) and ensure that the quilt is completed in time for the fund raising inventory.

1) ***Make two (2) blocks***. One to contribute and one to submit for the BOM. Allow up to 4 hours of total time to complete both blocks from start to finish. Monster head or monster is allowed.

2) Be creative; there is no monster block pattern to follow except that your monster fit on a 12 ½" block. I used a jelly roll for reference (plus whatever I felt larger) and penciled on the back of the piece of fabric for what I felt was a good sized monster. Then cut the outline of your monster.

3) The colors used for the background and monster are personal choice. The monster can be multiple colors. Add an eye or two or three or however many is needed. To make an eye use a dark dot within a white or off white. Add a smile; teeth are optional – or maybe even the smile if the monster is shy. Add the details to the monster prior to attaching to the background.

4) For technique, use traditional applique. My preference is to use a fusible stabilizer such as Wonder Under for each layer (iris, eye, mouth) before stitching the applique item to a block, especially when there is a large single surface. Stitch down around the features (iris, eye, mouth) and monster in whatever stitch you would like using black thread. No embellishment is necessary.

5) Trim block to finish at 12 ½" if needed. Have fun and giggle a bit when creating the block!!! Remember – it is a monster so there are no mistakes…

6) Alternate block – counts as 2 – If you prefer to make ONE monster block covering what would be the space for two blocks, cut the background piece 24 ½" x 12 ½".

Inspiration from Images searching for *'monster heads quilt pattern for kids'* on the Internet:

