CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
November 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 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: November 14

December Newsletter Deadline: November 20

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Calvert County Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/



President's Message

As November approaches, I'm THANKFUL. I hope you have many things to be thankful for as well. When I retired three and a half years ago one of the things I wanted to do was learn to quilt. As I've mentioned before, I've been a garment sewer almost my entire life. I had dabbled in quilting a little bit: there was my 13-year sampler quilt - templates and quilt as you go - LOL, and a pieced table runner among other things, but I still had many things to learn and still do.

When I visited the Calvert County Fair two years ago, I'm thankful I stopped by the Calvert County Quilt Guild booth. It was the exquisite raffle quilt that drew me in but it was the two friendly, knowledgeable ladies who encouraged me to attend your next meeting. When I did I was reacquainted with some former friends and have made many new friends. Everybody has been very welcoming and helpful.

I only retell this story to emphasize you never know what a brief encounter at one of our events can mean to a potential quilter. I'm thankful that each of you has something special you bring to our guild. I'm looking forward to many more meetings, classes, and events as we continue to quilt together and share our talents with those less fortunate than us.

Marlene Diehl

Upcoming Programs:

November 14 – Playing with Colors. **Cindy Grisdela** is an award-winning artist who's happiest in her studio surrounded by piles of colorful fabrics. In this lecture and trunk show, she'll use examples of her work over the last 25 years to take away some of the mystery about choosing colors effectively for your quilts. Not sure what colors "go" together? This is the lecture to reduce your stress about color!



December 12 – Holiday Party. We will have a potluck dinner, gift exchange ($20 limit on a quilt related item) and voluntary donations for Heart FELT. See information below.



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



November Birthdays

JoMarie	Coster	Nov. 5
Allison	Korb	Nov. 1
Linda	Stirling	Nov. 10

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Fairview Library Workshops

Hilke Hoefer has scheduled workshop dates, whether for Guild or other projects. Next session is:

- Monday, November 26, Fairview Library, 1:00 pm to 7:15 pm; Large Room.

Come to sew for yourself or our next craft fair events.

Solomons Library Sew and Share

Lynda Gallagher has reserved the **Solomons Library** for sewing for all Guild members living closer to that location. The next session will be:

- Monday, November 26, Solomons Library Meeting Room, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.
- No session in December due to the holidays.

Of Special Note:

2018 Raffle Quilt Venue -- November 10

St. John Vianney Church Craft / Holiday Fair
Saint John Vianney Catholic Family Life Center
105 Vianney Lane, Prince Frederick

Set up: Friday, 3 to 7 pm or Saturday, 7 to 8:30 am
Show time: 9 am to 3 pm

Contact Lynda Gallagher at 410 231 9423 or lynd_gallagher@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Community Service

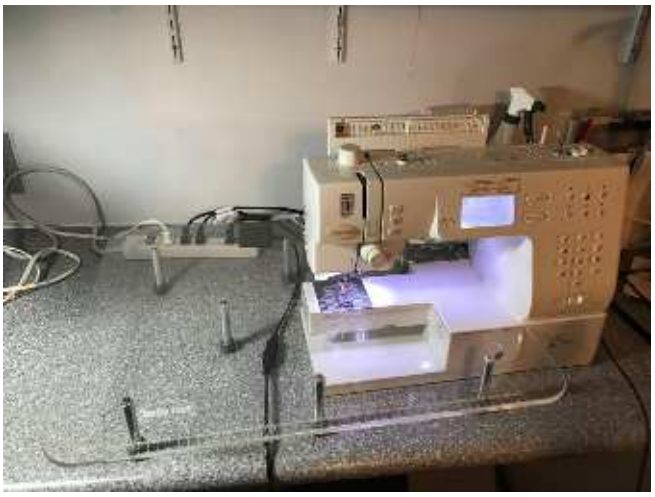


2018 Charity - Angel Tree

Our target date for completion of new quilts is the November meeting.

On Saturday, November 17, there will be a "bag and tag" meeting to "tag" the quilts by age and sex and "bag" them for delivery. This will take place at the Harriet Brown Community Center, Room 103, 901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, from 10 am to 12 pm.

For Sale



Denise, one of Susan Blanton's quilting friends in Northern Virginia, is moving to Colorado and wants to sell her Baby Lock Quest machine. She is asking $500 or best offer which includes all accessories, circa 50 bobbins, a trolley carrying case, and the insert for the Sew Ezi table. More photos available if interested. Denise's email is dytaplin@hotmail.com

Please share with anyone who might be interested.



Upcoming Regional Quilting Events



Dec 7 - Dec 8 · Bellwether Dry Goods Open House and Sale
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
137 Bayard Road, Lothian, Maryland
Free admission. Light refreshments served. Over 100 quilts to choose from.

Maryland Quilters Challenge

Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie, MD, would like to invite you to participate in the **2019 Maryland Quilters Challenge**. This year's challenge is **Unconventional Materials.**

You are to make a 20" x 16" quilt of something other than traditional fabric. This is a statewide challenge open to all Maryland quilters. Deadline for registration is February 1, 2019. The exhibit will be displayed at the Southern Comforters Quilt Show on March 23, 24, 2019 at Samuel Ogle Middle School. Here, quilts will be judged and viewers will vote for their favorites. Prizes will be awarded.

We can't wait to see what you come up with!!!

For more information on rules and registration visit us at www.southerncomforters.org or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/marylandquilterschallenge/ or contact Wendy Allen at marylandquilterschallenge@gmail.com.





Show and Tell October 2018 Meeting









Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018

The meeting opened at 7 pm with **Hilke Hoefer** talking about the 2019 Raffle Quilt and the squares the guild members are being asked to make. There were pre-made packets and instructions available for members. She spoke about the importance of making sure the center square is exactly 1.5" and how to verify your seam is exactly ¼" in width. She recommended beige or grey thread and a 2.5 mm stitch length.

Several members brought sewing machines to test and demonstrate how to make sure the seam is exactly 1/4".

Business meeting: The September minutes were approved by **Elizabeth Hubbard** and seconded by **Julie Trollinger**.

The treasurer's report was given by **Karla Sisson**.

Budget: Marlene Diehl discussed the need to adjust the budget by moving money from the AMG Commission category (as this commission is no longer required) to the Tables and Booth. Since we were rained out one day at AMG we added two events to help make up the revenue. Therefore, additional fees need to be paid for St. John Vianney and Northern High School. The change was seconded and moved. We also approved reserving a booth for next May at All Saints.

Marlene announced the 2019 Budget will be discussed and approved at the November meeting.

Programs:

Kathy Gerardy announced that **Karen Lee Carter** will be giving an embellishment workshop using Crazy Quilt kits on November 3 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The workshop will be held at the Harriet Brown Community Center and the room will be opened at 9:00 am for setting up your machines.

Cindy Grisela will be the guest speaker at the November meeting. She will be showing and speaking about her art quilts.

The December meeting will be the Christmas potluck.

Block of the Month: Julie Trollinger won the Block of the Month drawing. **Anita Konzak** spoke about next month's block.

Community Service:

The Angel Tree quilt bag and tag meeting will be November 17 at the Harriet Brown Community Center from 10 am to 12 pm.

JoMarie Coster brought placemats and members contributed ribbon. Members worked together to roll up and tie placemats with ribbon for presentation to Meals on Wheels. More placemats will be rolled and tied in November.

The project to create 100 to 125 Shirt Protectors for the nursing home patients was discussed and approved as the 2019 Community Service Project. **Debra Huebner** will bring a sample and pattern to the November meeting.

Membership: Jan McBain announced tonight was the last chance for current members to pay membership fees for 2019 and stay on the roster. Any new members are certainly welcomed and will pay $20 until end of membership year as per the bylaws. We currently have 45 members. A new member roster will be available in November. She also brought the new inventory notebook so members can update it as needed.

Monthly Raffle: The monthly raffle was won by **Nikki Huffstutler**.

Lynda Gallagher spoke regarding the sign-up sheet for St. John Vianney on Nov. 10th and asked for volunteers.

Members voted yes on having a booth at Northern High School. Karla will mail the sign-up fee of $50. We will need volunteers for Dec. 8th from 9 am to 3 pm.

Allison Korb is updating the guild's website. **Betty Tilley** stated the Yahoo group is still up and running. Members need a Yahoo email address to access it.

Discussion followed about the guild accepting credit cards in payment for boutique sales. Discussion of the use of Square and its requirements followed. After some back and forth, Marlene stated the board would follow up with further research on using Square for credit card payments.



Members participating in Show and Tell this month were:

Mary Bahniuk
Barbara Lingle
Marcia Smith
Marlene Diehl
Elizabeth Sawyer
Nikki Huffstutler
Anita Konzak Turley
Nancy Gardner
Betty Tilley

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Brasstown Star Block

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	Color 1 - 4 ½" x 18" strip
	Color 2 - one 2 ½" x 20" strip - one 4 ½" square
	Color 3 - one 2 ½" x 20" strip - one 4 ½" x 18" strip

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
November, 2018

Fall colors in the same color family – light, medium, dark.

Block seams are accurate ¼".

Directions modified by Anita Konzak Turley.
Reference –www.quilterscache.com

The leaves are falling, the deep colors of the earth are showing through lawns and in fields, all giving inspiration for this block rich in earth tones with the harvest hues. We have a harvest block to sew!!!

1) Cut **Color 1**, 4 ½" x 18" strip into four 4 ½" squares (Figure 1).

2) Cut **Color 3**, 4 ½" x 18" strip into four 4 ½" squares (Figure 2).

3) Stack and cut **Color 2** and **Color 3**, 2 ½" x 20" strips into eight 2 ½" squares (Figure 3). Separate.

4) For steps 4 and 5, the steps are to sew the different colored small squares *in opposing corners* to have correct color placement. I found chain piecing each of the four blocks for each step was easiest and fastest. Place a **Color 3** small square lined up with the upper left corner of a **Color 1** 4 ½" square, right sides together. Lightly draw the diagonal line in the direction shown (Figure 4) on the back of the small square and sew ON this diagonal line (alternate – if you don't have a pencil, press the small block in half diagonally and use the crease as a sew line). Next, sew on a **Color 2** small square in the same way, *to the opposing corner*. Trim off excess seam allowance from both squares and press squares outward.

5) For the third corner, sew a **Color 3** square to the bottom left corner, and lastly sew a **Color 2** square to the remaining corner. Trim excess seam allowance and press both squares outward again. Trim each block (total of 4 blocks) to 4 ½", as necessary.

6) Piece each final block according to the layout (Figure 5). Press the inner block of the first and last row is pressed out, and the middle row inner block is pressed in (the pieced blocks will help determine the direction to press. Piece the rows together and press to one side. Trim block to finish at 12 ½".

Inspiration	Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4	Figure 5
					