CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
November 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: November 12

Next Board Meeting: November 5, 7 pm HEBCC

December Newsletter Deadline: November 20

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Calvert County Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/



President's Message

People have been sewing since the beginning of time. I love quilting and I'm thankful for the ingenious people who have made this possible.

Initially animal skins were used for fabric, bones and thorns for needles and strips of hide or sinew for thread. The process evolved slowly until the growth in steam power and iron production created the Industrial Revolution from 1760 – 1850. Inventions like the sewing machine needle (Charles Weisenthal), powered weaving looms (Edmund Cartwright), the sewing machine (Thomas Saint, Elias Howe, Isaac Singer) and superior thread production (Patrick and James Clark) really advanced the process. These inventors would be astounded by the computer machines, needle varieties, and thread options we have today.

I am grateful for the many inventors, creators and teachers who continue to impact our love of quilting. I look forward to seeing your creative genius when you participate in our guild challenge quilt and as you share your work in Show and Tell each month. Keep the creative juices flowing.

Marlene

Upcoming Programs:

November 12 - Allison Korb will present "Bare Basics Quilting Designs For Your Domestic Machine". She will demonstrate four to six quilting designs and discuss tips on how to easily achieve them without special tools. Allison will also discuss what thread and batting to use when just starting out. Stitch-in-the-Ditch is NOT one of the designs! She will demo four all over designs and two in a block designs.



December 10 – 6:30 pm Holiday Party which will include a potluck dinner and ***optional*** gift exchange ($20 limit on a wrapped, quilt related gift). A sign-up sheet for the dinner will be at the November meeting. We will also need help setting up at 6:00 p.m.

January 14 – We will hear a presentation from former CCQG member **Julia Graves,** owner of Special Occasion Quilts.



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 <u>not</u> foundation paper pieced; they use freezer paper templates (<u>included</u> 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/.



November Birthdays

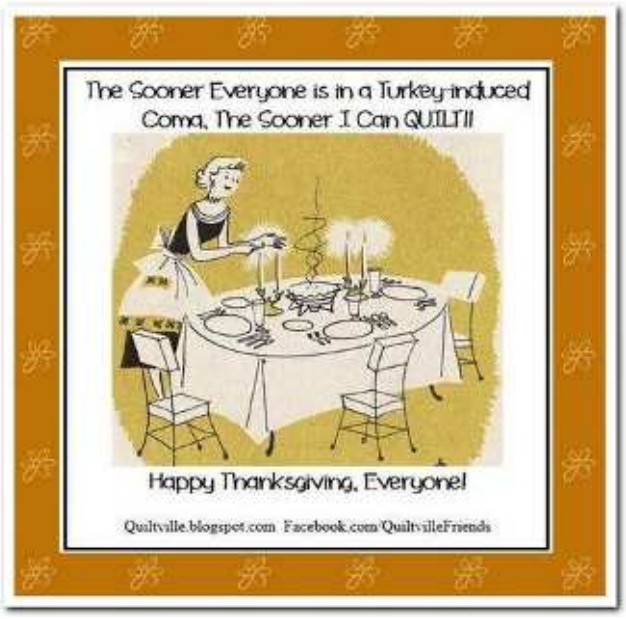
Mary	Bahniuk	November 10
JoMarie	Coster	November 5
Allison	Korb	November 1
Linda	Stirling	November 10

Enjoy your special day ladies!

Of Special Note

Member of the Year

The Member of the Year is a guild member who has gone above and beyond in serving the guild during the calendar year. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact a board member. Board member names and contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



2020 Budget

You should have received via email a copy of the proposed budget for 2020. Please take a moment to review as we will be discussing this at the November meeting and voting on it at the December meeting.

2020 Raffle Quilt

At the October meeting, **Hilke Hoefer** and her team distributed quilt kits for the 2020 Raffle Quilt. The kits that were distributed are a seven-patch block. Please return yours at the November meeting or at an earlier sewing date.



Future Guild Sewing Dates

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

- Friday, November 8, Prince Frederick Library, Room 1, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Monday, November 25, Fairview Library, Large room, 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- 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, Nov. 25, 10:00 am to 12:45 pm.

Community Service



We need a Community Service Chairperson for 2020. Now is the time to think about a charity project for next year and give back to the community. There are so many good ideas out there. The Community Service Chair will coordinate the activities to fulfill the project that the guild will vote on.

December Holiday Party Charity

We are looking for recommendations for a charity for the December Holiday Party. Previously, we supported HeartFELT because it was a charity sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church where our meetings were held. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

Flannel for Pretty Pockets

Elizabeth Sawyer is coordinating the effort to make Pretty Pockets for Calvert Health Medical Center (formerly Calvert Memorial Hospital). If you have flannel fabric that you would like to donate for this worthy cause, please let Elizabeth know.



Quilting: The gateway craft.

CCQG Challenge: How are you coming?

Calvert County Quilt Guild Challenge

September 2019-April 2020

Theme: A Visit to the Hardware Store

Rules:

1. Execute a quilt with a minimum ***perimeter*** of 60 inches. The maximum size is 100 inches.

2. The quilt must contain items found in a hardware store, either in the quilt itself or in the embellishments.

3. The quilt must have three layers and be completed. Completed means quilted with no raw edges on the perimeter (or binding clips), a hanging sleeve and a label.

4. There will be two prizes awarded:
    a. Highest number of hardware items utilized. Keep a list. It could be part of your label. Be honest, Ladies!
    b. Guild favorite, as voted on by the populace.

5. You are free to design and embellish to your heart's content. No rules here.

6. This challenge will run September 2019 through April 2020. Winners will be determined at the April 2020 meeting.

7. At April's meeting, you are to bring your hardware creation in a sealed, brown paper bag. There will be a table set up for you to place your sealed bag. Two persons not partaking in the challenge will be assigned to open and display the quilts. Voting will take place during our break. Votes will be tabulated by at least two members. Winners will be announced in the latter part of the business meeting.

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.



Looks like a very successful Twist and Shout workshop with Mary Kerr. Vintage quilt top fragments were transformed into new contemporary quilts. Way to go ladies!





Show and Tell October 2019 Meeting








Calvert County Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2019

Tonight's presenter was David Taylor (https://davidtaylorquilts.com/index.html). He gave us an entertaining trip through his quilting learning curve.

The business meeting began at 8:25 PM. The minutes were approved by all.

Karla Sisson volunteered to call the director of the HEBCC to find out if they have a Christmas charity project.

Debra Huebner reiterated the rules for the Hardware Quilt Challenge due in April of 2020. They will be included in the November newsletter.



JoMarie Coster spoke about the collecting of Quilts of Valor squares. Instructions for making them can be found on the QoV website (https://www.qovf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Block-drive-2020-Revision2-2019-0830.pdf).



Debbie Deboodt gave the treasurer's report. Marlene Diehl announced next year's budget was worked up by the board at the October board meeting and will be discussed by all at the November meeting.

Hilke Hoefer gave a report on the sales numbers for the Annmarie Garden ArtsFest and the Calvert County Fair. The numbers were higher for ArtsFest this year than last due to the great weather, having two tents to display merchandise, and the use of the Square to take credit cards for purchases.

Regarding the 2020 Raffle Quilt, Hilke announced that block kits were available in the back for pick up to take home and sew together. More will be available in November. The design is going to be stars with fireworks behind them.

Programs – Next month, **Allison Korb** will be teaching about quilting your quilt. December is the holiday party. There was some discussion and it was agreed there would be a gift exchange for those interested in participating. Gifts should be quilt related and cost between $15 and $20. At the January meeting **Julia Graves** will be giving the lecture and then teaching her Birthstone Gem blocks workshop on January 18th. There is a sign-up sheet at the back table if you are interested in the workshop.

Marlene Diehl again announced we need a **Community Service** chairperson. There are two projects currently proposed. The Calvert Nursing home would love to have us make them a set of Adult Clothing Protectors; and John Johnson, the new director for the Calvert County Historical Society, has requested we make a quilt for them to auction off. Neither project will happen without someone to coordinate. Please participate in guild projects and volunteer your time.



Anita Konzak-Turley showed the BOM for November and had **Harvey Korb** draw the winner for October. The winner was **Nancy Jo Kazmaier**.

Elizabeth Sawyer showed the group what a Pretty Pocket was and how it was used by patients. She asked that if you have flannel that you are not using, to please give it to her for future Pretty Pockets.

Membership
Sue Huesby announced the name tag raffle was won by **Melanie Dumas**. Melanie had a lucky streak going and won the monthly raffle prize too!



Laurel Kirkman
Harvey and Allison Korb
Marcia Smith
Jan McBain
Anita Konzak-Turley

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.



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

All seams are ¼" allowance.

Pattern by Anita Konzak Turley
Influence from a photo – credit to whomever!



Crazy Herringbone Block

Each block makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.

	**Sashing – black** One 1½" x 14" strip Six 1" x WOF strips
	**Focus – fall seasonal prints – floral, food, blenders** Six 2 ½" x WOF strips (there will be leftovers)

I have never truly liked a crazy quilt but completely respect the idea. I have always loved a herringbone/ French braid type of quilt. And I love fall. I saw a picture (familiar theme), and when I went back to find it I couldn't locate it anywhere. So, this one is completely out of my mind's eye. And since I had to use math I started big and then worked my way to the finished block (apologies on using extra fabric, but then…keep going with a whole quilt!). Where the math comes in is having the finished ½" herringbone sashing, the 1" divider sashing with the 2" focus strips, and then when completed, also having 2" finished sashing between blocks. Proportional! This block is a bit tricky – email or text me if needed.

1) Sew in opposing strips the focus fabric and 1" sashing strip (focus, sashing, focus, sashing, repeat). Press to the focus fabric.

2) Using a ruler with a 45 degree mark align the ruler so that you will be able to cut an approximate 14" x 7" strip, ensuring you will have a herringbone pattern to attach to the 1½" x 14" strip from the left side. See Figure 1.

3) Press the strip flat with the 'bones' pointing up into the center and add the strip set to the 1½" x 14" sashing strip. See Figure 2. The aligning, at this step, will not be exact, but not to worry. Press to the dark.

4) Sew remaining rows into a 'tube', as you wish, to change how the fabrics will match against each other. This step is completely optional as you may wish to have your 'bones' closely match. In the photo, I created the tube so I could have variation when placing the opposing row. Rip out the stitches at the row you wish to align your 'bones'. Repeat step 2 ensuring that your next strip cut will have your 'bones' pointing up into the center sashing. See Figure 3 for creating a tube.

5) Align the second strip set so that the 'bones' point up in the center and they are offset from the 'bones' on the left. See Figure 4. Sew the strip set to the center sashing. Press to the dark. Trim blocks to finish at 12½". Have fun with this quirky block!

Figure 1	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4	Finished Inspiration
				