CALVERT COUNTY QUIILT GUILD
October 2017 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 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: October 11

November Newsletter Deadline: October 20

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Calvert Quilt Guild Website:

http://www.calvertcountyquiltguild.org/

President's Message

The trip to Italy was very inspiring for me. I knew I would enjoy the food and wine, the sights, and fabulous public transportation, but I didn't expect the intensity of the colors to inspire me as much as it did.

We stayed in an apartment in the outskirts of Milan. My daughters and I explored Milan. We climbed to the rooftop of the Duomo di Milano, the second largest cathedral in Italy and the fifth largest in the world. It has 3400 statues, 135 spires that decorate the building. It's amazing to walk among the forest of spires and the view from the roof is unmatched. The architecture was amazing and started my design wheels moving.



We also visited Rome, and the lakeside town of Sestra on the banks of Lake Maggiore. However, one of our favorite trips was to the villages of Cinque Terra. Cinque Terre, which means Five Lands, is a 6-mile stretch of five villages, connected only by a walking path and a local train that hugs the cliffs and coastline. From north to south, the villages are Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. Here is where I took most of my photos. The

colors of the houses, terraces, boats, and sea are absolutely stunning. As I photographed numerous sights, a quilt idea was almost instantly associated with each photo. I mentally pictured my fabric stash and pulled pieces for my imagined quilt. Now that I'm back home, the ideas still swirl in my head. A bit of reality first. I must clean up my sewing room.

Happy Quilting,

Julie Trollinger

Upcoming Programs:

October 3 – **Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm at the Prince Frederick Library, meeting room #1. The budget for the upcoming year will be discussed. Per the guild by-laws, the Budget Committee consists of current board members, all committee chairs needing funds, plus two members from the general membership.

October 11 – **JoMarie Coster** will lead a workshop on the Amazing Disappearing Square. **The workshop begins at 5:00 pm**. Bring your machines and sewing kits and a sandwich or something to snack on before the business meeting at 7:00 pm. JoMarie will show us how the basic four-patch or nine-patch block can be cut, rearranged, and sewn into a block that looks much more complicated than they really are. **See the Supply List on page 4.**

Saturday, Nov. 4th - Heather Kojan Workshop- "Half Square Triangles". Learn ten different ways to construct one of the foundations of quilt construction - the half square triangle. Students will leave with their HST Master Certificate. **See the Supply List on page 5.**

November 8 – A speaker from FIL-TEC will discuss their quilting and embroidery threads. To get a sneak peek on the FIL-TEC company and their products, go to http://www.fil-tec.com/Quilting

December 13 – Holiday Party will include a gift exchange with a value of $15 to $20. More information will follow.



October Birthdays

Nancy	Carnes	October 4
Deborah	Francisco	October 6
Debra	Huebner	October 26
Nancy Jo	Kazmaier	October 29
Barbara	Lingle	October 28

Of Special Note:



Raffle Quilt 2017

Please turn in your ticket stubs and money to **Signe Wilkinson** before the drawing in December. If you have not picked up your tickets or need additional packets, please see Signe at the next meeting. Keep selling those tickets, this is a remarkable quilt!



Community Service: *A note from Debra Huebner*



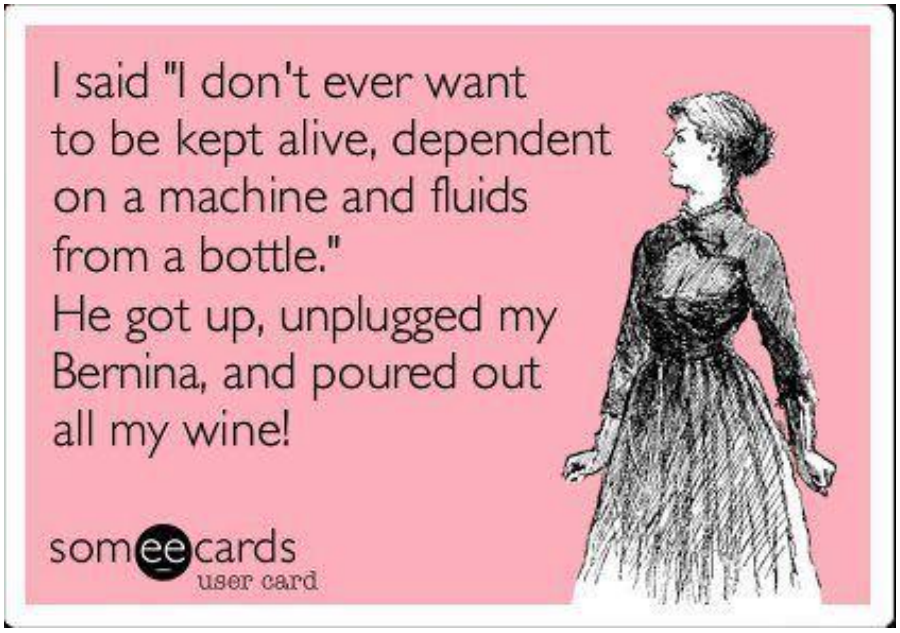
Please turn your CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) quilts in to **Elizabeth Hubbard** at October's meeting. If you cannot finish your quilt by October, NO WORRIES, bring it to the November meeting as originally planned. However, we are planning on a "Tag and Bag" afternoon at the Prince Frederick Library, room 3 on October 24, 2017 at 2-5 p.m. This will give us the opportunity to spread the quilts out and correlate the most appropriate quilt to each child, particularly the ones turned in not designated to a specific child. The quilts will be tagged, bagged and ready for distribution to the kids! Additionally, we will be sewing labels on the quilts. I ordered us two-sided labels. The front says "Calvert County Quilt Guild", and the back says "Machine wash, gentle cycle, cold water. Line dry." If you are available to help on October 24th at Prince Frederick library that would be great!

Also, at the November meeting, I will bring ALL the CASA quilts, so bring your party face and cameras. I have also invited the CASA director, Tonya Kennerly. She is very excited about the quilts, so I hope she can attend. (If Tonya attends, she can take the quilts right then; if she doesn't attend, I will transport them Thursday right after our November meeting. I need my guest room back). I will check with the Calvert newspaper to see if they can also attend.

Lastly, with all the quilts still being completed and those turned in, we are going to meet our goal of 57 quilts! I am humbled by the generosity of our members. A special thank you to **Elizabeth Hubbard** and **Allison Korb**, our fabulous long-armers, for all their time, attention, and devotion to seeing this project completed. Thank you, ladies! **Anita Konzak** also made 10 gorgeous quilts. Thanks, Anita for going above and beyond.

Debra Huebner

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Amazing Disappearing Square Hands-On Demo Supply List
JoMarie Coster
October 11 Meeting
5:00 pm

- SEWING Machine
- Extension Cord
- Thread and needle for sewing machine, rotary cutter and mat, ruler at least 12 inches by 6 inches, Iron-this can be a small craft iron, just need to get a good press
- Ironing mat

Your choice of squares

- Nine Patch: 

Squares for a nine patch (four of one color and five of another). You can use scrappy, but must have good contrast. The four can be light and the five can be dark, or visa versa. We will work with either 4-inch squares or 5 inch squares. The choice is yours. Bring extra squares. The squares must all be the same size for each unit.

- Four Patch 

Squares for a four patch (two of one color and two of another color). You can also use scrappy, but there must be a good contrast. Bring extra of these. You can use 5-inch squares or 4-inch squares. The squares must be the same size for each unit.

If you are using precuts-charm packs, please measure them and make sure they are all the same size.



Half Square Triangle Master Class

by Heather Kojan heatherkojan@gmail.com

Supplies:

2 yards of neutral background fabric

A variety of prints to equal 1-2 yards. Scraps are fine.
Some scraps need to be at least 14" square and some need to be at least 5" wide x wof to be able to use the various techniques.
Nothing smaller than 4" square.

Rotary cutter, mat, sewing machine, etc.
Scissors. 24" long ruler and smaller (6" or 9" square) helpful

Marking tools. (I prefer a mechanical pencil)

Small (applique sized) pins

Upcoming Regional Quilting Events:

Fredericksburg, VA
Fredericksburg Expo Center
October 5, 6 & 7, 2017.
See
http://www.sewingexpo.com/Events/Fredericksburg,VA.aspx for details.

2017 Fall Harvest of Quilts

Everybody's Quilt Guild Presents

"Quilting our Memories"

October 6-8 2017

Friday, Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday 10am to 3pm

St. John's Church Portico

43 Monroe St. Westminster, Md 21157

Quilt Appraisals * Merchant Mall * Demos * Raffles

Tickets: $8.00 at the door

For more info:
http://eqg.wildapricot.org/Quilt-Show

Bethesda Quilters 2017 Quilt Show

Friday, October 13, Saturday 14, 10am - 5 pm

Holy Redeemer School Auditorium
9705 Summit Avenue, Kensington, Maryland

Suggested donation at entry $5. Show includes: Silent Auction, Boutique, 100+ quilts by our members, White Elephant sale & Beautiful Opportunity Quilt!

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This year's Quilters' Quest will take place from Thursday, November 9th - Saturday, November 18th. Each shop is picking a movie and will transform their shop so you can experience the magic of Hollywood!

Bear's Paw Fabrics	**Capital Quilts**
The Crazy Cousin	**Cottonseed Glory**
Jinny Beyer Studio	**Kelly Ann's Quilting**
Material Girls Quilting Boutique	**Patches Quilting and Sewing**
The Scrappy Apple	**Traditions of the White Swan**

The ten participating stores will be open Monday-Saturday from 9:30am-6:00pm and Sunday, 11:00am-4:00pm during the shop hop.

For information on participating shops, prizes, maps, driving directions, and bus tours go to http://www.quiltersquest.org/

Calvert Quilt Guild Minutes
September 13, 2017

Vice-President **Kathy Gerardy** opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

Kathy introduced the guest speaker, **Heather Kojan**, presenting her topic, "**Quilt Math**".



Heather presented a topic on quilt math and how to figure math into creating quilts. She started with the intent to make blocks (half square triangles, rectangles) but at the beginning of a project the goal was not the quilt but to make the blocks. She discussed in an upcoming class how to make the different blocks using different methods.

Specific methods discussed included – Magic numbers (pre-cut fabrics that are all multiples of a same base number, e.g., 2 or 3), and Magic 8 (her favorite), speed/streamline piecing, Fibonacci sequence (ratio perspective). Heather also presented multiple structures for wedges – regardless of the number of degrees in creating the circle, the wedge degrees need to add to 360° for a full circle, 180° for a half circle, 90° for a quarter circle, etc.

When using jelly rolls, Heather stated fabric rule is 2" wide finished blocks as the roll is 2½" wide. Binding can be used from the jelly roll; however, she likes a smaller binding on a quilt without borders and uses "shot cottons" as her favorite binding fabric (referenced Shot Cotton from StudioE). For a good quilt calculator, Heather recommended the Robert Kaufman QuiltCalc app (available for iPhone and Android).

Meeting minutes were presented and approved by **Andrea Elwyn** with second from **Pat Blackford.** One guest attended the meeting – Brandy. Kathy Gerardy announced upcoming speakers and workshops.

The badge incentive drawing (attendees wearing name tags) was won by **Susan Blanton**.

June Wurtz and **Debra Huebner** thanked the Guild for their sunshine cards.

The treasurer's report was discussed; officers received a copy of the budget in advance of the meeting. **Karla Sisson** was not in attendance and is scheduled to report budget details during the October meeting.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 3, where the board members will discuss the budget in detail. ***Non-officers are needed and requested to also attend this meeting.***



Elizabeth Sawyer made books available **-** recommend that if you check out a book from the library you might do a brief book report on it when you return it so members have a better idea of what is available.



Hilke Hoefer reminded members to sign up for volunteer time at ***Annmarie***

Garden Artsfest the weekend after the meeting in September. The Guild was assigned Booth 17. Set up begins at 10AM Friday, September 15 (husbands are welcome). More helpers are needed across the board for set up, working shifts, and close out. If an helper works two shifts they will receive a pass; need helpers for set up Sept. 15 and close out on Sunday, the 17th. Also sign up to man the booth on the 16th and 17th. Photos and tagging all items held Thursday, September 14 at the Fairview Library at 10AM.



Calvert County Fair - Need to fill out helpers for the Calvert County Fair shifts which begin Wednesday, September 27 for setup and then in 3 hour shifts beginning at 9AM. Hilke Hoefer will work the 6 – 9PM daily shift. Passes into the fair will work the same as with Artsfest.

For both events (Artsfest and Calvert County Fair) if there are questions to making a custom quilt is that the Guild will do so.

JoMarie Coster will be leading a Disappearing Squares demonstration in October in advance of the Guild meeting. See JoMarie to sign up and confirm the supply list.

The November meeting speaker is from Fil-Tec in Hagerstown, where they make thread and fiber optics.

The December meeting will include a Social and gift exchange with total gift costs of $15-$20. Charity discussion for the end of year will be discussed at the October 3 Board meeting.

The monthly raffle was two Hoffman Bali Poppies won by **Laurel Kirkman**.

The Block of the Month blocks were won by **Nancy Carnes**.

JoMarie Coster stated the County Register distributes their flyer every two months and has the DelMarVa quilt shops listed. She distributed copies to members in attendance.

Elizabeth Hubbard, Anita Konzak, Betty Tilley, Andrea Elwyn, **Hilke Hoefer**, and **Debra Huebner** presented show and tell quilts. Many of the quilts presented were being provided to Debra for the CASA quilt donations.

Debra Huebner stated that after the donation of quilts from this meeting, and those in progress, she is very excited to confidently claim the Guild has met their goals of making 57 quilts for the children in CASA (court-appointed special advocates). However, more pillow cases and bags are needed. A meeting will be scheduled in October to package all quilts/pillowcases/bag combinations. The plan is to deliver all on Thursday, November 9 (the day after the November Guild meeting).

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM from **Pat Blackford** and **Jayne Arminger.**



Reminder – enter your quilts in your County Fair!!!



Show and Tell Sept. 2017 Meeting









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Squares upon Squares Block

This makes a 12 ½" unfinished block.



Color 1 – Medium (shown as rust)
One – 3 ½" x 10 ½" rectangle
One – 6 ½" squares



Color 2 – Light (shown as gold)
One – 3 ½" x 21" rectangle



Color 3 – Dark (shown as brown – center block)
One – 3 ½" x 10 ½" rectangle

Calvert County Quilt Guild
Block of the Month
October 2017

Fall colors – greens, oranges, golds, browns, yellows

Block seams are ¼".
Thanks to quilterscache.com

In looking for a nice seasonal block the Squares upon Squares was found. This block gets away from half square triangles; however, brings piecing back into a simple design that looks complicated. Any combination of fall colors can be used for this block as long as there is a mix of a dark center, and then medium and light blocks surrounding the center. When finished this block should piece to make a nice mix of fall colors.

1) Cut pieces carefully to size. Refer to the *Figure 2* below.
   a. Start by marking and cutting the Color 1 and Color 3, 3-1/2" x 10-1/2" strips into three 3-1/2" squares of each.
   b. Mark and cut the Color 2, 3-1/2" x 21" strip into six 3-1/2" squares.
   c. You also need one 6-1/2" square of Color 1

2) To sew three of the corner blocks, sew pairs of colored squares right sides together as shown in *Figure 3*, using 1/4" seams. Press seams towards the darker side. Sew these units together, again using 1/4" seams. Make ***one*** unit with the **Color 1** and **Color 3** small squares, and ***two*** units using **Color 2** and **Color 3**.

3) Piece the block, sewing your units together as shown in *Figure 4*. Press row seams in opposing directions, so the seams lay nice and flat.

4) Trim to 12 ½". Have fun making this block!!!!

Note – Be conscious of the ¼" seams to ensure the final block will square to 12 ½". If using a scant ¼" seam, be sure to trim each piece to size before final piecing (each complete block section should be 6 ½" square).

Figure 1 - Inspiration	Figure 2	Figure 3	Figure 4
