Bayside Quilters
of the Eastern Shore, Inc.

DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter

President's Corner

My Quilting Friends,

Thanksgiving is over but being thankful should be something we celebrate all year! I'm thankful for each of you and all you do for our communities. Bayside Quilters give to our Veterans, cancer patients, children, and organizations such as 4-H, Judy Center, Hospice and Interfaith Shelter.

There is still time to celebrate at our annual Christmas luncheon on December 10th at 11am; just call your reservation into Kris Smith 443-995-5144 and pay $10 at the door. There will be gifts for everyone.

Our 2025 Handmade Market is over and I would like to thank Jackie & Pat for all the hours they worked to make it a success! Thanks to each of you that donated items, your time, and money. Final numbers and my challenge winner will be announced at the luncheon on December 10th. Our own Nita Brayton won the raffle quilt.

As the holidays and new year approach think about 2026 and what you can do for your guild? Join Outreach to make quilts, volunteer to help with 4-H classes, or start making items for our 2026 Handmade Market. I'm so proud to be a member of the group of happy women!

Happy Sewing with Love,

Lou D.

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Membership Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month, 9AM
Trappe Volunteer Fire Department

Table Talk

There will be no Free table this month as we will be enjoying our Holiday luncheon.

A new member has donated several Jim Shore Christmas decorations that feature quilt designs. I will have those to sell. If there are any items left from the Handmade sale they will also be for sale.

We have some new plans for sales in the back room after the New Year which I will talk about at the luncheon. See you at the party.

Alice Kish

Bayside Quilters Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2025

The November Meeting of the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore was held at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. A quorum was present in person and President, Lou Diefenderfer, called the meeting to order, by the ringing of the bell, at 9:30 a.m.

Announcements: Lou warmly welcomed everyone. New member, Kate Hogan, was introduced. Lisa Schober introduced her mom, Ms. Esther, who was visiting from out of town.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Schober provided an update on the guild's financial status. She also reminded us of how important the Maker's Market is to our success. She even brought out her boxing gloves.

Outreach Update: Pat Massimini thanked everyone for their continued support. Judy's Center is very appreciative for many donations. There were about 150 Christmas stockings donated. She reminded us that the next Outreach Sew-In will be January 25th. Please join us if you can.

Programs Report: No update currently.

Membership Report: Kate reported the new directory is at the printers and will be available during the December luncheon.

Maker's Market Update: Pat and Jackie provided an update for the Maker's Market. They thanked everyone for many donations. Jackie spoke about advertising, she also showed items that will be available for crafting during the afternoon. Pat reminded everyone to price your items as to what your item is worth to you.

Please help sell raffle tickets for the donated quilt, the drawing will take place during the Market.

Don't forget the Purple Ticket Challenge Raffle. If you have donated an item, 100% to Bayside, get your ticket. Lou has donated a $50 gift card to Covenant Quilting. Thank you, Lou, for the generous donation and motivator.

Old Business: December 10, 2025, is the annual Holiday Luncheon at 11 a.m. Karli is chairing this event. For just $10 there will be a fabulous salad bar with all the fixings, lots of camaraderie and great door prizes. Jaftex has also provided a generous gift for all attendees. Please bring a dessert. Lou's generous Purple Challenge Raffle will be drawn during this event. If you haven't signed up, please do!!

Nita and Patti shared their experiences at the Gathering of the Guilds. Alice announced she is on the board for next year's event.

New Business: Karli announced any items left from the Maker's Market along with any additional donated items will be for sale at the Caroline County Christmas Craft Fair the following weekend.

Lou has requested donations to send Scott Fortunoff, our Jaftex representative, a fruit basket. Please show your appreciation for the many gifts he has sent us throughout the year.

Kris spoke about the annual Bayside Quilt Guild Retreat, February 22-25, 2026, in Ocean City. Reserve your spot with Jan Bohn.

Donations: Katie and Jaflex donated fabrics for the outreach drawing. Congratulations to the winners.

Show & Tell was enjoyed by all.

Lunch was provided by Jo Verne. What a fabulous spread: salad, soups, biscuits and desserts. Thank you, Jo!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to sew and craft for the Maker's Market.

Respectfully Submitted, Patti DeWitt, Secretary

BEE BUZZ

***Modern Design & Critique Bee* 1-4 PM**
AKA Brackish Babes
3rd Tuesday of the month
Royal Oak Community United Methodist Church
6968 Bellevue Road
Royal Oak , MD, 21662
Space is limited, please contact:
Jean Rhian 410-253-7345, Mimi Morris 301 -613-0219

Modern Quilting Bee 6:30 PM
1st Wednesday of the month
Trappe Volunteer Fire House
4001 Powell, Trappe, MD 21673
Join us to learn about modern quilts, styles and techniques and to be inspired by interaction with modern quilters.
Welcoming new members. Contact Lou Diefenderfer if you are interested or have questions 410-924-1764

Outreach Bee 10 AM
4th Wednesday of the month
Immanuel Lutheran Church
7215 Ocean Gateway (Rt. 50), Easton, MD 21601
Jan Bohn 410-822-4688,
Pat Massimini 703-336-3796

Talbot Hospice Veteran's Bee 10 AM
Meets with **Outreach**
4th Wednesday of the month
Immanuel Lutheran Church,
7215 Ocean Gateway (Rt. 50), Easton, MD 21601
Judy Gross 1-240-605-8212
mjgross1@verizon.net or
Chris Dorset 410-364-5750
chdorset@atlanticbb.net

Please contact Bee Keeper Mary Chaplain, jrcmec@verizon.net, with changes. If you are interested in forming a Bee related to your favorite part of quilting, let Mary know and we'll try and find others with your interests!

Zoom Invitations

We will be sending all future Zoom invitations from the Bayside Quilters Zoom email address, baysidequilterszoom@gmail.com. Please make sure Bayside Quilters Zoom is a safe address for you so you don't miss any invitations to Zoom meetings.

Important Deadlines

The following are gentle reminders of some deadlines. Adhering to these dates make all our volunteer jobs easier.

Newsletter articles – 20th of month. They will appear in the newsletter that is sent out a week before regular meeting.

Reimbursement forms with invoices and/or receipts for Bayside expenses – Within 30 days of expense.

Reimbursement checks to you – Please cash within 30 days of receipt.

Payment for Workshops, Camps – Minimum of 10 days before event. Retreats will set a date that will be announced as needed.

Spotlight on Outreach

Even though December is a busy time of the year with holiday preparations and gatherings, our Outreach program is still servicing the local community. With the help of Mary Chaplain and Judy Garber and all of you who contributed materials, kits, and sewing skill, we were able to supply 235 Christmas stockings to Chapel District Elementary School in Cordova. Thank you to all who participated! We'd like to do a special shout-out to Pam Wehnert, who supplied most of the fabric and cut all of the kits.

Another lovely holiday activity is being led by Judy Gross to support the children at Talbot Interfaith Shelter. She is organizing a group of quilters who are creating custom quilts for each of the children in the colors they requested. It's always rewarding to quilt for a specific person and purpose.

We remind you that the monthly Outreach sew-ins at Immanuel Lutheran will not resume until January due to interference with the holidays. If you think you might have some free time this coming month, you are welcome to work on one of the kits that will be available at the December luncheon. We are always happy to take any items you are ready to hand off.

Thank you again, Bayside Quilters, for your commitment to our community and your passion for quilting. There are many people who feel the warmth of your caring as they wrap themselves in your quilts!

Jan Bohn and Pat Massimini

Warning !!!

A warning for those with front loading washing machines - I just had the mechanic here to fix my drain line on my Whirlpool front loading washer (maybe 2 years old). Not a part I could get to. The drain line was clogged with THREE (3) COLOR CATCHER SHEETS! Apparently they are easily drawn down between the drum and the rubber on the door and then get to the drain line and are caught in the pump filter. Small socks also get in there. Once the filter has enough around it, nothing drains. The mechanic said he hasn't seen color catchers before but lots of the small stuff gets down and causes problems. Solution? Put your small things in a mesh bag. Would have saved me $130.00.

Jan

Many Thanks to Bayside Quilters

I've been lucky this year in the Bayside Quilters atmosphere. In October I won the raffle for a free ticket to Gathering of the Guilds sponsored by FACES. It was nice to see other FACES members show off their talents. There were knitters, embroiderers, and quilters. One knitters guild made Knitted Knockers which are flesh colored breast shapes that are stuffed-to- size and inserted in a bra after a full or partial mastectomy.

Mary Kerr and Kathy Spence talked about their areas of fiber expertise. Both of them love and are very knowledgeable about the vintage and antique coverlets and quilts. Mary reimagines quilt bits into something else. Thank you Anonymous

AND then I bought 3 tickets for the Handmade Market raffle quilt, "Stars of the Galaxy". It was made as a Quilt Vine sample, purchased by Eunice Knauer, inherited by her daughters and donated by them for the raffle. I couldn't believe it. I buy tickets for every raffle quilt I see and never win it. This was one I really wanted to win and got lucky. I'm delighted and plan on hanging it in my house.

December Fabrics from Jaftex

In the warmth of gathered friends,
beneath the whisper of quilted tales,
we gather for the holiday,
a tapestry woven not just with thread,
but with the laughter of shared memories.

Scott Fortunoff, a giver of dreams,
offers us Nature's Glory,
a fabric collection that shows a story,
of mountain, clouds and trees.

We sit, patterns unfolding like our conversations,
as we craft not just quilts,
but bonds that entwine like fibers,
each tug and fold a promise
to return, to gather,
as nature whispers through the fabric,
reminding us of the beauty
in every stitch we make.

So let us raise our glasses,
to the warmth that blankets us today,
to the spirit of generosity,
and to the joy,
in knowing
that we are part of something
far greater than ourselves,
woven together
like the quilt we share

Guests will receive a package of fabric along with a sweet treat party favor.

Again!
Thank You,
Katie Wyatt and Jaftex!

Trappe Fire Company Sewing Camp Fundraisers
December 4-7
January 15-18

Camp times: 8am-8pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Sunday 8am-4pm

Donation price: 1 day $25, 2 days $40, 3 days $50

4th day optional donation to TVFC

For your donation you get: an 8 foot table, a chair and an extension cord.

Feel free to bring a small portable iron & ironing pad; we will set up several irons around the room. We have a few rulers & mats to use in the closet. If you want to set up extra tables, the rule is you take them down & please put your chair back on the rack–this just helps Sonny & me at clean up time.

Reminder: no perfume, smelly hairspray, or hand lotions as several of our quilters have severe allergies. Also, no 505 spray.

Feel free to bring snacks/lunch/dinner or patronize Coffee Trappe or Momma Maria's (food is excellent.).

Thanks, Lou Diefenderfer

410-924-1764

BAYSIDE QUILT GUILD RETREAT

Let's Quilt, Laugh & Lounge by the Ocean!

HILTON GARDEN INN, OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

Quilt Guild Members!

Our annual Quilt Retreat is calling from the sand and surf of Ocean City, Maryland! We're gathering at the fabulous Hilton Oceanfront Garden Inn.

Date: **February 22 – 26, 2025**

- Location: Hilton Oceanfront Garden Inn, Ocean City, MD (where ocean waves meet creative waves!)
- Activities: Whatever you want to do!
- Who: Every Quilt Guild member who loves a good stitch and a good giggle!
- Swap stories and secret quilting hacks with fellow fabric fanatics
- Try new techniques—mistakes encouraged, laughter required
- Bask in ocean views that'll inspire your next masterpiece (or just your next nap)
- Recharge, relax, and maybe even invent the world's first sand-proof quilt
- Reserve your spot today—there's still room!!

Deposit—$50 due by January 14,2026

Bayside Quilt Guild has a **no-refund policy.** Someone may take your place; arrangements will be between the two of you.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY, STATE, ZIP_____

PHONE_____ EMAIL_____

Everyone will be responsible for reserving and paying for their own hotel room – the room rate is now $85 per room per night. A link will be sent to you to register. Breakfast will be on your own.

Bayside will provide the sewing space, lunches and dinners for either a four or three night stay. Tentative prices* are shown below:

4 nights FEB 23 – FEB 27 $228.00
Lunch & dinner Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

3 nights FEB 23 – FEB 26 $153.00
Lunch & dinner Monday and Tuesday

All taxes and gratuities are included. Lunch on the last day can be arranged.

*Final meal prices may vary slightly.

Thank You for Your Participation in the Handmade Market!

Bayside's annual fundraiser on November 21-22 was a great success thanks to all of our talented and dedicated members. There were many beautifully crafted items, both old standards and new entries, surrounded by many dozens of beautiful quilts. The sales floor was spectacular!

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of you who worked the Handmade Market. There is a lot involved in setting up and breaking down the tables and equipment, taking in and arranging sales items, rearranging items throughout the 2 days to maximize appeal, helping our customers find the perfect gifts, and checking our customers out expeditiously and with a smile. Although it was a lot of work, it was also fun working with other Baysiders to make this event a success.

Lisa Schober will share the results of the sale at the holiday luncheon on December 10. Regardless of the bottom line, our success is measured by what we all accomplished together.

Thank you again for your support of and dedication to our guild!

Pat Massimini and Jackie Granger

December 10
Holiday Luncheon

To join in the festivities:

Pay Kris Smith $10 to reserve your spot.

Come prepared to feast on a delicious salad bar lunch with all the trimmings.

Bring a dessert to share if you want.

Support our area quilt Shops, LONG ARMERS, shows AND GUILD EVENTS!

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Specific insert for SewEzi table,

Knee lift,

Several presser feet including walking foot and free motion foot.
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Contact: Carol Clarke
(cbclarke5846@gmail.com)

Harriet Powers replica quilt

Queen size

$250

Contact:

Tyra Wingard

earthspilgrim@gmail.com

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BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT CHALLENGE

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

Create original works interpreting the theme 'America the Beautiful.'

Your quilt may reflect any aspect of our nation's story: its natural beauty, cultural diversity, historical moments, vision for the future, and everything in between.

Selected works will be showcased as part of our 250th anniversary celebrations, offering a collective portrait of the American spirit in fabric and thread.

THE RULES

Quilts may be any style, from traditional patterns to contemporary art pieces, but must be original in design and execution.

Size: Finished measurements must be 20" square.

Techniques: Any technique is allowed.

Embellishments must stay within the 20-inch size. Items must withstand packing, shipping and handling many times. Items allowed: beads, ribbon, buttons, charms, etc. NO glitter allowed (comes off and damages other quilts) NO dangling materials (could get caught and tear).

Digital submission will require three photos, a 3-4 sentence artist statement, and payment of a $25 entry fee

Quilts will be returned by July 1, 2026.

If selected for the exhibition, you will be notified by email and provided further instruction on mailing your piece.

Multiple Entries are permitted.

DIGITAL SUBMISSION DUE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS

December Birthdays

Karen Sahmel	12/3
Shirley Windsor	12/8
Georgia Wilkison	12/17
Annette Mitchell	12/20
Cindy Riegel	12/20
Susan Henyon	12/22
Kris Smith	12/30

Happy Birthday, All!!!

Class Registration Policies
Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore

Established 11.19.2014

Reservations for Classes – Both a **Payment and a Workshop/Class Coupon** must be presented to Class Registration in order to include your name on the Roster for any Bayside sponsored class, workshop, retreat, etc. Prices will be set per class. Non-members pay an additional fee per class.

Student Cancellation Policy – Bayside Quilters has a **NO REFUND POLICY**. However, if the student can find someone to fill the seat, exchange of funds could occur between the two. Class Registration must be notified of all changes you wish to make on the Class Roster.

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WORKSHOP/CLASS COUPON

WORKSHOP/CLASS COUPON _____

Date____/____/____ Time____

MEMBER FEE $_____ NON-MEMBER FEE $_____ Check # _____

NAME_____ Email_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

BEST PHONE #_____

Make check payable to "Bayside Quilters." Include with completed coupon and bring to the next meeting or mail to Bayside Quilters, PO Box 2672, Easton, MD 21601. A Supply List will be emailed. If you want a paper copy, send SASE with your payment and coupon to the same address. Please note: BAYSIDE QUILTERS has a NO REFUND POLICY.

And, Finally...

Photos Needed

Historian Nita Brayton needs a few photos from the sew ins or the Bees for the BQ scrapbook. Please bring them to a meeting or email them to her at "nitabnitab@yahoo.com".

Sunshine

Don't forget, Debbie Brobst is the Sunshine Chair. If you know of anyone who needs some sunshine, please let Debbie know.

December 10
Holiday Luncheon

$10 (pay to Kris Smith)

February 11
Outreach
Sew-In

January 14
Modern Bee
Presentation of
Challenge Quilts

Donations to the Guild

Bayside welcomes any donations you are able to make to help us support our Outreach, Education, and Preservation activities. All donations to the guild, a 501(c)(3) organization, are tax deductible.

FOLLOW BAYSIDE ON FACEBOOK

Our Facebook page is under the name of **Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore**. If you search using only Bayside Quilters you will get a quilters page but it's not us. There are lots of great pictures from our meetings, thanks to Kay Butler,