

Bayside Quilters

of the Eastern Shore, Inc.



FEBRUARY 2024 Newsletter

President's Corner

"To me, the beauty of a quilt lies within the stitches and the thought of the person who made it. When you spend time making something with your hands, you impart love in a way that buying something never can."



This quote, attributed only to "Natalie," struck me as the perfect quote for the month of February. While February may be considered the month of love because of Valentine's Day, it doesn't just have to be about romance. Instead, February can also be a month for self-care, self-love, fostering relationships with family and friends, and caring for others in your life. Which brings us back to quilting. As an act of self care, quilting is right up there. Studies have shown that quilting can improve our mental health, boost our mood, and keep our minds sharp. The repetitive motions of sewing and quilting can have a calming effect on the mind and body, reducing stress and anxiety levels. The sense of accomplishment and creativity that comes with creating and completing a quilt can boost mood and self-esteem. And the process of planning quilt designs, calculating measurements, and piecing together fabric requires problem-solving skills and critical thinking - cognitive activities that are shown to help improve mental agility (particularly as we age). As for fostering relationships and caring for others, sharing our love of quilting and our knowledge about how to quilt is one way to "pay it forward." And giving a handmade quilt to a family member, a friend, or to someone we will never meet is giving the ultimate gift - our love - passed on in the form of a unique work of art that is not only beautiful, but that provides warmth and comfort. So I hope you will spend much of February quilting - not only because you love it, but because in many ways, it loves you back!

At our guild meeting this month we will see the results of the 2023 Modern Challenge that we missed last month. And since our meeting this month is on Valentine's Day, bring something for Show & Tell that features a heart, and be entered into a drawing for a great prize!

See you on the 14th!

Jackie

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Monthly Meeting

"Modern Bee Challenge"

9:30 AM

Trappe Volunteer Firehouse



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

Table Talk

Since we missed last month due to winter weather the free table should be really full! Don't forget that if you have decided to downsize your stash you have the option of selling some things at the meeting. All you have to do is let Alice Kish know, bring your items and some change and give the guild 10% of your profits. If you just want to get rid of stuff but it's too nice for the free table we will sell it and give 100% to Bayside.

Don't forget to check out upcoming classes, items to be made at the Outreach table

Our president Jackie Granger will have a 10% to Bayside sale table in the back room at the February meeting. Bring your cash and expect some good bargains.

Alice Kish

Minutes of the Bayside Advisory Board Meeting - December 11, 2023

The December Advisory Board Meeting of the Bayside Quilters was held on December 11, 2023 at the Cooke's Hope Community Center. A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order by President Jackie Granger at 2:30 p.m. with 11 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Notably, this year's Handmade Market proved to be another financial success, surpassing the net income of the previous year as well as the estimated income in our 2023/24 budget. In light of the surplus, Jackie made the suggestion to allocate some of the extra funds toward securing a "big name" speaker as a gesture of appreciation for the guild. This proposal received unanimous approval. As this is in appreciation for the fundraising work of the guild, guild members will be asked to nominate speakers for consideration. Despite a price increase for our storage unit, the rest of our budget remains on track. Treasurer Lisa Schober proposed to transfer some of Bayside's funds to a short-term Money Market account for a higher yield than we are currently receiving. Everyone was in favor.

Handmade Sale: While acknowledging the success of the handmade market, there were some suggestions made for the 2024 sale. These suggestions included developing a standard tag for all vendors, holding a meeting to familiarize those working at the register tables with the check-out process and equipment to ensure consistency, designating a "still shopping" table and acquiring a new Sum-Up Machine as a backup. Pat Massimini will chair the 2024 sale and will hold a debrief and planning meeting at the start of the new year for anyone who would like to be involved.

Holiday Luncheon: The Holiday Luncheon will be held at The Oaks on December 13th. There have been 50 RSVPs for the luncheon. Many members still haven't paid, planning to pay at the door. A suggestion was made to establish a firm deadline for payments going forward.

Retreat: A table will be set up at the December and January meetings for the February retreat. So far, six members have paid and submitted their paperwork.

Membership: It was announced that we have surpassed our membership estimate for this year! Dael Cowdrey and Kris Smith will be taking over the membership table at the January and February meetings. It is estimated that the member directory will be available by the February meeting if not before.

Programs: In order to keep to our budget, Becki Combs and her program committee has been working hard to find low-cost programs that blend traditional and modern techniques to appeal to both the traditional and modern quilters in our guild. Participation in workshops continues to be an issue. We have lost money on most of our recent workshops, including the latest, Eleanor Levie's fabric weaving class. A suggestion was made to open presentations and workshops up to other guilds at the same time as we open them up to Bayside. For non-bayside members, we could consider charging a fee for the program as well as the class. Becki will discuss this with her committee.

Publicity: It was suggested that we inquire into the "local groups" section of the "What's Up" Magazine for the Eastern Shore to see if we can be listed. It was also mentioned that there is a section for volunteers in Attraction Magazine where we could possibly publicize Outreach. Nita said she would reach out to both magazines. Karli Abbott suggested that the guild publicize Zoom meetings as an option as many people cannot join Bayside due to the time it is held, but may be able to participate via Zoom.

New Members: The importance of welcoming and supporting new Bayside members was discussed. Karli has made and updated the new member bags which are given to new Bayside members at the monthly meeting when they join. Jackie will ask Debbie Brobst to also send handwritten welcome notes to all new members. The suggestion of organizing a new member luncheon on a quarterly or semiannual basis was raised, and the board collectively approved the concept. Karli will develop a proposal to present to the board at a later date.

Other New Business: A proposal was put forward to create a list containing the contact details of Bayside members specializing in long-arm quilting to feature on the Bayside Website. Everyone agreed to this proposal. Karli suggested that an email should be sent out to members and ask them to send us their information if they would like to be added to the list.

Nita Brayton proposed that we should extend a complimentary membership for the rest of the 2023-24 year to Amy Steward. Amy is on the Talbot Arts Council Board and has publicized the guild and our Handmade Sale through many different articles and networks. The vote was unanimously in favor. Amy will be presented with her complimentary membership at the December luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karli Abbott, 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 Chris Dorset, chdorset@atlanticbb.net, with changes. If you are interested in forming a Bee related to your favorite part of quilting, let Chris 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.



**New Membership Directory
and
Membership Cards
Available from Membership Chair, Sharon Perry**

**Trappe Fire Company Sewing Camp Fundraisers
February 16-18
March 22-24**

All Camp times: 8am-8pm Friday & Saturday; 8am-4pm on Sunday

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

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.

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

Thanks, Lou Diefenderfer

410-924-1764

February Outreach News

OUTREACH and VETERANS' BEE:

Thank you to all who came to our last meeting on January 24th! We made and stuffed mammo pillows, sewed binding and got ourselves sorted for Sew-In in March. Chris Dorset and Tyra Wyngard skipped our meeting and spent the day on Chris's longarm quilting! As usual, Sharon Perry brought baked goodies.

Please mark your calendars for our Sew-In on March 13th, Trappe Firehouse. This takes the place of our monthly meeting. Bring your sewing machines if you'd like – there'll be handwork, kits to make – Veterans' and hospice and kids, maybe some surprises! Lunch will be provided.

We will not have a meeting in February as so many of us will be at Retreat or QuiltCon.

Your faithful support is much appreciated!!! Jan and Pat



What Were Bayside Quilters Up To In February 1993?

Sometime between the last meeting and the February newsletter the board decided to issue a quarterly rather than monthly issue. Upcoming programs were as follows:



Jane McManus designed a wall hanging for the Y to show their gratitude for the meeting space. She requested help with making the appliqué blocks.

Sandy Bemis was to teach the March program on machine quilting.

April's lecture by Nan Scholley was to be about the *Twenty Quilting Books All Quilters Should Have in Their Library*. She owned Dover Street Bookstore**.

In the January, 2024 newsletter a 1993 block pattern was depicted. Other block patterns must have been given out at meetings. Ann Ellis updated what happened to those blocks. Twenty-six Christmas Tree blocks were won by Lucia Humes. Sandy Bemis won 15 Road to the White House blocks. And (drum roll, please) Suzanne Carley won 117 Primitive Pieced Hearts. The March

block was Let's Fly a Kite.

Photo is of the finished wall hanging that was presented to the Y. A larger sport themed quilt was made for the Y to use as a raffle item.

**Dover Street Bookstore was started by Nan Scholley on Dover Street in Easton. It sold quilting books on a wholesale and mail order basis. Nan was also a vendor at quilt shows. The business was sold to Nan's daughter who was a mainstay vendor at quilt shows for about 20 years before she closed the enterprise.

If you have any information about the history of Bayside Quilters please send to Nita Brayton, nitabnitab@yahoo.com. Current photos would also be welcome.

SNOW POLICY



If Talbot County school is cancelled then in-person Bayside at the Firehouse is cancelled.

Zoom lectures will not be canceled due to snow, only the in-person option will be canceled



February Meeting Giveaways



Pickleball Anyone?

From Blank Quilting Corp

1/2 yard of 5 designs

Huggable and Loveable XIII

Designed by Sandra Magsamen

For Studio E Fabrics

2 panels. Each panel has [3]
5"x5" soft books



Input on Handmade Sale

The Handmade Sale in November 2023 was a great success thanks to Jackie Granger's leadership, the talents of everyone who contributed to the sale and the helpers that kept it running so smoothly.

We plan to hold the sale again in 2024, and we'd like to get your input on how to make it even better. We will hold a discussion session immediately after the Bayside presentation on February 14 to capture your ideas for improving advertising, intake / return of items, display of items, and sales. Everyone is welcome to participate or send comments directly to Pat Massimini (pat@massimini.us).

Hope to see you with lots of ideas for how to make this year as successful as our previous events.

Crabby Quilter News

Crabby Quilters of Annapolis has Membership Loyalty Bags for \$25. This membership gets you a 10% discount on all taxable merchandise. Along with this great deal you will also receive emails with exclusive offers for members only. One month it might be a discount on kits, another month it might be a discount on threads. You also get alerted to shop pre-sales before sales are available to customers at large. Loyalty Members, stay tuned for the next great deal from Crabby Quilters!

Kathy will come to the February meeting with bags available for you to purchase. If you need a machine sent for repair, please call her @ 410-263-3897 so she is prepared. If you need notions, fabric or other items please call and she will bring them.



Lacey Windsor (Margaret Roberts' granddaughter) took a presentation about quilts for show and tell on "Q" week!

Manor Preschool show and tell . "A quilt has 3 layers".

February 10, 2024

Modern Quilt Challenge Presentation

The Modern group will be sharing their 2023 challenge quilts with the group. This year's theme was a color challenge using only one color. Each participant was given a color card with the shades that they may use – no whites or blacks.

Here are pictures from a much larger quilt guild presentation of their color challenge quilts. We have yet to see how ours will compare you won't want to miss this one!



March 13, 2024

Outreach Sew-in

Come join us for a fun day of sewing for Outreach.

Bring your machine or just come to hand sew. We will have something to do for everyone!



April 10, 2024: Earth Day Challenge: Recycle /Upcycle

How many of you have old family items such as costume jewelry, well-loved quilts with holes, doilies, embroidered tea towels, embroidered dresser scarves, etc.? Many of us do not have places in our homes for these items in the current state, and yet, we have not donated them. (And, yes, I'm talking about myself here! ;-) So, in celebration of Earth Day (April 22, 2024), Bayside will be doing a Recycle/ Upcycle challenge! This challenge is your opportunity to re-purpose those items.

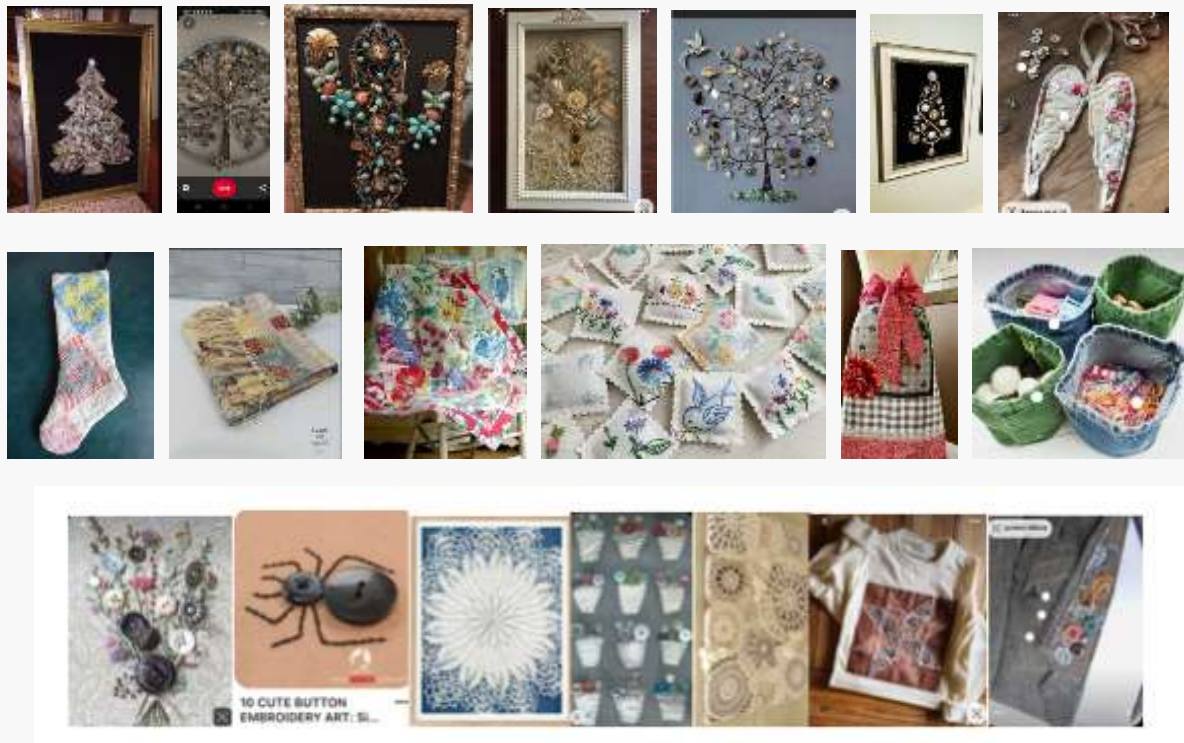
This challenge has only 1 Rule:

1. Your creation must include fabric. (Keep in mind that smaller items may be easier to share).

Each participant will share their creation and very briefly explain what they recycled/ upcycled. There will be prizes! (YES, multiple prizes in several categories!!)

Attached are some pictures from Pinterest that may help with idea generation. Also – refer back to the September Maker Meeting (Alice's sweater mittens) and Ellie Levie's many items she shared!

Some ideas for the April Earth Day Challenge!



Get your brain in gear to start after the holidays!

May 8, 2024: Rachel Derstine

Lecture & Workshop

(Lecture may change based on questionnaire results.)

From Inspiration to Art Process



PowerPoint lecture presentation on the topic of where I find inspiration for my art: Other artists, photographs, influences from life experiences. I also discuss how to make effective quilts using art concepts such as limiting color palette, simplifying the background, using repetition of line, shapes, values and color throughout the work.

Workshop may change based on questionnaire results.

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

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Ocean Waves Quilt Guild Classes!

Participants from other quilt guilds are welcome to attend; we do request an extra \$5 fee to help offset the costs of the instructors.

You may sign up by emailing us at: owqg.classes@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 5: Pineapple Star Quilt taught by JoAnn LePore



Time: 9 AM-3 PM Cost: \$35 Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

You will learn how to piece an original design using bias angles—a technique that you will use in many future quilts! This class will also help you learn how to envision alternate ways of using a traditional design.

Tuesday, May 7: Drunkard's Seagulls Wall-hanging taught by Mary Ann Fontana



Time: 9:30 AM-2 PM Cost: \$35 plus \$50 for kit (includes instructions and pre-cut pieces for the entire quilt top, plus continuing access to online videos)

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

This popular traditional quilt block has been reimagined into a coastal wall-hanging featuring seagulls. You will learn new techniques for curved-piecing using different sizes of blocks. You will also learn other layout and design options for this very popular curved block. You will be able to use this

information to create alternate block constructions and play with rotation to make new quilt designs.

Tuesday, June 4: "Every Last Crumb" taught by Brita Nelson



Time: 9:30 AM-2 PM Cost: \$40 Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

You will learn how to turn the tiniest scraps into a beautiful quilt. Have you ever thought about making your own fabric? In this class we will discuss tint, tone, shade, value, and scale to take your tiniest scraps and turn them into one-of-a-kind textiles. This simple, organized method for assembling your curated crumbs results in fabric that is part planned, part free-form and totally fun! We will use this new fabric to make a simple tulip block, but once you master this technique, there is no limit to what you can create.



Quilt Series FREE

**Art Exhibit
&
Conversations
Feb 3rd -25th**



**The Way Forward
A White Christian Perspective
Carol Burnside Quilt Artist**

February Birthdays



Tina Baxter	2/8
Barbara Greiman	2/8
Gail Lee	2/10
Lou Diefenderfer	2/26
Chris Dorset	2/26

Happy Birthday, All!!!

*It's all fun & games
until you realize...*



*you've been sewing with an
empty bobbin...*

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 \$5 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.

WORKSHOP/CLASS COUPON

WORKSHOP/CLASS COUPON _____

Date ___/___/___ Time ___

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

NAME _____ Email _____

ADDRESS _____

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BEST PHONE # _____

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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.

March 13

*Outreach Sew In
Trappe Volunteer
Firehouse*

February 14

Modern Quilt Bee

Presents Their

Color Challenge Quilts

Trappe Volunteer Firehouse

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.

April 10

Earth Day Challenge:

Recycle /Upcycle

Trappe Volunteer Firehouse

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,