

Bayside Quilters

of the Eastern Shore, Inc.



JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

President's Corner

Calling My Quilty Friends,

It's 2026 and I have a new challenge for each of you! It's hard for a lot of people right now; they're struggling to feed their families. I'm requesting each of you to bring nonperishable items to the January meeting on the 14th. I volunteer to drop these donations to the Easton Neighborhood Center; let's fill my car. You will get a purple ticket for each item you donate and I will have a special prize for the winning ticket holder. Let's help those less fortunate than us.



Our 2025 Handmade Market is over and I'm still shaking my head at the \$8,000 the guild made. Again, I would like to say thank you to everyone involved in this fundraising effort; great job everyone!

2026 is a New Year and we're each making "New" goals for ourselves. Consider joining Outreach on January 28th and see how you can help. Secondly, I need help organizing 4-H classes for 2026; I would love to hear any of your ideas. This year take Bayside classes and learn new techniques and share your work at show & tell.

Happy Sewing,

Lou D.

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

SNOW POLICY



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

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



Special Edition of Table Talk ***Announcing the “Stash Reduction Sale”***

Table Talk

January sees the return of the Free Table. Usually January's Free Table is pretty full as a new year begins and we start to clean our project areas. This January we also begin a new addition to the back room: the Stash Reduction Sale. Inspired by past president Jackie Grainger and her articles about keeping your stash manageable I decided to go through my stash one bite at a time. So... each month I will have a designated Stash Reduction theme and you can sort your own stash to find things to sell or you can be the shopper who needs whatever is being featured that month. January's theme is **BLUE**. Blue is a cool color. It's ice and snow and dark winter nights. It's blue skies on cold days.

I have started sorting my blues. I will be selling fat quarters for 75¢ and half yards for \$1.50. I also have bags of smaller pieces of blue that I am selling for \$5 for 2 pounds. You can price yours however you want. Your fabric may be worth more. If you don't want to bother selling it for yourself you can give it to me to sell for Bayside. If you are selling yourself don't forget a jar for your money and bring change.

We will see how this progresses. Like everything it is an experiment.

I will still accept donations at my house that I can sort and later have a bigger sale that will be separate from this.

February will be **RED**. March will be **GREEN**. Let me know if you have any ideas for future themes.

So remember: Free Table is still going strong but it has a new little sister where you can sell part of your stash!

Alice Kish

Bayside Quilters Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

The December Meeting and Luncheon of the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore was held at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. A quorum was present in person and Vice-President, Karli Abbott, called the meeting to order, by the ringing of the bell, at 11:00 a.m. All members and guests were welcomed with festive cheer.

Announcements: Lou introduced the two guests: Laura Lee and Jean Frampton. Karli Abbott, Vice-President, announced the activities of the day. There were games to be played, lots of food to enjoy, a chance to purchase last minute gifts, fabric for all and lots of time for togetherness.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kris Smith, Assistant Treasurer, provided an update of the guild's financial status.

Committee Reports:

Outreach Update: Pat Massimini, Outreach Assistant, thanked everyone for their continued support. She let members know there's a need for Mammo Pillows. The next Monthly Outreach Sew-In is, Wednesday, January 28th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. until. Please come if you can. The February meeting is the Annual Outreach Sew-In, please plan to participate in the Mystery Quilt Project Pat has planned for us. These quilts will be donated to children with healthcare needs that attend the Queenstown Camp. She also reminded members to please take readymade kits to make for Outreach.

Programs Report: Sharon Miller, Programs Co-Chair, provided a Programs Calendar on card stock. There are still some vacant slots, they will update us as those slots are filled.

Membership Report: Kate Oursler announced the 2025-2026 Membership Directories are available. Please take yours today. Kate thanked Ruth for her support in facilitating the printing, Kris for helping with the setting up today and Sharon for getting the entire directory together.

Stash Reduction Program: Alice is implementing a SRP (reduce your stash), inspired by our former President Jackie. Every month there will be a theme, bring your stuff and sell it as well as contribute to the free table. If you don't want to fool with it, give your donation to Alice and she will sell it. January theme is blue, February theme is red and March theme is green. More information about this venture to follow in the newsletter.

Maker's Market: Lou's challenge, the purple tickets raffle was drawn. Carol Clark and Suze Segal were both presented with gift certificates for Coventry Quilting. Thanks, Lou, for donating the first gift card and inspiring members to donate 100% to Bayside. Jackie and Pat updated the guild on the Maker's Market. With boxing mittens Jackie announced the Maker's Market raised \$8,000 for Bayside. They thanked members for their contributions, hours of planning and executing from start to finish. The Quilt Raffle was drawn. Our member, Nita, was the lucky recipient. Thanks, Candy, for creating such a beautiful quilt, thank you to Eunice Knauer for buying the quilt and thank you to her daughter for donating it in her memory. Jackie and Pat deserve an honorable mention for their abilities to organize and pull off such an amazing event!!!

Old Business: Lou thanked Shirley Windsor for the beautiful table arrangements, Katie Wyatt & Scott Fortunoff from Jaflex for donating fabric to every member, the TVFD for donating soup for the luncheon, Alice and Jackie for running the sale table, Karli for chairing the luncheon, Dale and Patti for chopping veggies, Mary and Judy for decorating, Jackie for picking up the chickens and everyone that brought desserts. Show & Tell was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the winner. Katie and Jaflex donated the prize, thank you!!

Meeting was adjourned to celebrate our Holiday Luncheon.

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



Are you ready to kick off 2026 by bringing warmth and comfort to someone in need? Just stop by the Outreach table at the January meeting and pick up a kit for a quilt or mammo pillow. You can work at your own pace and let someone else do the quilting or you can finish the whole quilt on your own. If you enjoy the company of your quilting sisters while you sew for Outreach, please join us at Immanuel Lutheran on January 28, 10 am – 3 pm. It's a lovely time to be productive while enjoying the company of your Bayside friends as they quilt for the community.



We are gearing up for Bayside's Outreach day on February 11. Instead of a speaker, we will have an all-day sew-in to make quilts for Outreach charities. While we will have the usual kits for quilt tops and pillows, we will also have a new activity: a mystery quilt challenge to make twin quilts for the Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang camp. (check it out at holeinthewallgang.org). This organization is opening a new facility in Queenstown in May 2026 to provide children with rare diseases the opportunity to have a camp experience. The organizers plan to provide a twin quilt to every child that attends the camp.



The plan for the February 11 sew-in is to create a "mystery" quilt top in one day. You can participate by picking up a starting package of fabrics and the first set of instructions. You can work individually or in small teams to create and assemble blocks according to the clues. After you complete the first set of clues, you will pick up additional fabric and instructions. You will repeat the process until you complete the twin quilt top. You should be able to complete a twin quilt top by the end of the day by working in teams. Hope to see you there!

Jan Bohn and Pat Massimini

January Fabrics from JafTex

Two [2] cuts of one [1]
yard each

108" Red Spin Flannel
Semi-Circle Texture
from Blank Quilting



Again!
Thank You,
Katie Wyatt and JafTex!



Trappe Fire Company Sewing Camp Fundraisers
January 15-18
February 12-15

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

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR

BAYSIDE
BAYSIDE

QUILT
QUILT

GUILD
GUILD

RETREAT
RETREAT



at the fabulous oceanfront Hilton Garden Inn, Ocean City, MD

February 22 – 26, 2025

where ocean waves meet creative waves!

Do whatever you want to do – sew all night!

It's for 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, if you've a problem, someone will have a solution!

Bask in ocean views that'll inspire your next masterpiece (or just your next nap)

Recharge, relax, No COOKING or CLEANING or LAUNDRY, just FUN & LAUGHTER!

NAME _____ DEPOSIT \$50 DUE BY JANUARY 14, 2026

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Send to Jan Bohn, 7881 Fort Stokes Lane, Easton MD 21601

Everyone will reserve their own room – the rate is now \$ 85/room/night. A link will be sent to you to register. Breakfast will be on your own.

Bayside will provide lunches and dinners:

4 nights FEB 22 – FEB 26
\$235.00

3 nights FEB 22 – FEB 25
\$162.00

Lunch and dinner Mon., Tues., Wed.

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

Bayside Quilt Guild has a **no-refund policy.**

Someone may take your place; arrangements will be between the two of you.

Questions? Call/email Jan Bohn 410 822 4688, 281 702 4898, fudgebohn@yahoo.com

More Retreat Information

Here is the booking link for the Bayside retreat. Be sure you get your payments in to Bayside also! There will be another email coming out shortly. Meal prices are a bit higher due to my incompetence with a calculator and a miscommunication with the Hilton - sorry and hope it doesn't mean any of you decide not to come! We'll have the pleasure of 2 of Pat's sisters this year! I'll miss the January meeting (grandchildren in Atlanta), but Sharon M has kindly offered to talk up the retreat and take forms and checks. Any questions, call me (410 822 4688, 281 702 4898),

jan

Booking Link

When you share this link, it is recommended that you access the link through a desktop computer or laptop; the link seems to have difficulties when using a mobile phone.

Booking link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhocrn=SBYFTGI&groupCode=912&arrivaldate=2026-02-22&departuredate=2026-02-26&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

4-H Classes Starting This Month

4-H Classes are open to all 4-H members in Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties; all classes run from 9:00 am-noon and are held at the Trappe Fire House. There will be three sessions:

- First class: Saturday, January 31 with leader, Kin West. We are purchasing the items we need for this class with donations we have collected. We will need 30 one gallon Ziplock bags.
- Second class: February 21 TBD
- Third class: March 21 TBD



Volunteers are needed for all sessions. If your are interested, please text, call 410-924-1764 or email Lou sistermbelle@aol.com.



Oh my, it's 2026 already. You know what that means—we celebrate our country's 250th anniversary. As quilters we celebrate in fabric and thread and by presenting our celebratory creations through “show and tell”. We have another opportunity to show the community what Bayside Quilters is all about through the Talbot County Free Library (TCFL).

Last year the library invited us to exhibit our quilts for their 100th anniversary. This year

on behalf of Bayside Quilters with approval from the Board, I approached TCFL about having another exhibit with a Patriotic theme to celebrate Americas' anniversary. The library will print a brochure and promote it through their newsletter.

Before the January meeting I would like your input about the following:

- Tentative time frame for the exhibit is six weeks, possibly mid-June through the end of July. Would two months or different dates be better?
- Would you be willing to have a quilt displayed at the library? Maybe you have one from 1976 or before. Antique or fragile vintage quilts may not survive hanging for that long but that would be your decision. Outreach has several patterns for new quilts.
- We donate quilts to veterans that are in hospice care. Would you be willing to donate your entry to hospice when the show is taken down?
- Would you want to restrict the theme to only red, white & blue or would other color schemes be just as acceptable?

Do you have any questions not posed in this article that haven't been considered yet?

Email nitabnitab@yahoo.com or text 410-725-4323.

-aNita Brayton

January 14

Challenge Quilt Program

Both the Modern Quilt Bee and the Design Bee will be presenting quilts from their respective recent challenges.

The Modern group has challenge quilts from 2024, *Sun*, and from 2025, *Big Bold Botany*.

The Design Bee will present their 2025 *Whisper* challenge quilts, based (sort of) on the old game of Telephone.

Come to the January meeting to see and enjoy all these excellent quilts.

2026 Bayside Challenge



**Modern Quilters,
Traditional Quilters,
Art Quilters,
Quilters of all Passions!**

Watch for upcoming details of our 2026 Bayside Challenge. The entries will be featured at our July program Show and Tell and be honored at an August Luncheon Awards Presentation.

**Think log cabin,
Think about a modern spin,
think about a traditional interpretation,
think about an art quilt.
Think about whatever spin you fancy!**

February 11

Annual Outreach Sew In

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



The highlight of the day, if you choose to participate, will be making a twin size Mystery Quilt for one of the campers at the Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang camp. (See Pat's article on page 6 for more information on how this activity will work.)

March 11 9:30AM
Cathy Thornton from Crabby Quilter Presents
A Laura Heine Collage Trunk Show



Wednesday 1-4PM \$40
Laura Heine Technique Workshop
And...A Pop-Up Shop

Using one of the mini patterns, learn the technique. This will allow you to successfully tackle any Laura Heine pattern!

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In roller case.

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Queen size

\$250

Contact:

Tyra Wingard

earthspilgrim@gmail.com

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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.

DIGITAL SUBMISSION DUE
**FEBRUARY
15, 2026**

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.

January Birthdays

Victoria McConnell 1/3
Laura Boehl 1/7
Donna Michalek 1/22
Beth Deemer 1/29



Happy Birthday, A!!!!

Last night my sewing machine
wasn't working...
spent some time with
my family...
they seem like nice people.



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.

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".

*February 11
Outreach
Sew-In*

It's a Mystery!!!

*January 14
Modern & Design Bees
Presentation of
Challenge Quilts*

Sunshine

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

March 11

*Cathy Thornton
Laura Heine Trunk Show
Technique Workshop
and
Pop-Up Shop*

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,