

# Bayside Quilters

of the Eastern Shore, Inc.



MARCH 2026 Newsletter

## President's Corner

### Calling My Quilty Friends,



Reminder: Alice is looking to sell green fabric this month; bring your green money to buy from Alice!

First 4-H class is over & the kids, all 13 of them, loved Kin's embroidery project! Thanks to helpers, Sharon Miller, Kris Smith, Nita Brayton, Nora Oakhill, Michele Anstatt, Kate Hogan, & Kate Gillard. Everyone is looking forward to Class 2 on Sunday, March 15 1-4pm and taking their embroidery square and incorporating it into a scarf using 5" squares & flannel for backside. Thanks to Julia Cohoon for taking lead. Last class is being led by Jean Konopacz on Sunday, March 22 1-4pm. Students will be making a bag with a zipper! I'm so proud of our leaders and helpers; without you we could not have these classes!

As I write this I'm on a plane headed to Florida and warm weather. I have lots of adventures planned; airboat in the Everglades, golf cart in Key West, lots of key lime pie, and fresh fruit!

The Outreach Sew-In was very successful and everyone seemed to enjoy lunch! I visited so much I had to finish my donation quilt top at sewing camp.

Thank you to everyone that brought more non-perishables items or donated money for Bob Dewitt (Patti's hubby) to shop. Folks at the Easton Neighborhood Center were very happy with our many donations; I added up and we donated about \$600 in food in those 2 months. I was so proud to drop off our donations; thank you so much!

Happy Sewing,

*Lou D.*

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**Membership Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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



# March is Green

## Table talk

We had a small Free table in February, but we had lots of great stuff! The Outreach table did super work as they were the entire meeting. Lots of fellowship and fun and lots and lots accomplished.

In March our Stash Reduction are will be **GREEN**. Green is the color of Spring, which we really need right now. Green is freshness, new buds and daffodil shoots, shamrocks and grass beginning to grow. It's a cool color that can also move to the warm side with enough yellow in the green. Sort your greens and bring in to sell for yourself or for Bayside.

The Stash Reductions will be the following each month:

April: Florals

May: Yellow

June: UFOS, kits, patterns, unfinished dreams

July: Christmas in July. Patterns, fabrics, books

August: tools and rulers

September: Fall colors and prints

October: Purple and Orange

November: TBD

December: My sale at the luncheon. No theme just lots of fabric, etc.

*Alice Kish*

## **Bayside Quilters Meeting Minutes** **February 11, 2026**

The February Meeting of the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore was held at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. A quorum was present in person. President, Lou Diefenderfer, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with an outreaching heartfelt greeting.

**Announcements:** One guest, Shelly, was introduced by Kin West. Lou reminded everyone to get their purple tickets if they donated nonperishable foods for the local shelter. She encouraged members to partake in the Red Stash Reduction Sale (SRS). Next month's theme color is Green. She thanked Alice for all her hard work to make the SRS a successful fundraiser. Kris Smith let everyone know Chris Dorset's Birthday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please message her or even better stop in and surprise her. Lou announced the next board meeting has been changed to March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Assistant Treasurer, Kris Smith, provided an update of the guild's financial status. She says everything is good.

Committee Reports:

**Programs** – Co-Chair, Sharon Miller, had lots of announcements.

The 2026 Bayside Challenge is "Think Log Cabin". Think modern or traditional, your own twist, be creative, whatever spin you fancy and most important have fun with it. More details are coming. Designs will be featured during the July meeting. Spectacular prizes will be awarded during the August Luncheon. Make sure to sign up by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The March Program, by Cathy Thornton, is her amazing Truck Show. The afternoon class will be the "Laura Heine Technique". Cathy will also set up a Popup Shop. The April Program, by Susanne Jones, is "Fly Me to the Moon: An Art Quilt Journey". The class the next day will be "Make Your Own Snazzy Sneakers". The May Program, by Ricky Tims, is "The Visitation."

**Membership:** Nothing new at this time.

St. Michaels "Children's Library" Quilt Display: Nita encouraged members to make quilts for the St. Michaels Library Children's Area Reopening. Submission Deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>, limit three entries per person please.

Talbot Country Library "America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" Quilt Display: Nita also encouraged members to make, design, display quilts with a patriotic theme commemorating this Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Quilts will be displayed at the Easton Library from June 1 to July 31, 2026. Submission deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup>, limit three entries per person please.

**Outreach:** Outreach Assistant, Pat Massimini, thanked everyone for coming. She reminded us of the many organizations we support with our beautiful handmade items: quilts, pillows, banners, burp cloths. February's Program is supporting our community through Outreach. There were lots of kits to be sewn, pillows to be stuffed, binding work, labels to be attached, items to be bagged then delivered throughout our community. Outreach Coordinator, Jan Bohn, provided all those staying with a wonderful lunch. The next Outreach Sew In is March 25, 2026, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church from 10 a.m. until you get tired. Please come have fun with us.

**Old Business:** Two purple tickets were drawn for donating nonperishable food items to our local pantry. Prizes donated by Lou. Outreach had several drawings for those that stayed and helped. Congratulations to all our amazing winners for their dedication in supporting our community organizations. There are many Heroes amongst us!!

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned so everyone could start working on Outreach Projects.

Respectfully submitted, Patti DeWitt, Secretary

# Minutes of the Bayside Advisory Board Meeting

## September 24, 2025

The September Advisory Board Meeting of the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore was held on September 24, 2025 at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present: Karli Abbott, Lisa Schober, Lou Diefenderfer, Sharon Miller, and Pat Massimini.

**Outreach Funding & Timing:** The board discussed the timeline required for approving outreach-related expenses such as batting and supplies. It was agreed that requests should be brought to the board approximately one month prior to when funds are needed to allow time for discussion and approval.

**Future Advisory Board Meetings:** The board confirmed upcoming advisory meeting dates: December 4th, March 5th, and July 1st, all to be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. It was noted that the budget will be discussed and internally approved in JULY, then presented the guild in August.

**Outreach Programs:** Pat Massimini reported that the Early Head Start program previously supported by Bayside has been shut down due to federal budget cuts. She proposed redirecting outreach efforts to the Judy Center programs located in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties. Additional organizations discussed include Foster Child programs through Health and Human Services, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Critchlow Adkins, and the 2 East Unit at the HOspital, which may benefit from small quilts for palliative care.

**Programs:** There were no new program updates. Two speakers are confirmed for the upcoming year for the months of April and June. It was noted that there will be no program in November due to the Handmade Market. Upcoming events were reviewed, including the August LUncheon, December Holiday Party, and the Outreach Sew-In tentatively scheduled for February. Sharon and Marianne plan to meet next week to discuss program plans for the upcoming year.

**Website Updates:** Pat Massimini shared that she recently updated the website to remove outdated information and add new content, including removing the notice about cancelling the Modern Challenge showing due to snow. Sharon noted the possibility of merging the Modern Challenge from last year with their challenge from this year during the January meeting.

**4-H Classes:** Tentative dates were discussed for upcoming 4-H classes on January 24, January 31, February 15, and February 21, noting that February 7 is unavailable due to a fire company event and February 21 coincides with QuiltCon. Kin West plans to create a composition-style “cover band” project incorporating needlework to teach basic stitching skills.

**Donation Procedures:** The board discussed procedures for handling donated items. It was agreed that Sharon Miller will direct donation inquiries to Outreach and the President. Sellable items will be routed to Alice Kish, while non-sellable items will be reviewed by Lou Diefenderfer and Outreach to determine appropriate distribution to organizations such as FACES or Granny’s Girls. Alice will have final discretion on disposal of leftover items. Sharon will email Alice with proposals, copying the President, while Pat and Jan will assess items as needed.

**Additional Discussions:** Katie Qyatt and Scott Fortunoff recently donated five bolts of fabric to support veteran outreach efforts. It was discussed that we should send a Thank you to them. Lisa Schober stated that she will be sending a thank you to the VFW for the money we received. A question was asked on whether a thank you had been sent to Shirley Windsor regarding the donation of flowers to the Summer Luncheon, Lisa will follow up.

Lou shared that St. Michaels High School had previously contacted Jackie regarding a raffle quilt or donation for their After Prom event. The board agreed to wait to see if the school reaches out again before making a decision and noted that options could include a gift card, a monetary donation, or a call for member donations via the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,** Karli Abbott, Vice President on behalf of Patti Dewitt, Secretary

# Minutes of the Bayside Advisory Board Meeting December 4, 2025

The December Advisory Board Meeting of the Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore was held on December 4th, 2025, at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. with the following members present: Sharon Miller, Jan Bohn, Lisa Schober, Marianne Hamilton, Nita Brayton, Kris Smith, Lou Diefenderfer, and Karli Abbott.

**Library Project Discussion:** Nita Brayton reported that she and Pat Massimini had discussed a potential quilt project for the Talbot County Library. Pat is currently in possession of 18 t-shirts created for the summer reading program in past years. Nita and Pat proposed creating a quilt for the library and sought guidance on whether it should be a full Bayside project, a single bee project, or another format. Lisa Schober noted that since the guild previously declined a similar request from St. Michaels, this project would be best handled as a Bayside Bee initiative rather than a full guild project. The idea would be to form a small committee or bee to set guidelines and invite interested members to participate. Nita expressed concern about the cost of the stabilizer. Pat Massimini stated she has access to wholesale stabilizer through the Checkers account. It was agreed that even if supplies were donated or purchased by individuals, the quilt could still be presented as a Bayside donation rather than attributed to specific members.

**Programs:** Marianne Hamilton and Sharon Miller provided an update on programs for the upcoming year. All programs are contracted and scheduled except for July, which will be the final program of the season. The committee plans to finalize July once the budget is confirmed and hopes to have the full schedule ready to distribute at the Holiday Luncheon. Carly Mul has been booked for September after two years of attempts, allowing for a smooth transition to future program leadership. Ricky Tims is scheduled for Zoom presentation in May and has granted permission for the recording to be shared for one week. Since the theme for the year is technique, Sharon and Alice will extract techniques from the Zoom presentation and offer an all-day class. The major in-person program will feature Daisy Aschehoug in June, known for her work in curved piecing. April's program will be Susannah Jones from Washington, D.C. presenting "Snazzy Sneakers," a quilted sneaker class requiring sole plates at an estimated cost of \$60. March will feature Cathy from Crabby Quilter with a trunk show and half-day afternoon workshop focused on Laura Heine collage techniques. The February program was confirmed to be the Outreach sew-in.

**Handmade Market Review:** Lisa Schober reviewed the Handmade Market outcomes. 44 vendors participated, with 37 being Bayside members. Several vendors donated items under the Bayside vendor number. 20 volunteers assisted during the sale and we received positive feedback on volunteers personally assisting customers. Going forward, responsibilities will be more clearly divided, with Kin West serving as Project Manager/Coordinator, Lou Diefenderfer handling the raffle, and Karli Abbott assisting with internal communication and social media. Pat Massimini requested to purchase a new rack under equipment, the request was approved.

Financially, the overall performance of the sale was strong and the numbers will be shared during the December Luncheon. On the first day, approximately 900 items were sold compared to the 530 the previous year. Although there was no sponsor income, two \$500 donations were received, along with additional smaller donations. Social Media Advertising efforts reached over 8,000 people, with more than 200 engaging with the event. Lisa noted that the SumUp fees were lower than last year and praised her team for successfully implementing the new system. Additional discussion included plans to create clearer signage for cashiers and restrooms.

**Publicity:** Plans were discussed to create Facebook events for monthly meetings and upcoming programs with registration dates. Karli Abbott will coordinate with Lisa Schober and Kris Smith to confirm the publicity budget.

**Other Business:** A question was brought up regarding a commitment made to St. Michaels High School After-Grad Party. It was determined that Pat Massimini and Jackie Granger did confirm to support the party at a previous board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,** Karli Abbott, Vice President on behalf of Patti Dewitt, Secretary

# July Jubilee Challenge



Coming soon...a July Jubilee...a celebrity speaker, a fabulous class and a fantastic log cabin challenge. More on the speaker and class later., but if you want a sneak peek, watch Tara Miller on the February 15th episode (#3804) of The Quilt Show and check out her website, [quiltdistrict.com](http://quiltdistrict.com). For now, here's the scoop on the challenge.



Make a quilt (an unbound or unquilted top is OK) featuring one or more log cabin blocks. It must be a quilt and it must be **no smaller** than 144" perimeter—e.g., 36" x 36" or 24" x 48". It can be as big as you like! It must be new for this challenge, and new can mean a UFO finally completed in 2026 so check those UFOs. The idea is to do something creative with the log cabin block. It can be modern or traditional; but, whatever it is the log cabin must be recognizable.

A challenge isn't a challenge without judging and prizes.

We will have two winners  
Judge's Choice and Viewer's Choice.

We will have two great prizes—a beautiful ribbon and a substantial gift certificate. The judging will be done at the July Meeting's Show and Tell and the prizes will be awarded at the August Luncheon.



But, there's more. Everyone who signs up by March 11 **AND** presents their challenge at the July 8 meeting will get a swag bag full of goodies when they present their quilt in July. You can participate in the Show and Tell even if you don't sign up, but you will not be eligible for the swag bag. Also if you sign up and don't participate in the Show and Tell, no swag bag!

So let's get busy and make some quilts that celebrate our July Jubilee and the ever popular log cabin block! And watch for the section "Challenge Chatter" over the next few months for more information on the log cabin quilt.



Also, The Quilt Show is featuring the log cabin block variations in a series of free Saturday Sampler videos with Dee Christopher over the next few weeks. The first one aired on February 28th and they are all recoded for viewing if you miss the live one.

## Challenge Chatter



*Display of Egyptian cat mummies at the British Museum.*

"It's hard to know what 19th century people named their quilts. So few written records mention a quilt by name. Fair records, for example, listed numerous prize winners with generic names like "silk quilt", "patch-work quilt cover," and "cradle quilts." But we are lucky here because we do see fair records mentioning the "log quilt" pattern, also called "log cabin". The pattern was so popular in the 1870-1900 period that fairs opened categories specifically for log cabin quilts.

Log Cabin seems to be the standard name, but the 1889 Ladies' Art Company pattern catalog called it the "Log Patch". The British authors of an 1882 needlework manual noted that the design and technique were "well known in Canada under the name 'Loghouse Quilting' but only lately introduced in England....This patchwork is more commonly known as 'Canadian patchwork'." English names also include "Egyptian" or "Mummy Pattern", referring to mummy wrappings of dark and light strips in a similar design.

Is that cat on the left wrapped in a log cabin design or what!"

*From Barbara Brackman blog, March 24, 2010*



## St Michaels Branch Re-Opening Exhibit

Sharon Miller and I got a sneak peak of the remodeled St Michaels Library on 2/19. There is a good amount of wall space just waiting for Bayside Quilters to display quilts that would appeal to children and young adults. We think the best way to install the quilts, no sleeve necessary, is with a row of push pins stuck into the wall. The quilts will have binder clips attached and hung onto the push pins.

We need a variety of entries to select from as there are different size walls. Some entries may not fit in the various size spaces.

### **Sizes needed are:**

2-4 that are no longer than 70"-72" and 50-60" wide. (Long, slim would be ok).

15-20 that are no longer than 52" long

20-25 smalls, think Modern Bee

challenge Sun, Faces (maybe from Jean Impey class). The smalls would be hung in long narrow spaces & fill in any bare spots.

Sharon brought her giraffe quilt (see picture) which will be hung on the yellow wall.

The library had some quilts we had donated over the years that will be used.

**You MUST put your name on your entry.** The picture isn't all that important as long as your name is on it. If you are **donating** your entry, please write the word **DONATE** at the top of entry form.

**Installation:** Tentative date is 3/16 beginning at 9:30.

We need 3 people to help install the quilts. The library supplies the ladder labor. If you are not donating your quilt to the library plan on leaving them at the library until May 15th or 18th.

Questions? email-nitabnitab@yahoo.com, text-410-725-4323.



**March 11 9:30AM**

**Cathy Thornton from Crabby Quilter Presents  
A Laura Heine Collage Trunk Show**

**Afternoon Workshop  
Laura Heine Technique Workshop**

**1 – 5PM \$55**

**(Lunch & choice of kit below included)**

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

**And...A Pop-Up Shop**



**April 8 9:30AM**

**Susanne Jones**

**“Fly Me to the Moon: An Art Quilt Journey”**



*I'm an art quilter whose work is highly textured and realistic. Providing the opportunity for other artists to shine through exhibits and publications gives me great joy.*

Susanne highlight quilts from the Fly Me to the Moon collection which celebrates the Apollo missions and all things lunar. You will enjoy the stories behind the quilts and the artists who made them.

Artists from 8 countries have created art quilts celebrating Man's First Walk on the Moon. This multifaceted collection includes quilts that: commemorate the iconic images from the news; recall personal memories of July 20, 1969; honor all of the Apollo Missions; recognize all of the Apollo Astronauts; investigate scientific moon images; examine NASA's cool tools; explain myths associated with the moon; define moon idioms; replay the music inspired by the moon; visit pop culture icons; and make us fall in love again under the romantic moon. All of the quilts in this collection are 18"wide and 30" long and were juried to be a cohesive exhibit. Although the quilts are varied in style, the theme is always the same, the moon.

**Workshop**

**Thursday, April 9 9AM—4PM**

**\$60 class fee \$60 sneaker kit fee**

**Class Fee Includes Lunch**

Step into style with this unique and creative workshop. In this class, you'll learn how to turn a simple quilted sandwich made from fat quarters into a fabulous, one-of-a-kind pair of quilted sneakers.

From the sole up, you'll stitch, shape, and strut your way through the process, walking away with handmade kicks that are as bold and original as you are!

You can choose from high-tops, classics, or low-tops. The soles are available in European sizes, ranging from 36 to 47, and come in black or white.

Susanne will provide all the necessary materials for this class, except for your machine and sewing essentials. Soles will be ordered ahead of time at the cost of \$60 per pair. Please don't ask for smaller than 36 or larger than 47. They don't have them.

We'll provide you with a form that needs to be returned to us a month before class to ensure Susanne has the soles in time.

MAKE YOUR OWN  
**Snazzy Sneakers**



May 10 9:30AM

Ricky Tims

“The Visitation”



Ricky Tims is known in the international world of quilting as a best-selling author, enthusiastic and encouraging teacher, an award-winning quilter, fabric designer, and a talented and spellbinding speaker. His innovative and entertaining presentations, feature live music and humor combined with inspirational and motivational messages. His quilts have received numerous international awards and have been displayed worldwide. His work is highly regarded as excellent examples of contemporary quilts with traditional appeal.

Ricky's quilt journey began in 1991. He was named as one of The Thirty Most Distinguished Quilters in the World. In 2009 he was selected (in a three-way tie with Alex Anderson and Karey Bresnenhan) by the readers of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine as The Most Influential Person in the Quilting Industry. In 2008 he was profiled and featured on the popular national

television news show, CBS News Sunday Morning.

Ricky will join us via Zoom to discuss his **Houston International Quilt Festival 2025 Best of Show** winner, **The Visitation**. Now, hear the full story behind this outstanding quilt from Ricky himself as he takes you on the journey he went on to make it, from inspiration to creation.

**Artist Statement:** "Original hand-dyed fabrics were assembled using curved piecing (not paper-piecing). The raven was created with bobbin-embroidered feathers and invisible turned-edge appliqué. The moon is from an original photo that was digitized and printed. The raven symbolizes foreboding darkness. The clock suggests using time wisely. The tree represents wisdom, not dead, but dormant. The quilted leaves suggest spring will soon emerge. The time suggests midnight approaches, but a new day will dawn."

**Techniques:** Hand embroidery, dyeing, and painting; machine piecing, appliqué, embellishment, embroidery, and quilting; original digitized quilting; digital printing; professional fabric printing

**Design:** "The tree was, in part, derived from my words via an AI source, with all other elements being original, layered, and combined by me to create the whole."



**Poem:**

*"When Raven comes - so silently - A feathered ghost  
on moonlit tree. No caw, no cry - just mystic grace,  
With hands of time in his embrace.*

*He brings a gift, both worn and wise, Revealing truth  
behind the lies. The gift foretells what none can stall -  
That time will end for one and all.*

*The barren tree in winter's chill, Has living roots and  
pulses still. Spring will return; new days will dawn;  
Buds will appear - time presses on.*

*When Raven takes his final flight, And disappears in  
failing night, Don't hesitate - don't drift, don't wait. The  
time is now. The hour is late."*



America is preparing to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence and Bayside Quilters is going to be part of that celebration. How do we celebrate? With quilts, of course! Talbot County Free Library is our partner. If you saw the brochure and exhibit last year you know they do a great job of featuring our art.

America250, chaired by Rosie Rios, is the official commission designated by Congress to organize

the commemoration ([america250.org](http://america250.org)). To quote Ms. Rios, "That ongoing journey to become more perfect is exactly what we are commemorating and hopefully planting the seed for an even longer journey and a longer conversation about who we want to be as a country."

After discussing the project with Scotti from TCFL we think the following will work for Bayside and the library.

**Exhibit Time Frame:** June 1 through July 31, 2026. Staging on May 29, 2026.

**Color and Size:** Red, white, blue, tan, gold or other colors that you would be appropriate to give to a Veteran, maybe a Maryland flag quilt. For hanging quilts, no longer than 72". Entry forms will be the same as the last exhibit. Photo and brief description for a brochure will be required. Smaller quilts will be fixed to the wall by pins.

**Hospice Donation:** You are invited to donate your quilt to a veteran in hospice care once the exhibit is taken down. It will be noted in the brochure.

Do you have any questions not posed in this article that haven't been considered yet? Email [nitabnitab@yahoo.com](mailto:nitabnitab@yahoo.com) or text 410-725-4323.

-aNita Brayton



### And You Thought I Was Done!



Many of you know the St. Michaels library has been closed for remodeling. They are reopening March 21, 2026. Bayside Quilters are asked to display quilts for the Children's area. They would be displayed for as long as the maker would like. If you would want to participate Email [nitabnitab@yahoo.com](mailto:nitabnitab@yahoo.com) or text 410-725-4323. -aNita Brayton. I'll collect those quilts at or before the March 11 meeting. Please use the same entry form as for the Easton library exhibit.

Email [nitabnitab@yahoo.com](mailto:nitabnitab@yahoo.com) or text 410-725-4323.

-aNita Brayton

# Spotlight on Outreach



We had a great turnout at the February Outreach Sew-In and made excellent progress creating quilt tops, binding quilted tops, making pillows for veterans and breast cancer patients and making burp cloths. Hooray for everyone who was there to help Outreach in February and to all of you who provide support throughout the year! You all deserve a round of applause for your contributions.

Several teams and individuals tackled the mystery quilt challenge, in which several rounds of instructions and fabric are packaged and delivered in succession to create a complete twin quilt top. While none were completed during the sew-in, we are eager to see the final products at future Bayside meetings. These twin quilts will be donated to children attending the Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang camp, ([holeinthewallgang.org](http://holeinthewallgang.org)), which will open in Queenstown this spring.

If you are inspired to continue sewing for Outreach, there are plenty of opportunities. You can pick up a pattern or kit at any Bayside meeting or join us for our monthly sewing session at Immanuel Lutheran. Holidays and snow have kept us from meeting at the church for some months, but we are definitely planning to be there on Wednesday, March 25, 10 am – 3 pm. We'd love to see you there!

Jan Bohn and Pat Massimini

## From First 4-H Session





## And a good time was had by all at the 2026 Ocean City Retreat!!!

The Bayside Retreat was a wonderful success – we had 10 Baysiders and 1 husband (who was an exemplary example of a well behaved husband). I actually almost but not quite got a quilt partly finished! It's only been worked on for maybe 3 years.....

Think about coming with us next year, February 12-25, 2027. 4 days of pampering, no cooking, no family to bother you and sewing as much as you want! It's a lot of fun!! Jan



More pictures next page.



**A few more from  
the retreat!**



# March Fabrics from Jافتex



**Verona from Blank Quilting  
[1] 18 piece fat quarter bundle**

**Again!  
Thank You,  
Katie Wyatt and Jافتex!**



## **Trappe Fire Company Sewing Camp Fundraisers**

**March 5-8**

**April 16-19**

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



## **4-H Classes Continuing in March**

4-H Classes are open to all 4-H members in Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties; the two remaining classes run from 1:00 am-4:00 pm and are held at the Trappe Fire House. These will be two Sunday afternoon sessions:

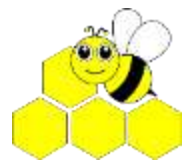
- Sunday, March 15. We will be sewing the block we embroidered in the first class into a scarf.
- Sunday, March 22 with leader Jean Konopacz. We will be making a bag.

Volunteers are needed for all sessions.

If your are interested, please text, call 410-924-1764 or email Lou [sistermbelle@aol.com](mailto:sistermbelle@aol.com).



# 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**

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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.



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Large BERNINA Trolley.

Like New \$150.00

Contact Michele Anstatt.

[Micheleanstatt@gmail.com](mailto:Micheleanstatt@gmail.com)



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### **FOR SALE: Janome Memory Craft 9400 QCP**

This machine was purchased in 2017 for \$3999 from Dover Sewing Company.

It has been professionally maintained by factory certified repair people. Included are instruction booklet, buttonholer, extra needle plate, 14 presser feet, walking foot, knee lifter, dust cover, and more.

Price is \$1000 or best offer by 3/15/2026.

Also available is a white sewing table. It is approximately 38"x42" fully extended or 19.5"x42" without extension and has a cutout to fit the above machine. Price is \$150 when purchased with the machine.

There are also three white IKEA bookcases for \$20 each available. They are approximately 24" w x 78" tall.



Contact Jean Rhian at 410-253-7345 by text or email [jeanrhian65@gmail.com](mailto:jeanrhian65@gmail.com)

# FOR SALE



Brother NQ900PRW for sale.

Just serviced.

Includes:

Slide-on extension table,  
Specific insert for SewEzi table,

Knee lift,

Several presser feet including  
walking foot and free motion foot.

In roller case.

\$850.00

Contact: Carol Clarke  
(cbclarke5846@gmail.com)

Harriet Powers replica quilt

Queen size

\$250

Contact:

Tyra Wingard

earthspilgrim@gmail.com

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## 2026 Semiquincentennial (250th Anniversary)

### Fiber Arts Center Challenge–“Stars and Stripes Forever”



On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation’s past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

To help celebrate our country’s 250th anniversary, The Fiber Arts Center will be hosting a “Stars and Stripes Forever” Challenge and we would like for you to join us! You can use your artistic creative juices to create what the 250th Anniversary means to you!

Questions? Contact the 250th Fiber Arts Committee

Kay Butler/ [mrs.kay.butler@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.kay.butler@gmail.com)

Brenda Zimmerman/ [brenda.c.zimmerman@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.c.zimmerman@gmail.com)

Laura Boehl/ [auraboehl@gmail.com](mailto:auraboehl@gmail.com)

NOTE: Entrance fee is \$10 and submissions are due by September 21, 2026.

For additional guidelines contact any of the above. There will be copies of the guidelines at our Bayside meetings as well.

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Bake Sale			Silent Auction	
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**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

Doors open at 11:00—Games start at 1 pm

Food service available

Knights of Columbus Boswell Hall

Rt 3 north (north of Rt 50)

6111 Columbian Way, Bowie MD 20715

\$20 admission—Tickets available at the door

No one under 18 years of age permitted

## WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU SCRAPS MAKE A QUILT!

FOUR COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD  
2026 QUILT SHOW



Fri. May 15 & Sat. 16 10 AM - 5 PM

FREDERICK EVENT CENTER

(Near FSK Mall)

5400 HOLIDAY DRIVE, FREDERICK, MD

Admission: \$12.00 - Children 12 and under free

Over 200 Quilts, Vendors, Demonstrations, Raffle Baskets,

Quiltporium, Scraps & More, plus a Bargain Bin



### Information



<https://fourcountyquilters.org>

### Keynote Speaker:

Kiley Ferons

Friday, May 15th

5:15 - 6:00 PM

<https://kileysquiltroom.com/>

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 **Quilt Show**

May 29 -31, 2026  
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## March Birthdays



Kate Lynott Oursler 3/2  
Nita Brayton 3/4  
Beth Mufson 3/7  
Tyra Wingard 3/10  
KathyTaylor 3/26  
Edna Bennett 3/29  
Jackie Granger 3/30

*Happy Birthday, A IIIII*

People ask me why  
quilt rather than sew.  
I tell them,  
"I've never made a  
quilt that didn't fit."

– Kim Jamieson-Hirst

### 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 \_\_\_

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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".

*May 10*

*Ricky Tims*

*Zoom Lecture*

*"The Visitation"*

*April 8 & 9*

*Susanne Jones*

*"Fly Me to the Moon:  
An Art Quilt Journey"*

*Thursday Workshop*

*Snazzy Sneakers*

## 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,