



SOUTHERN COMFORTER

SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE MARYLAND, INC.

JANUARY 2019

RETREAT IS A FEW WEEKS AWAY

I hope everyone had a restful holiday season and a joyous New Year. In keeping with the joyous New Year theme, it's time to start thinking about the retreat—it's only six weeks away. The retreat is a perfect time to finish up quilts you're working on for the show in March.

West River Retreat Center has increased the minimum number of guests in each group. We must have at least 24 retreaters this year. If you've been on the fence about coming, it's time you jump off and start packing!

The retreat is February 15–18. You have the option to stay two nights or three nights for a fee of \$160 or \$210, respectively. It includes lodging and five meals in the dining hall.

While at the retreat you can participate in several planned activities:

SECRET SEWING SISTERS: Sign up for SSS when you register, and answer a survey about all things you. SSS sign-up closes on January 28. You will get an email containing the answers to your sister's survey. Throughout the weekend, you will leave handmade and bought items secretly for your sister. The total value should range from \$20–\$25.

RETREAT BLOCKS: After registering, you will receive a piece of retreat fabric. Previously, you could make any block. This year you **HAVE** to make a recognizable Churn Dash block. Here's the catch: *You have to make it incorrectly!* The rules are simple, use any appropriate companion fabrics and make a 3-, 6-, 9-, or 12-inch block (or more) in the Churn Dash pattern and "accidentally" assemble it wrong. The pattern for the correct block will come with the fabric. Who can make the best wrong block?

MYSTERY QUILT: We will have a mystery project. Details will be posted on the guild website. You'll be given fabric requirements but no details about the finished project—it's a mystery!

HANDWORK FOLDER: Donna Norris leads a workshop to make a notebook-sized folder for your handwork. She'll post the materials needed and pictures of the finished project.

To register for the retreat, log into the members' section of the guild website at www.southerncomforters.org

Karen Todd

LOCATON CHANGE JANUARY 23

As a schedule note,
Southern Comforters Guild
meeting on January 23
will be at the
Kenhill Center
as CCPC is doing
Warm Nights that week.

**Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, MD 20715**



SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE, MARYLAND, INC.

GENERAL MEETINGS Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm
MEETING LOCATION Christian Community Presbyterian Church
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Please send articles / photos to the editor at sewsewirish@aol.com.

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
2019	
1.29.2019.....	2.4.2019
2.28.2019.....	3.4.2019
3.29.2019.....	4.4.2019
4.29.2019.....	5.4.2019
5.29.2019.....	6.4.2019

SAY THE SECRET WORD: QUILTERS

SoCo CONDOLENCES

Grace Galetsky, one of the founding mothers of Southern Comforters, recently passed away. She was 98. Her daughter, Nancy, brought her to Southern Comforter events over the years.

The viewing and the funeral take place on Friday, January 4, 2019, at Beall Funeral Home, 6512 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20715. Viewing 1 to 2 pm; service begins at 2 pm. Interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery on January 7, 2018

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/CapitalGazette/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=191116607>



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy 2019!

At this time of year, I usually tend to look in two directions—backwards to the year just past and forward to the year that lies ahead. In the guild, we can look back with pride to the more than 100 quilts we made and sent to children and adults who are now sleeping under the special warmth that only a quilt provides. Of special note are the quilts we sent with Terri to Ethiopia and the quilts for veterans in the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home that were organized by Elfrieda. These two projects are in addition to the ongoing donations of quilts made for children and veterans throughout the year. Additionally, a number of members created beautiful quilts that were the prizes in silent auctions for various groups to which they belong. I am very proud to share with people how Southern Comforters helps both the local and the worldwide community with our quilts.

I also reflect on all the speakers we have heard this year, and the number of workshops offered to members. Although I was only able to take one of the workshops, I appreciated seeing the beautiful projects that people made in the classes, as well as hearing about the new skills they acquired.

Looking forward to 2019, the guild Program meetings are starting off with a bang—two speakers in the month of January! This is the way to get inspired! I am also looking forward to hearing more about the 2019 Best Little Quilt Show in Maryland with all the updates from Terri, Susie, and Wendy. There will be changes, we know. Remember, we are flexible—we can bend, and we won't break.

One goal I have for this year is to increase membership and/or increase attendance at our meetings. If you have suggestions about how to increase these numbers, please let me know. Also, if you previously attended meetings and have stopped, please let me know what your reason is, and maybe there is something I can

change that will bring you back. Our guild is only as strong as its active members. And, of course, I know that we will continue our important work for Community Quilts. Topping 2018 will be a challenge, but anything is possible!

Personally, I am determined to finish a top that is almost complete before being tempted by something else that strikes my fancy. That is a major challenge for me. I want to complete more quilts in 2019 than I did in 2018. Also, I want to reorganize my sewing room to make it more efficient and easier to work in. Possibly even part with some precious, but unused fabric or some of the numerous small kits I discovered by accident. OOTA maybe?

None of us knows what is in store for us in 2019. We just have to be strong and believe that what we do makes a difference.

Happy New Year, *Peggy*



2019 SoCo SCHEDULE

JANUARY 9: RUSS LITTLE – TRUNK SHOW

JANUARY 23: PHYLLIS HATCHER –
ABORIGINAL QUILTS

FEBRUARY 13: TBD

FEBRUARY 27: TBD

MARCH 13: ELFRIEDA HARRIS,
FEATURED QUILTER TRUNK SHOW

MARCH 23–24: BEST LITTLE QUILT SHOW
3/22 IS SETUP; 3/23–3/24 IS QUILT SHOW

MARCH 27: TBD

APRIL 10: JULIA GRAVES – COLOR THEORY

APRIL 12: JULIA GRAVES WORKSHOP:
SHIMMERING TRIANGLES QUILT (WITH
EMPHASIS ON COLOR THEORY)

KATZ BEE SCHEDULE—2019

Peggy Alexander was at the Crofton library at 6:30 am to line up for the sign up to use the meeting room. Compared to last year, she was fairly successful.

These are the dates for 2019. (The sign ups were only through May 31, 2019).

January 5	9–4:45 pm	both sides
March 30	9–12 noon	both sides
April 20	9–1 pm	both sides
May 25	9–4:45 pm	both sides

GET A JUMP START ON CHINESE NEW YEAR

February 5, 2019, is the start of the Chinese New Year—the Year of the Pig

To celebrate, checkout this cute little pig pattern
<https://www.marthastewart.com/908815/stuffed-pig>



Thanks, *Amalia*

Quilts Show 2019 is only a few months away, and just like Santa's elves, Susie, Wendy, and Terri have been working behind the scenes to make this year's show one of the best yet.



However, we would love it if our membership would take a small step forward and volunteer to help make this show a smooth running machine! Volunteers are needed for setup and takedown (perhaps cajoling husbands, children, grandchildren), our registration table and raffle tables, white gloving, Out of the Attic (OOTA), and minding various places around the school. Any and all help to sign up to volunteer would be greatly appreciated, and Terri can help you signup. More details at the next meeting.

If you haven't signed up for the Challenge, please checkout the online registration on our website. Deadline is February 1. If you have a few extra minutes while on Facebook, please go to the Maryland Quilters Challenge and like and share. Please share the love!

Please refer to the Southern Comforters website for further updates regarding quilt registration and Quilters Challenge.

And lastly, please consider entering one, two, or three quilts into our wonderful show!

Thank you, *Susie, Terri and Wendy*

A Quilter's New Year's Resolution

My ~~2010~~²⁰¹⁹ Year's Resolution is to finish all the quilt projects from 2015 that I should have done in 2014 after I started them in 2013 after planning them in 2012 and buying the fabric for them in 2011 while having the pattern for them since 2010.

2019 GREENBELT COURTHOUSE SHOW – CALL FOR QUILTS

It's time again when we begin to gather the quilts for the annual exhibit at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, Md. The Annapolis Quilt Guild is the official sponsor of the show and is reaching out to several other guilds, including Southern Comforters, to show "Maryland Quilts".

The exhibit will hang for three months from January 31 to late April 2019. All members of Southern Comforters are invited to participate. If you would like to show a quilt, please RSVP to this invitation by emailing Hilke Hoefler at hrhilke@comcast.net with the following information. Please copy me at barbaradg@comcast.net as I will be coordinating entries from Southern Comforters.

1. A digital photo of the quilt, its name, and dimensions (W x L).
2. Your name, address, email, and phone.

Entries will be accepted from December 15 to January 15. Limit is one entry per person if the quilt is over 40" wide. A person may enter two quilts if BOTH entries are under 35" wide. If accepted, a confirmation will be sent to you with drop-off times and places. Quilts must hang from hanging day to take-down day. There are a limited number of spaces for large quilts so these will be accepted on a first-come basis. Quilts must have a hanging sleeve at least 3" wide, and a label on the back with your name. Quilts under 20" wide do not need a hanging sleeve.

Help is needed with the hanging of the show. Please contact Barbara if you can help. You do not need to have an entry in the show, just be able to work and have fun. You don't have to be able to climb ladders. Husbands and friends who can climb ladders are welcome. It takes a crew of 12–15 people to hang all the quilts within 5–6 hours. We will hang the show on Thursday, January 31. We usually start at 10 am.

Once up, the show is free and open to the public during regular courthouse hours: M–F, 9–5. The courthouse address is U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara Dahlberg by email, or call 410.570.0627 or 410.451.4571.

Barbara Dahlberg

TAKE A CLASS IN 2018? REGISTER THAT QUILT!

Throughout the year the guild offered several interesting workshops. People showed their finished projects at show and tell at a later meeting.

Let's put all those projects into the Quilt Show. It's always fun to see how different the quilts are that result when people put their own individuality on the same class. Often, our visitors don't even recognize that the quilts come from the same patterns until someone points it out. For instance, my triplets from the class with Norma Campbell are bigger than everybody else's because I went with wider strips—they look way different!

Guided Tours may be a feature of this year's show and a tour of our 2018 workshops could be an interesting one. And, it could help sell our upcoming workshops for 2019.

So register those quilts! (Maybe only one triplet, not all three).

Pat Scully



PANTONE COLOR FOR 2019



KONA COLOR FOR 2019



GORGEOUS FABRICS

Have you ever wondered about the new realistic printed fabrics now on the market? How is it made? Ever wanted to design fabric? Read this article from the Robert Kaufman Fabrics website about digital printing.

WHAT IS DIGITAL PRINTING?

First, let's look at conventional printing. Conventional screen printing requires the engraving of one screen per color in a design. So a design with 18 colors would require 18 screens. Additionally, 18 separate colors also need to be mixed and matched. With digital printing, there are no screens or colors to mix. Any image you can see on a computer can be reproduced on fabric in the same way as your desktop printer prints images on paper.

WHAT FABRICS CAN BE PRINTED?

We have digital solutions for printing on various basecloths, from cotton, rayon, linen,

as well as blends with a maximum width of 60". There are however various reasons why any specific fabric may not perform well on our printer. Examples of things that can make a fabric unprintable include: water repellent finishes, softeners, hairy fabrics, extreme textures, sheer fabrics, warped selvages, long haired selvages, etc.

ARE THERE ANY DESIGN LIMITATIONS?

The more ink coverage a design has, the more likely the hand feel of a fabric may be affected. Designs with large solid flat backgrounds or other large flat areas, primarily in darker shades, may not print solidly. These potential issues can be accessed in the strike-off process.

WILL YOU PRINT ON MY FABRIC?

No. Robert Kaufman Co. is unable to control the quality of a customer's fabric and to control potential fabric losses due to the performance of that fabric on our printer. For this reason, we will not be accepting a customer's fabric for use on the printer.

WHAT KIND OF INKS ARE USED?

Our digital print solution uses a patented pigment ink technology that is water based and absolutely free of heavy metals, formaldehyde and Alkylphenol Ethoxylates (APE), making them non-hazardous, non-toxic and 100% biodegradable. Our inks adhere to the strictest human health and environmental standards and contain no animal by-products and are completely vegan friendly, meeting both the Oeko-Tex 100 and Global Organic Textile (GOTS) standards.

IS THE FABRIC WASHABLE AND COLOR FAST?

The printed inks are all washable and meet excellent color fast standards. The below results are, in general, readily achievable, however results may vary depending on the basecloth and how it was finished. We recommend: Machine wash cool or warm, delicate or gentle cycle, Tumble dry low,

remove promptly. Best to iron the reverse side. Ultimately, it is buyer's responsibility to order and test sample yardage to establish any performance standards that they require.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PRINT MY DESIGN? ARE THERE ANY DESIGN LIMITATIONS?

The image file can be any Illustrator, Photoshop, PDF, JPEG, TIFF, GIF file, with optimally 300 DPI. When designing continuous patterns they should be put into a repeat, however, unlike conventional printing, your repeat is not limited by the size of the print screen. You can also print panels and other engineer layouts. Also note that multiple designs can be printed in a single run.

COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Robert Kaufman Co. Inc. will only print designs that it owns the copyright of, or has a license to print. When printing our customers' designs, we require a signed Indemnity Agreement which states that the customer has rights to the design and indemnifies Robert Kaufman Co. Inc. against any claims.

WHAT ABOUT COLOR MATCHING?

Digital printing is more of an art than a science. The color effect seen on a computer screen is not exactly what will print out on the fabric. Though a vast number of colors can be achieved there are some colors that go beyond the range of digital color, making exact color matching problematic. To help with managing color, you may wish to purchase a color guide printed on the fabric you will be using.*

CAN YOU DO DESIGN WORK? REPEATS? COLORING?

Yes, however, our design service capacity is limited, and so we therefore suggest that you work with your own internal designer or seek a freelance design service. If we are able to schedule design time that works for you, all services will be billed at a rate of \$55/hour.

CAN I USE THE DIGITAL PRINTING FOR SAMPLING AND THEN PRINT MY BULK USING CONVENTIONAL SCREEN PRINTING?

We would be happy to work with you in this manner. Please note however, that if this is your goal, you must share this with us so we can consult with you on how best to work with your design so that the sample digital print will be reasonably printable via the normal screen print process.

DELIVERY TURN TIME:

While conventional custom print projects take months to fulfill, digital print projects should only take weeks. If print space is immediately available, printings can be delivered in days. Estimated delivery will be quoted at time of strike-off approval.

OUR PRICING:

Strike-off Charge:

\$30 per yard of strike-off (\$30 min charge) + the Cost of Fabric

Production Printing Charges:

5 – 25 yds = \$30 per yard + fabric

26 – 99 yds = \$10 per yard + fabric

100 + yds = For orders of 100 yds +, we will try, if possible, to improve the price based on the needed volume and the specific design requested.





Block exchange from the Christmas Holiday Dinner December 12, 2018, and Show & Tell



SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE, MD, INC. BUDGET

11-1-2018 – 11-30-2018

Ending Balance: \$17,618.10

INCOME	CURRENT	YTD	2018 BUDGET
Banking		\$18.00	
Bingo	\$3,545.25	\$4,205.25	\$5,000.00
Donated Fabric			
Membership		\$1,470.00	\$2,400.00
Miscellaneous Donation		\$250.00	\$300.00
Program		\$1,650.00	\$3,000.00
Quilt Show		\$10,347.15	\$10,000.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales		\$2,482.00	\$2,000.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales Next Year			
Retreat		\$5,610.00	\$9,000.00
Show Banks	\$600.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$4,145.25	\$27,432.40	\$33,200.00
EXPENSES	CURRENT	YTD	2018 BUDGET
Anniversary Quilt			\$50.00
Bank Fees		\$24.30	\$25.00
Bingo		\$38.13	\$500.00
Block of the Month			\$0.00
Charities			\$1,500.00
Community Quilts		\$525.00	\$525.00
Equipment Storage		\$1,440.00	\$1,450.00
Donated Fabric Exp			\$0.00
Greenbelt Christmas Show	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Hospitality			
Insurance		\$172.00	\$200.00
Library		\$18.14	\$100.00
Membership Supplies		\$84.07	\$125.00
Miscellaneous		\$535.14	\$400.00
Newsletter	\$54.98	\$54.98	\$75.00
Program	\$215.42	\$5,701.31	\$8,000.00
Quilt Show		\$10,372.11	\$7,000.00
Quilt Show Next Year			
Raffle Quilt Next Year		\$205.44	\$400.00
Raffle Tickets		\$111.94	\$150.00
Rent		\$1,785.00	\$1,800.00
Retreat	\$150.00	\$7,182.98	\$9,000.00
Show Banks		\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Web Site/Domain	\$4.95	\$353.25	\$300.00
Total	\$771.14	\$30,471.27	\$33,200.00

SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE, MD, INC. BUDGET 2019 BUDGET

INCOME	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET PROPOSED
Bingo	\$5,000.00	\$4,800.00
Donated Fabric		
Membership	\$2,400.00	\$1,800.00
Miscellaneous (Donation)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Program	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00
Quilt Show	\$10,000.00	\$11,500.00
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
Retreat	\$9,000.00	\$7,000.00
Show Banks	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$33,200.00	\$31,000.00
EXPENSES	2018 BUDGET	2019 Budget proposed
Anniversary Quilt	\$50.00	\$50.00
Bank Fees	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bingo	\$500.00	\$500.00
Charities	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Community Quilts	\$525.00	\$525.00
Equipment Rental / Storage	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00
From Donated Fabric	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$100.00
Liability Insurance	\$200.00	\$200.00
Library	\$100.00	\$100.00
Membership Supplies	\$125.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous (Post Office Box)	\$400.00	\$400.00
Newsletter	\$75.00	\$50.00
Program	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00
Quilt Show	\$7,000.00	\$9,500.00
Raffle Quilt	\$400.00	\$200.00
Raffle Tickets	\$400.00	\$150.00
Rent	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Retreat	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Show Banks	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Web Site/Domain	\$300.00	\$350.00
Total	\$33,200.00	\$31,000.00