



SOUTHERN COMFORTER

SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE MARYLAND, INC.

NOVEMBER 2018

QUILT SHOW 2019 UPDATE

- ✂ The school is ours! No church services at the school anymore so parking will be much better. Yay!
- ✂ After recently sending out requests, we've already received a few nice gifts from manufacturers for our Vendor Hop and Maryland Quilters Challenge prizes.
- ✂ Website is looking marvelous! Thanks to Susie and her son. Remember, registration forms for quilts will be in the Members Only area.
- ✂ Notices have been sent to other Maryland guilds regarding Maryland Quilters Challenge. Facebook page is up. Thanks to all who "like" and share the page as this helps reach more quilters. (= more people coming to show.)
- ✂ MaryKay created our lovely postcards. Please get some and share when you're out and about.
- ✂ Janet is beginning to search for vendors. Let her know if you have a possible vendor in mind.

Thanks all!

2019 Quilt Show Team
Susie, Terri, and Wendy



quilted by Pitar Joy

Almost Amish

Raffle Quilt by Southern Comforters – 100" x 92"

Vendors | Member Quilts | Demos and Classes
Vendor Hop with prizes | Featured Quilter
MD Quilters Challenge Exhibit | Raffle Quilt
Raffle Baskets | Silent Auction | Quilt Appraisals

the Best little Quilt Show in Maryland

Southern Comforters of Bowie

Samuel Ogle Middle School
4111 Chelmont Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

March 23, 2019 — 10 am – 5 pm

March 24, 2019 — 11 am – 4 pm

Admission \$10

For admission discounts and
additional information, visit
www.southerncomforters.org



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
 3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD. Phone 301.262.6008
MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 847, Bowie, MD 20718-0847
WEBSITE www.southerncomforters.org

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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>
11.30.2018.....	12.4.2018
2019	
12.29.2018.....	1.4.2019
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

SoCo CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Carrie Casto on the passing of her mother, Carol Backus, who was a quilter and knitter.

Carrie, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May your Mom rest in peace.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Quilters,

As we enter the month of November, my thoughts usually turn to Thanksgiving and the importance of expressing gratitude for the many wonderful people and things in our lives. I am grateful for the many blessings we all have, but this year, the strongest feeling that I have is one of pain and hurt for all the hate that is being shown every day in our country.

In just the past week, a number of very important people and a news organization have been threatened with pipe bombs sent through the mail. While attention is focused on the recipients of these bombs, consider all the postal employees who have handled them as they move from the sender to the intended recipient. Those workers could be our friends or family members who are at risk.

Later in the week, Jewish people worshipping in their synagogue were murdered while they were praying! It is outrageous that in America today, we are not safe while practicing our religion. All houses of worship should be considered as sanctuaries (safe places), yet sadly that is clearly not the case today.

The third horrendous example from last week was the murder of two African Americans who were in a grocery store. Apparently the shooter was unable to break into the church across the street, so he decided to kill two people who were shopping. So now, grocery shopping can be a life threatening activity!

Personally, I am struggling every day, trying to figure out ways to combat this extreme hatred by using civil discourse, yet not get bullied by someone who can shout louder. From my experience, quilters are people who demonstrate by their words and actions that they care about other people, whether they are the same or different from us.

I ask that we continue to demonstrate acceptance and kindness to everyone we encounter, so that we can help that behavior spread.

Peggy

GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Southern Comforters Quilt Guild was accepted into the Greenbelt 47th Annual Festival of Lights juried Arts and Crafts show to be held on Saturday, December 1, from 10 am to 5 pm and on Sunday, December 2, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Greenbelt Community Center. Load-in is Friday night, November 30.

This gives us the opportunity to sell chances on the Raffle Quilt and for individuals who make things to sell them—a broader audience than Comforters Keepsakes, but the same type of wares.

If you would like to participate, send an email to Pat Scully at pescully@law.gwu.edu. We'll work out the details when we know who and how many are participating.

Pat Scully

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Family Game Night Basket! Donations of puzzles, games, playing cards, board games, and a basket in which to put everything. Along with money to purchase items to round out the basket. You made this a great success.

I appreciate your participation, thank you again!

Anna-Marie



QUILTERS CELEBRATE 100TH PATRIOTIC QUILT STITCHED FOR VETERAN PATIENTS OF HOSPICE

Millie Gentile was a member of the Southern Comforters for a long time; I saw her most recently taking a longarm class at Spring Water Designs. The room they sew in at Downs Park overlooks the Bay; anybody with time on Friday mornings could enjoy quilting in a lovely setting. It's easy to find, one or two exits before BWI Marshall Airport exit off of Route 97.

Pat Scully



Millie Gentile shows first veteran quilt she made



Millie, Nicole Malatesta, Shirley Wise



Members of the Downs Park Quilters

A NICE NOTE...

Hi to the Southerncomforters Quilt Guild,

I am a volunteer at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, MD. I so much enjoyed your lovely show at the Patuxent Wildlife Center. I wondered if you have ever considered exhibiting at Brookside Gardens. We have regular art shows in our Visitors Center. There is a fairly simple application process explained on our website at Brooksidegardens.org. As a quilter and a gardener, I was delighted and impressed by your quilts. I'm sure I'm not alone.

Best wishes, *Nancy Traubitz*

MONTPELIER MANSION SHOW & BOUTIQUE

Beyond Needleart Exhibit of contemporary and traditional textiles at Montpelier Mansion and Historic Site. Monday, November 5 through Thursday, November 29, 2018 (closed Wednesdays), 11 am–4 pm. Admission \$5.00/\$4.00 Seniors.

Artists Reception on Saturday, November 10 from 5- 7 PM.(Free admission)

In conjunction with the exhibit, there is an Artists Boutique in the central passageway of the house featuring a variety of vendors in fiber art as well as other mediums. The Boutique runs from November 5 through December 28. (closed Wednesdays). Free admission.

I have two quilts in the exhibit and a table at the Boutique. Thanks. *Barbara Dahlberg*

**"I don't buy vintage quilts.
By the time I finish
The quilts I've started
they've already become antiques."**

Mark Lipinski
www.marklipinski.wordpress.com

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER 14: CHALLENGE QUILTS AND CRAFT SALE; TERRI TOMOFF'S TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

NOVEMBER 28: REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 12: HOLIDAY DINNER AND BLOCK EXCHANGE

KATZ BEE

NOVEMBER 17: reserved but is weekend after Fall Retreat and weekend before Thanksgiving.

HOLIDAY GIFTS SALE

We'll have a **HOLIDAY GIFTS SALE** on November 14, 2018, in conjunction with our Challenge where you can purchase handmade holiday gifts from Guild members. All Guild members are invited to participate.

Here's how it works for sellers.

- ✂ Sign up by emailing Barbara Dahlberg at barbaradg@comcast.net or call me at 410.451.4571 to reserve a spot.
- ✂ Let me know how much space you need (half table, whole table).
- ✂ Bring your handmade items to the meeting on November 14 along with anything you need to display them on for the sale.
- ✂ **SET UP BEGINS AT 6:30 PM.** You set up; price your items; handle your own sales.
- ✂ There is no fee or cost to you to sell at this event.
- ✂ At the end of the evening, you pack up what is left and take it home.

What kind of items can you sell? Anything handmade by you. Some suggestions—small quilts, placemats, coasters, holiday ornaments, baby items, scarves, socks, jewelry, cards—whatever you like to make.

There will be shopping time while members are arriving and Challenge quilts are

being turned in, during the break, and after the Challenge activity is completed. You may shop with cash or check.

Bring your friends to shop and see our Challenge quilts.

Barbara Dahlberg

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OUR MEMBERS ARE TEACHING

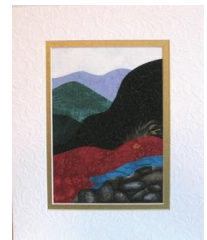
LANDSCAPE FROM FABRIC WITH BARBARA DAHLBERG

Learn how to construct a landscape with fabric. We'll discuss how to use color, value, line, texture and layering to achieve depth. In class you will make a small fused landscape (no sewing required), embellish it, and mount in a photo mat. The technique can also be used for hand or machine appliqué. Beginner friendly.

Saturday, November 10, 2018 10 am–2 pm

Tomorrow's Treasures
2110 Priest Bridge Drive, Crofton, MD
410.451.0400

www.tomorrowstreasures.info
Contact store for fee and to sign up.



2019 SoCo SCHEDULE

JANUARY 9: RUSS LITTLE – TRUNK SHOW

JANUARY 23: PHYLLIS HATCHER –
ABORIGINAL QUILTS

FEBRUARY 13: TBD

FEBRUARY 27: RETREAT SHOW AND TELL

MARCH 13: ELFRIEDA HARRIS,
FEATURED QUILTER TRUNK SHOW

MARCH 27: QUILT SHOW PREPARATION

MARCH 29–31: BEST LITTLE QUILT SHOW

APRIL 10: JULIA GRAVES – COLOR THEORY

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

APRIL 24: TBD

MAY 8: TBD

MAY 22: ANNIVERSARY DINNER

JUNE 12: HEATHER KOJAN

JUNE 13: HEATHER KOJAN WORKSHOP:
QUICK CURVES RULER

JUNE 26: GERALDINE WILKINS,
LIVING WATER QUILTER, LLC

JULY 10: TBD

JULY 24: TBD

AUGUST 14: TBD

AUGUST 28: TBD

SEPTEMBER 11: TBD

SEPTEMBER 25: NANCY BILLS—WHAT TO DO
WITH THE QUILTS YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO
DO WITH

OCTOBER 9: GINNY BROWN OF BROWN
RABBIT QUILTS— NOT YET CONTRACTED
(WORKSHOP DATE AND LOCATION TBD;
STUDIO 180 CERTIFIED TEACHER)

OCTOBER 23: TBD

NOVEMBER 13: CHALLENGE/CRAFT SALE

DECEMBER 11: HOLIDAY PARTY

Patchwork Posse

Learn. Create. Share.

<https://www.patchworkposse.com/declutter-your-sewing-room/>

DECLUTTER YOUR SEWING ROOM

Questions to ask yourself while sorting:

- How old is this? I know we all keep things for a long time. But really consider this.
- What is this for? If it's for a project - try to collect all the elements together
- Is this quality? The last time I sorted through my sewing room I got rid of a ton of fabric. Gasp! But really it wasn't good fabric. It was thin. It was crap. I didn't want that in my projects anymore. I need fabric that will last- so that was a big helper in deciding whether I kept it or not.
- Do I have multiples? How many scissors does one need? Ok—bad example. But other supplies. Do you have 3–6" rulers? 2000 zippers?
- Will I really use it? Be honest with yourself. If it has sat there for so long and every time you could have used it, you passed. That's a pretty good sign it won't be used any time soon. Time to move it on.

Here are a few spots that most of us have that you can work on.

DECLUTTER YOUR SEWING ROOM BY SPACE:

Closets; Counters and Workspace; Drawers, Bins, and Containers; Shelves

DECLUTTER YOUR SEWING ROOM BY TOPIC:

Fabric, books, patterns, notions: zippers, ric rac, hem tape, ribbon, lace, buttons, yarn. Supplies: scissors, pens, rotary cutters, pins, needles. Misc: batting, interfacing, fusibles.

Either way will work. It will take time, but then when you are all done you'll know what you have (it's a great reminder of what you have!) and you'll be able to get going on the next project because you can find everything needed for it!

**SOUTHERN COMFORTER MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2018**

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Welcome! Kathy Lincoln is our speaker – Pattern Problem Solving

Guests Kathy Wells, Charlotte's sister-in-law.

We received an email praising our exhibit at Patuxent Wildlife Center. It is lovely!

PROGRAMS

Oct 24–25 – Augusta Cole – Eye Spy Hexies (Lecture and Workshop). See www.Augustacolequilting.com for pictures

Oct 27 Quilt Bingo

Nov 14 Challenge quilts and Holiday craft sale and a presentation about Terri's trip to Ethiopia. (Sign up with Barbara Dahlberg if you would like to participate in the Craft Sale)

Nov 28 – second meeting: sit and sew at CCPC

Dec 12 – block exchange. 12" finished block (measures 12.5"), holiday theme. Completed and wrapped. Sign the blocks. For every block you give, you will receive a block. Pot luck.

Fall Retreat – November 9–12, 2018

We have 12 registered (and we need 20.)

Registration form is in newsletter and should be submitted with payment to Pat Scully. \$150 for 3 days, \$175 for 4 days.

Quilt Bingo – Saturday, Oct 27, 2018, Knights of Columbus on Rt. 3. Please turn in all promised quilts to Susie ASAP

Bingo tickets are available. \$20 each. May be bought in advance or at the door. Advertising flyers are also available to take and post.

If you are playing bingo, you must buy a ticket. If you are only going to volunteer and will not be playing, then you don't have to buy a ticket.

Doors open at 11:15 for setup and 12 noon for guests. Lunch food will be available beginning at 12 noon. Games begin at 1:30.

Bake sale items – contact Jean Dwyer. Label if there are nuts or peanut butter. Price starting at .50 and then in .25 increments.

There will be a bake sale, raffle baskets, and the 2019 Raffle Quilt is ready to display.

2018 Quilt Challenge – November 14, 2018

Clarification – The Challenge held at our November 14 meeting is only for our guild, as usual. The same Challenge that is open to the entire State will be exhibited and judged at our Quilt Show in March. All guild members are encouraged to enter the project from our Nov. 14 meeting and/or make something new to enter.

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Thank you for your participation! We have 60 quilts. Terri will be taking 41 to Sinai Hospital. There are still kits available.

NEW BUSINESS

www.southerncomforters.org Website is live! It is very image centric, so we need pictures and info for website. Please send to Susie. The members only password is *quilters*. There was a suggestion to put a charity quilt clock on the website.

Pat Scully is organizing our presence at the Festival of Lights. Juried craft show. Dec 1–2; set up on Friday. Please contact her for info.

Nametag drawing – Flo Marion was the lucky winner!

Show & Tell – Misty Cole, Pat Scully, Elfrieda Harris, Jan Steiner, Jean Dwyer, Jane McKinley

Respectfully submitted by

Debbi Carter, Secretary

(approx. 32 in attendance)

Please notify me of any important corrections to be made.

**SOUTHERN COMFORTERS QUILT GUILD
MINUTES – OCTOBER 24, 2018**

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Welcome!

New member – Christine Bailey

No correspondence

Short meeting to accommodate time for our guest speaker, Augusta Cole

Workshop Oct 25 – Augusta Cole – Eye Spy Hexies

Newsletter deadline Oct 29

Postcards are now available advertising our Raffle Quilt.

Although the library is not displayed tonight, Joann will accept book returns.

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Fall Retreat – November 9-12, 2018. We have 15 registered (and we would like 20.) Registration form is in newsletter and should be submitted with payment to Pat Scully. \$150 for 3 days, \$175 for 4 days.

2018 Quilt Challenge – November 14, 2018

At this meeting, you may invite your friends and family. We will judge the challenge quilts,

shop our members holiday craft sale, and hear a presentation by Terri Tomoff about her journey to Ethiopia. We will have refreshments – please bring something to add if you are able.

If you are entering the Quilt Challenge, please complete the form listing the materials you have used.

We have a Facebook page titled *Maryland Quilters Challenge*. Please like the page and share it through your Facebook page – spread the word!

Festival of Lights – Nov 30-Dec 2. Raffle Quilt will be there and about 7 members are vending. Contact Pat Scully for more info.

Outreach Opportunity – Cappy alerted us to a Facebook group post from Cairo GA. They are making quilts for the victims of Hurricane Michael in Panama City. They are accepting donations of fabrics and supplies, and of course completed quilts. If you would like to donate, you may send items to: Donna R. Miller, 952 Capel Road, Cairo, GA 39827

COMMUNITY QUILTS

There are a few kits available and one ready for quilting.

Nametag drawing – Debbi Carter was the lucky winner!

Show & Tell – Terri Tomoff, Karen Todd, Misty Cole, Wendy Allen, Pat Scully, Jean Dwyer, Flo Marion, Carol Berg, Loretto Cartney.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Winter Retreat will be February 15–18, 2019.

2018 QUILT BINGO



Southern Comforters helping at our 2018 Quilt Bingo



What beautiful Quilt Bingo prizes!

SOUTHERN COMFORTERS OF BOWIE, MD, INC. BUDGET

10-1-2018 – 10-31-2018

Ending Balance: \$16,900.92

INCOME	CURRENT	YTD	2018 BUDGET
Banking		18.00	
Bingo	660.00	660.00	5,000.00
Donated Fabric			
Membership		1,470.00	2,400.00
Miscellaneous Donation		250.00	300.00
Program	200.00	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	1,775.00	5,610.00	9,000.00
Show Banks		800.00	1,500.00
Total Income	\$2,635.00	\$23,287.15	\$33,200.00
EXPENSES	CURRENT	YTD	2018 BUDGET
Anniversary Quilt			50.00
Bank Fees		24.30	25.00
Bingo	28.00	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
Hospitality		121.69	100.00
Insurance		172.00	200.00
Library		18.14	100.00
Membership Supplies		84.07	125.00
Miscellaneous		535.14	400.00
Newsletter			75.00
Program	1,070.82	5,485.89	8,000.00
Quilt Show		10,372.11	7,000.00
Raffle Quilt Next Year		205.44	400.00
Raffle Tickets	69.01	111.94	150.00
Rent		1,785.00	1,800.00
Retreat		3,812.98	9,000.00
Show Banks	600.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
Web Site/Domain	\$4.95	348.30	300.00
Total	\$1,772.78	\$26,480.13	\$33,200.00