



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Jane Merkel

Dear Crazy Quilters,

I sure hope you greeted the first day of Spring with a sense of renewal and joy!

I still have my snow shovel on the back porch, but I also put my sun umbrella into my patio table so my husband and I could sit outside and not get too much sun. May I say that my husband is doing so much better. Thank you all for your concern and kind words as we have navigated this new adventure in our lives. Life offers us many contrasts, just as our quilting does. We need to learn to make the most of these situations.

Hope you enjoyed your passion for quilting in some special way on National Quilting Day. I learned so much from Nancy Ayers at our CQ on Que. I feel overwhelmed by the generosity of our members to share and to offer their time and talents for our guild activities. Quilting people are among the best!

Our next two meetings are via Zoom only, and then we will take a step toward an in-person presentation with the use of hybrid equipment. Our meetings in June, July and August will be in-person at Calvary Baptist Church., with a zoom option for those uncomfortable being out. I am very proud to tell you that they are all being presented by members or former members.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM

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Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel

Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo

Secretary: Karen Hartzell

Treasurer: Kathie Laposata

Programming Officer: Sue Marin

Membership Officer: Kathy Moore

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th, 6:30-8:00

Via Zoom

Sit & Sew: Saturday, April 9th & 23rd, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Faith Presbyterian

In case no one
has told you
today, you are
amazing and
deserve all of the
pretty fabric.

The Crazy Quilters Need You!

Suzanne Nelson

The Nominating Committee, which includes Linda Anderson and Donna Gasser, have been working the phones for the past month, reaching out to all the members to give them the chance to participate in the ongoing success of the guild. We are so heartened that 6 talented and gracious members have answered the call to fill the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs and Membership. But one position remains open and we cannot really expect to have a guild without a president.



At the last meeting I encouraged members to think about stepping up and taking their turn and as I write this, no one has reached out to us. So, our plea continues: please think about answering the call and becoming the leader of this active group of quilters for the next year.

Reasons to consider the role of President include:

- 1) You will not have to go it alone. You will be supported by a group of talented and committed officers, plus have the support of the previous officers.
- 2) You will not be left wondering what you need to do. There is a very clear month-by-month road map of tasks, which are not overwhelming.
- 3) If you are not technologically savvy, there are members who can help support you (and you can learn new technology tricks!).
- 4) By being President, you will expand your network of friends within the guild. This is honestly the best way to get to know your fellow quiltmakers.

Our guild has been in existence for 32 years, fulfilling its community service mandate and providing meaningful connections for its members. Throughout those years, members have stepped up and offered their time and talents to the ongoing survival of the guild. We need a President. We need you.

Please contact Suzanne, Linda, or Donna if you would like more details on the role of President or if you would like to offer your services as our leader for the next year.

Contact Suzanne

Contact Linda:

Contact Donna:



The [QuiltingHub Network](#) promotes quilting worldwide. They help quilters find quilting resources.

The [Quilters' Travel Companion](#) and their other websites help almost 2 million quilters find and post quilt shops, shows, guilds, museums, brands, services professionals, shows, sales, classes, articles, and more. Free to quilters.

March 1, 2022: I hope everyone had an opportunity to participate in the many events the Guild had to offer in March. Special thanks go to Diane Murtha for an inspirational program on Accepting the Challenge and to member Nancy Ayers for sharing her knowledge with others on how to construct fabric origami flowers, butterflies, and birds on National Quilting Day. I was happy to learn that many of you also participated in the Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter event on March 19 and 20. I hope you found inspiration for our guild's challenge, "It's Only Natural!" Two more Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platters will be offered this year; one in July and one in October.

April 5 and 6, 2022: Elly Levie will present her "Not for Mother's Day Only" program on Tuesday evening and conduct her "Weave a Quilt with Me" workshop on Wednesday. Per Elly's request, both events will be conducted virtually. The workshop will run from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. There is a maximum of 12 participants. Cost is \$30. No sewing machines required! Registration deadline is March 6, 2022. If you decide you'd like to join the workshop at the last minute, just email Sue Marin. Payment arrangements will be made accordingly. A space has been reserved for this date at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Old Zionsville, PA. Just let me know if you'd like to attend live and view the workshop on the big screen. We did a trial run on the big screen with Nancy Ayers' s program. The system there worked well.



May 3, 2022: Travel with Debbie Wendt to Egypt as she shares her experiences with the Egyptian Tent Makers.



June 7, 2022: Former Guild member, Julia Davidovich, will present "Begin with the End in Mind: Everything You Wanted to Know about Having Your Quilt Top Longarmed." As a thank you to all of you who sent work her way, Julie is offering this program to the Guild ***free of charge***. It will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown, just off Tilghman Street. Julie prefers to do this one LIVE, but we plan to offer a hybrid meeting that evening, too. Julie will cover best practices for piecing your top, selecting your batting, thread and backing fabric as well as choosing quilt designs. She will also share some finished quilts. Bring a pen and paper to take notes!

July 5, 2022: EPP anyone? Members Vicki Pede and Kathy Moore will do a program on English Paper Piecing. I can guarantee you will see and learn a lot more than Grandmother's Flower Garden! I know there are several Crazy Quilters who do EPP. It would be great to have lots of EPP quilts in our Show and Tell this month.

August 2, 2022: Another Crazy Quilter with loads of talent, Julie Borden will present a fun trunk show on "Wool Applique: See how easy wool applique can be...and what has consumed my life for many, many years."

Upcoming Raffle Quilt Opportunities:

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at two spring craft/vendor fairs. The first will be held at Green Lane Fire Company in Green Lane, PA on April 2 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The schedule of volunteers is as follows:

- Jane Merkel and Sue Marin – set up beginning at 8:00 AM
- Judy Walker and Janet Yandrisevits – 9:00 to 11:30 AM
- Kathy Moore and Vicki Pede – 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Sue Marin is your contact for this indoor event. Proceeds benefit a local MS chapter.

The second will be held at Macungie Park on May 7 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is the Lower Lehigh Lions Spring Flea Market/Garage Sale. Jane Merkel is leading this one. Thank you to the early birds who will help her set up! Jane could use one more 6-foot folding table. This event is outdoors so plan accordingly.

- Set up time is 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM – Jane Merkel, Suzanne Nelson and Nancy Scholz
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Kathy Moore, Sandra O'Connor
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Vicki Pede and Pat Piasecki

Instructions will follow separately.

Books and Block of the Month

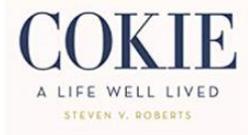
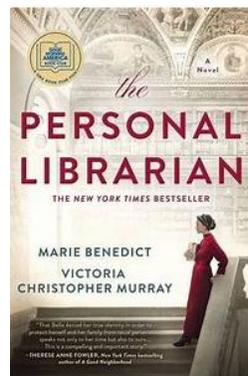
Samantha Cetrulo

The newest book recommendation from Sue Marin: [The Personal Librarian](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It's the story of Belle la Costa Greene, J.P. Morgan's personal librarian.

Summary from the online book: *The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.*

Recommendation from Diana DeFanti: [Cokie: A Life Well Lived](#) by Steven V. Roberts

This memoir written by Cokie's husband, Steven Roberts, is a collection of stories and reminiscences from friends and family about Cokie's influence on their life. Cokie was a well-respected journalist and reporter who worked for NPR, PBS, and ABC. She was a co-anchor at ABC "This week" for many years.



Cokie fought hard for women and children's rights and was active with the organization Save the Children. This book focuses on her courage to assist working women in a male dominated world. She loved history and the contributions women have made over the centuries that was never taught in our curriculum. As a result, she wrote *Founding Mothers* and *We are our Mothers' Daughters*. She was raised in a political family and was not intimidated by the many figures she interviewed. She lived her faith and encouraged others to do the same and do the right thing.

I always enjoyed watching Cokie on a Sunday morning but never realized the effect she had on her friends and colleagues. Now I plan to read/reread her books and learn about the many women who influenced our leaders but were never recognized nor garnered a spotlight as Cokie did.

2022 Quilt Challenge -- It's Only Natural!

Sue Marin & Karen Rush

The theme this year is meant to capture those things found in nature. For example, animals, birds, landscapes, seascapes, gardens, flora and fauna are acceptable. Man-made structures are allowed as long as they are NOT the MAJOR emphasis of your piece.

Your entry must have been completed between March 1, 2022 and December 23, 2022.

Feel free to use any/multiple techniques that will enhance your entry: applique, collage, foundation paper piecing, EPP, pixelating, etc.

There will be three divisions with three categories under each division:

The divisions are:

Large Quilt (40"x40" or larger)

Small Quilt (smaller than 40" x 40")

Other (placemats, table runners, pillows, wearable art, etc.)

The categories are:

Landscapes/Seascapes

Animals/Birds

Flowers

Members are encouraged to enter as many divisions/category combinations as they would like. For example, one large, one small and one other in landscape but not two smalls in landscape.

There will be ample opportunity to win an award!

Questions? Reach out to Karen or Sue.

Sit & Sew

Mark your calendar for April 9th & 23rd, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$5 donation for the church. And don't forget an extension cord and light. An iron and ironing board are provided, but you may also bring a small iron for use at your station.

Text or call me by noon the day before to reserve your spot, and please be prepared to help set up and store tables. I look forward to seeing you there!

Linda Wojciechowski



Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Kathie Laposata, Suzanne Nelson, Pat Piasecki and Lorraine Bujnowski for showing us their quilts this past month. The Dirty Dozen group was Kathie Laposata, Kathy Moore and Sam Cetrulo.

For the month of April, the Dirty Dozen is # 4.

Please send your photos for the April meeting before noon on April 2nd to Lorraine Bujnowski, Roberta Whitcomb and Nancy Scholz.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Our meet-up on March 19th brought happy smiles of greetings and thank yous for your beautiful talent with 11 quilts, 3 kennel pads, 12 placemats, 12 mug mats, 27 pillowcases and 6 Quilts of Valor blocks. Additional kits were available for anyone wishing to take some home.

May I suggest that you send a picture to Lorraine Bujnowski, Roberta Whitcomb and Nancy Scholz for Show and Tell before handing your beautiful and generous donations to me? I'm sure everyone will enjoy seeing your handiwork!

Thanks again for everything you do for the good of others.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

For me this month of March has found me grieving for a few friends and important acquaintances. One of those special people was The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit's former sexton, Michael Roeder. You probably remember him as he set up our meeting space and we assisted him in putting away the chairs. He was a very fine fellow, kind, friendly and generously did not rush us out even if we stayed later than probably were his working hours. He was only 43 years old and died from complications after a fall.

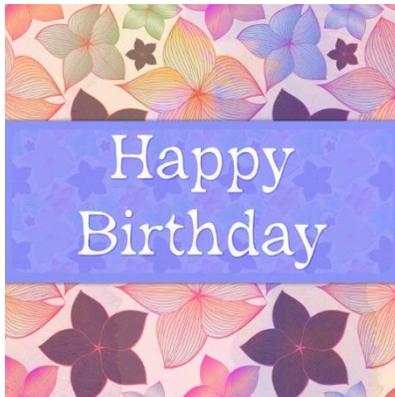
If you have any news you wish to share, contact me.



Membership

Kathy Moore

For our March zoom meeting we had 44 members attend out of our total membership of 75. I encourage all of you to zoom in on April 5th and see if we can have even more members enjoy the program.



April Birthdays

- 2 Kim Bringhurst
- 7 Helen Hanton
- 7 Anne Maberry
- 8 Diane Pesola
- 13 Jackie Lukity
- 14 Karen Shafer
- 16 Betsy Golden
- 25 Cherri Hess
- 27 Linda Wojciechowski

Committee Chairs



Challenge: Karen Rush and Sue Marin

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Communication Chain: Diane Pesola

Historical:

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti

Library: Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

Newsletter: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Julie Borden

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

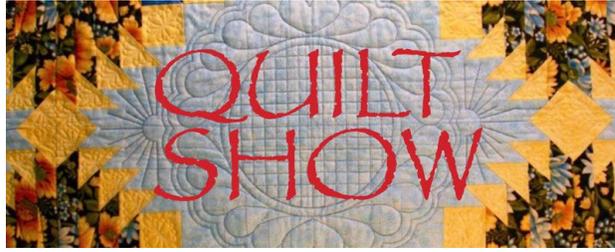
Show and Tell: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert

Website: Nancy Scholz

Deadline for the next newsletter is April 21st.



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| March 23-26 | Lancaster Quilt Show | Double Tree Willow Valley Resort 2400 Willow Street Pike Lancaster PA | The Lancaster Quilt Show at The DoubleTree Willow Valley Resort |
| April 8-9 | Homemakers Country Quilters Fabric Sale Fabric, Panels, Buttons and More! | 4H Center 1015 Bridge Rd. Collegeville PA | Home - Homemakers Country Quilters |
| April 12-15 | Spring Ladore Quilting Retreat | Ladore Conference Center in Waymart, PA | Info forwarded via email. |
| April 22-24 | North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild Flowers of Hope Quilt Show | Ross Township Community Center 1000 Ross Municipal Drive Pittsburgh, PA | Quilt Show 2022 (npgg.org) |
| May 1 | Quilt Bingo Colonial Quilters Guild | American Legion 2260 Corriere Rd Easton, PA | Home (colonialquilters.org) |
| May 11-14 | Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse 2 | | QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #2 » Mancuso Show Management |
| September 15-18 | Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza | Greater Philadelphia Expo Center Oaks, PA | Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management (quiltfest.com) |
| October 28 – Nov 12 | Eastern PA Shop Hop | Ten shops this year! | |

Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild

Quilt BINGO



Sunday May 1, 2022
Doors open at Noon
Games Start at 1:00
Tickets: \$25 in Advance
\$30 at the Door
Contact any Guild member or [colonialquilters.org](#)

20 GAMES!



5 SPECIALS!

Lunch/Refreshments Available
American Legion
2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA
Raffle Quilt and Tricky Tray, too!