



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

Greetings Crazy Quilters,
In October we were lucky to have two opportunities to learn about fabric dyeing techniques in one night. Our meeting speaker Lisa White Reber shared some great stories and many interesting examples of the work she has done. At Quilter's Studio before the meeting CQQG member Nancy Ayers spoke about her own experience dyeing fabric. We are so lucky to have exposure to so many talented people. Thank you to Lisa and Nancy for sharing their tips and techniques and thank you to Nicole Folino and Julie Borden for inviting them to share their work with us.

In November we had a month off from our regular meeting but that doesn't mean that Crazy Quilters were idle. A number of our members took advantage of a trip to the Houston International Quilt Show, planned by Jane Merkel. Another group of our members went on retreat in Denver PA. Thanks to Sandy O'Connor for organizing that outing. I look forward to hearing about both trips and maybe even seeing some projects that were a result of time away to focus on quilting and soak up some inspiration-maybe at Show and Tell at our December meeting?

Speaking of our December meeting I can't wait to see...smell...and taste all of the delicious things that you all will bring to share at the Annual Potluck. . I love that this meeting gives us time to just sit back and enjoy social time with each other. Thank you to Diana Defanti who keeps us organized and on track for refreshments each month and trusts us not to all bring dessert or all bring veggies to the Pot Luck. As she says, "It always just works out." And it does.

As you can see it takes a lot of people to make our quilt guild run, and I've just named a few here. Every one of us plays a part in keeping our guild vibrant. We are a community of people with a common interest. We are surrounded by people with a wealth of knowledge and a vast array of talents. How nice that we get to gather each month and share all of that!

Best always, Val

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
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Emmaus, PA

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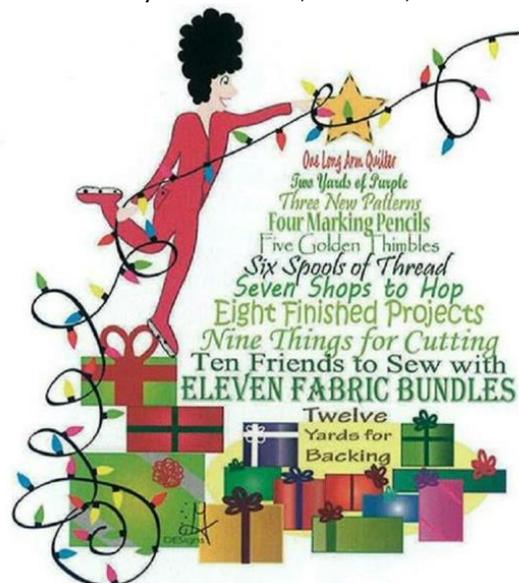
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Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson
Vice-President: Jane Merkel
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson
Treasurer: Kathy Moore
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

Guild Calendar

Dec 3 – **Guild Meeting**, 7pm,
Food, Fellowship & Bingo!
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA
Dec 14 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA



Getting to Know You Survey

Many of you have already filled out the short questionnaire shown at the end of the newsletter at one of our regular monthly meetings (it was the “purple survey”). Thank you to the 35 members who have already shared their answers to these questions. I have been compiling data and as promised there will be prizes at the December meeting.

Everyone who fills out a survey will be entered in the drawing! If you did not have a chance to fill out a questionnaire at one of the meetings...it's not too late. Just email your answers to val.johnson by Sunday December 1st. Thank you and good luck!

Programs and Workshops

December – Pot-luck dinner and Quilt Bingo. See article below under Hospitality.

January – Quilt Challenge. See article below.

Raffle Quilt

Since our last meeting, I was able to secure a spot at the AQS Lancaster Downtown show scheduled for March 25-28, 2020! This is a four-day event, so I'll need lots of volunteers to help sell tickets at the table. Details will be forthcoming via email and upcoming guild newsletters.

Don't forget our event on Saturday, December 7, 2019. I'll be in touch with all the volunteers prior to that event in a separate email.

If you haven't picked up your raffle tickets, yet, I'll be at the table by 5:45 on Tuesday, December 3. Instead of lottery tickets, why not gift your family and friends with a chance to win our lovely quilt? If paying with a check, please make it payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild.

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful holiday season!

Sit & Sew

Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, December 14th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.

Community Service

Once again the guild will be giving placemats to Meals on Wheels in December. By making a few, you'll be bringing such cheer to their clients and showing that the Lehigh Valley community is thinking of them. Those orphan blocks and unused fabric in your stash are just waiting to be turned into placemats.

Looking ahead, we have loads of kits for pillowcases for hospitalized children through the Ryan's Case for Smiles charity – more that we can make at our February meeting. Please pick up some at the December or January meeting and make them at your leisure over the next few months. The pillowcases must be washed after they are sewn to remove any chemicals or scents. Please use only unscented detergent and no scented dryer sheets. If you don't have that type of detergent, just turn them in unwashed and I'll see that they are washed. Thanks in advance. I look forward to our meeting next February where we'll have fun making them as a group.

Sue Marin



Helen Hanton

Kathie Laposata

Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on October 1st:

Lorraine Bujnowski, Patricia Piasecky (2), Karen Rush, Sandra Mugridge (2), Diana Campbell, Julie Borden, Sam Cetrulo, Sue Marin (2), Kathie Laposata, Ann Lineberger, Linda Wojciechowski and Debbie Heeps (3).

Optical Illusion Quilt Challenge January 2020

Samantha Cetrulo

The challenge is coming up! I hope November was filled with lots of sewing for all our members. We have 10 pledges for the challenge in January. I look forward to seeing what the guild has been working on. If anyone is able to bring their project to the December meeting, please do so. There is still time to make or finish a project. There is no minimum size requirement. Please email me if there are any questions. <http://www.crazyquilters.org/challenge%20quilt.html>

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you October volunteers for providing the evening refreshments. They were Irene Madalena, Roberta Aeschliman, Mercedes Gurniak, Betsy Golden, Lorraine Bujnowski, Kim Bringhurst, Valerie Barber and Sandra Mugridge.

Please joins us on Dec 3rd starting at 6 pm for an evening of food, fellowship and bingo. We will begin eating by 6:30. Bring a dish/item to share with a serving piece and description. Also, please bring your own place setting (plates, bowl, eating utensils, placemat, napkin) and any table decorations you desire.

Here are a few pictures from last years' Holiday dinner.



Library

Michele McLaughlin

Basket raffle for October was donated by Lois Drendall and won by Diana Campbell. The 50/50 winner was Sharon Pieller. No drawings in November, December, or January.

Just a reminder the library will not be open in December during potluck or in January when we are at the Challenge at the other church. Please return your books in February!

Happy Holidays! Dawn and Michele

Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel

I think I startled both Lizzie and myself when I snapped her picture at the October meeting and told her she was my next "guest" for Getting To Know You! But when you listen to her chat with everyone, and laugh out loud a lot, you know you want to learn more about this friendly, dynamic, up front lady.



Lizzie Riccaboni is from the Emmaus area near Community Park. She is a newer guild member having joined in 2016, and she won the library gift prize almost immediately! She has been sewing since she was 14, the year her Dad gave her a New Home sewing machine. Following that interest further she learned about hand quilting from the ladies at the Goschenhoppen Historical Group at age 15, and the rest you could say is history. She loves quilting and history and has contributed in countless ways to this Pa. German Group over the years by doing volunteer work with them. (They have unique Christmas events that reflect their culture, as I learned reading about them on line.)

At one time, Lizzie owned 13 machines, she is now down to 4. She enjoys Crazy Quilters for the knowledge and ideas it brings to her. Having this wonderful nurturing quilting outlet has helped her in more personal ways as well. And she is always giving back!

Fabric must "shine and dance" before she will use it in the simplest of ways to create a piece that is useful and art. Please get to know her.

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Fifty-nine (59) members attended the October 2nd meeting, including two new members: Linda Bieber and Rae Wong. In addition, Lyndda Cromeans' granddaughter, Sophia, visited to learn more about quilting. Sophia has been sewing for some time, and quilting is a craft she hasn't tried yet.

Linda was referred to CQQG by a friend, and has been sewing most of her life, but just took up quilting about a year ago. She is an RN, is married, and enjoys outdoor activities such as camping.

Rae has been quilting for 35 years and heard about us at a quilt show. She's the former president of Pieced Together Quilters in New Jersey. She machine quilts on a sit-down machine, and loves to paper piece. Rae recently moved to the Emmaus area.

So far we have 72 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year (plus the 3 charter members for 75 total). Membership renewals will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.

The 36 members who wore a name tag were entered into a raffle for a fat quarter prize; this month's winner was Lorraine Bujnowski. We encourage all members to wear a name tag so newer members can get to know you.

The current membership list is attached separately. If you do not see a '1' before your name we have not yet received your dues for the 2019-2020 membership year. Please remit by the end of December to avoid having your name removed from the membership list. You may send your payment (\$45) to Janet Yandrisevits, or bring it to our meeting in December.



December

10 - Cindy Fantasia
10 - Karen Hartzell
15 - Linda Green
18 - Linda Finkelstein
28 - Ruth Hoffman
30 - Nancy Skok
30 - Bethanne Nemesh

Sunshine and Shadows

Since we last met in October I have sent Get Well cards to members Rhonda Moore and Dawn Martrich. A Sympathy card along with our condolences was sent to Cindy Fantasia on the death of her husband. A Sympathy card was also sent to the family of former member, Helen R. Snyder.

If anyone has Sunshine or Shadow news to share you can reach me at 610-398-2173 or email me at jackie.leipert@gmail.com.

Member News and Requests

Toiletries Drive

Marsha Heimann

I want to thank all the guild members who donated travel size toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison project. Because of your generosity I was able to fill 250 drawstring bags made from Christmas fabrics. I wish I could share the excitement when these bags are delivered to the School District Liaison office. It is wonderful to know that young children who have nothing receive these small gifts and at the same time it is so painful to know that many times this is the only gift they receive during the Holidays. I am so grateful for your contributions. I am finished collecting for this year but please start saving those toiletries throughout the coming year as I will be doing this again next year and would love to have 250 bags to give to the children. There are over 600 Homeless children in the school district this year.

I am happy to take donations of Christmas/Holiday fabric if you are cleaning out your stash. Nothing smaller than a fat quarter, no scraps please.

Thank you again and Enjoy the Holiday Season.

Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. Her email is rjaartdealer@gmail.com.

Stamps for the V.A.

Mercedes Gurniak

Please bring cancelled stamps, **with ¼ inch of the envelope remaining around the stamp**, for the V.A. The stamps are used to decoupage items for sale in the gift shop.

Yarn for Cedarbrook

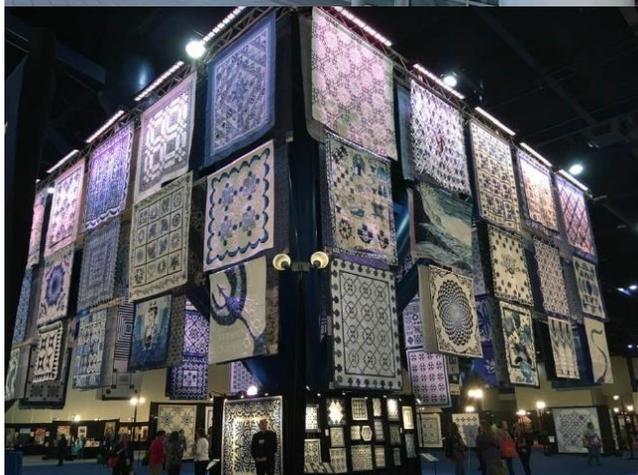
Ruth Skinner

I am still accepting yarn of all size skeins or balls to make shawls for Cedar Brook Nursing Home residents.

A Few Pics from the Houston Quilt Show



2019 International Quilt Festival - Houston, Texas



May your thread never shred
May your blade never dull
May your needle never bend
May your bobbin stay full
May your stitches stay straight
May your fabric not fray
(unless you want it to, of course!)
May you have yourself
A super quilty holiday.



Committee Chairs

- Challenge:** Sam Cetrulo
- Community Service:** Kathie Laposata
- Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola
- Historical:** Rhonda Moore
- Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti
- Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich
- Modern Bee:** Nicole Folino
- Newsletter:** Karen Rush
- Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski
- Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden
- Quilt Raffle Marketing:** Sue Marin
- Raffle Quilt Creation:** Jane Merkel
- Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner
- Show and Tell:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb
- Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton
- Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert
- Website:** Nancy Scholz

Events

2019

Dec 7, IndieMade at Starlight Ballroom, Fearless Fire Co.,
1221 S. Front Street, Allentown, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

<https://www.indiemadecraftmarket.com/>

2020

March 25-28, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Double Tree
Willow Valley Resort. www.lancasterquiltweek.com

March 25-28, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster County
Convention Center.

<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/>

March 28-29, County Line Quilters, A Quilters Home quilt
show, St. Cyril Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd.,
Jamison, PA. www.countylinequilters.org

March 29-May 2, Art Quilt Elements, Wayne PA

www.artquilelements.org.

May 2-3, Colonial Quilters Guild, Quiltfest 2020
Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA

August 5-7, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster-The Nook,
The Nook Sports and Events Center,

<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/>



The deadline for the January newsletter is **Monday, December 23rd.**

Getting to know a bit about each other...

Your name:

Your experience in the Guild:

Year you joined Crazy Quilters?

Have you held any board or committee chair positions?

Which ones and approx. year?

What position would be interested in holding?

Have you attended workshops?

Suggestions for future programs?

Your quilting experience

How many years quilting?

How many years sewing?

Number of machines you have?

What is your favorite machine?

Your most unique machine?

Your quilting style

Traditional or Modern?

Applique or Pieced?

Hand or machine quilting?

Miscellaneous

Milk or dark chocolate?

Coffee, tea or wine?

Favorite color?