



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

This year is flying by! Thanksgiving is next week and since it is later this year, we jump right into December! This time of year is very busy for me. I have parent teacher conferences as well as holiday shows to attend on top of the regular busyness of the holiday season. As I mentioned last month, I still try to make as much time for sewing as possible. This is because I absolutely enjoy it but also because it calms my mind and relieves stress.

Thank you to everyone who attended the String Sewing Day at the most recent Sit & Sew! I had a wonderful time with you all and I hope you enjoyed working on your projects together.

I wanted to remind everyone that the next fundraiser is in October 2025. It will be called "Crazy About Quilting". It will consist of a quilt show, demos, and a boutique. The boutique will contain items from our sewing rooms that we no longer use but also a section for handmade items. It would be fantastic if you start thinking about items you can make for the boutique, like placemats, hot pads, quilted decorations, or anything clever that you can come up with. If you would like ideas for what to make, please let me know and I can share some ideas in a separate email. To make this event successful, we need the help of everyone in the guild.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our December meeting. I am very excited for the potluck dinner and also for the Round Robin that Sue & Katrina have set up for us.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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Guild Officers

President: Jessica Dayon

Vice-President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

Programming Officer: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 3rd happy hour starting at 6, dinner at 6:30.



President's Message Continued

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Since we didn't meet in person in November, we will share our challenge projects from October (tiny piecing) and November (a Christmas stocking) at the December meeting. So, if you participated in either challenge or both, bring your items to share about.

The December challenge is to make a quilt block that you have never made before. You can make one block for a mini quilt or a few for a table runner or anything else you can think up. The idea here is to grow your quilting skills by making a block that you have never made before.

GUILD QUILT

I just heard the disappointing news that, due to low attendance and increasing costs, the Kutztown Folk Festival has been cancelled. We will still make our quilt and we will find a new purpose for it.

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AT SIT & SEWS

There are no Sit & Sews scheduled for December. The next one is January 4th and it will be an open sew without any instructional topic.

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will not be Quilters' Studio in December because of the potluck set up.

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

December 3, 2024 – Our **Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner**. This one is always a big hit. This year will not only be a feast for your tummy but will also feature a **Round Robin** event featuring the work (not necessarily quilt related) of four members:

Cathleen Kilpatrick - Modern Influences

Sandy O'Connor - Handbags

Sharon Yurkanin - Miniature EPP and Reproduction Fabrics

Pat Wolfe - Multigenerational Keepsake Quilt Using Tsukineko All Purpose Inks



This will be an In-Person meeting only. No Zoom.

January 7, 2025 – **Quilt Challenge at Faith Presbyterian**, North 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA.

February 4, 2025 – **Cyndi Grisdella** shares "The Anatomy of An Improv Quilt."

March 4, 2025 – **Nancy Weston**, local resident and member of the Colonial Quilters, will present "HERStory Through Quilting: African American Quilting. Nancy believes the women quilters are HERstorians. Spanning Black History Month (February) and Women's History month (March), this presentation introduces us to exhibits from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY, as well as Gee's Bend Quilting Collective in Alabama, John Lewis quilts, Bisa Butler and other modern Black quilters, and The Social Justice Sewing Academy.

Check the [website](#) for additional programming.

Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

Bring your completed items for show & tell in December.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Annual Potluck Dinner

Join us on December 3rd for our annual potluck dinner and festivities. Appetizers and punch available at 6 pm with dinner planned for 6:30.

Crockpots will be accommodated with extension cords. A note describing your dish is recommended. Members are always curious as to the ingredients in a specific and delicious dish.

In addition to your food item AND serving piece, please bring your own place setting. That includes several plates (dessert, salad) silverware, napkin and cup. Placemat and decorations for your table is encouraged.



Coffee and tea will be available. For those who signed up for a particular item, an email reminder will be sent. Questions – please call me at 484 523-5868 or Sandy 484-225-7864

Quilt Challenge 2024

Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

Cathleen and Irene will be available at the December meeting and at Calgary Baptist Church on December 28 to pick up any quilts, members want to hand in for the 2025 Quilt Challenge. Please have your quilts in a pillowcase or something similar with the challenge form pinned to the outside of the pillowcase. The inspiration for your quilt should be on the inside, or they can be mailed to Cathleen. There will be challenge forms and safety pins available at the drop offs. Looking forward to 'unwrapping' all your wonderful creations.

Library Trolley

Michele McLaughlin

I'm going to ask anyone with a library suitcase to hold off bringing it to a meeting until February. The December meeting will be very busy with the potluck and in January we have the challenge. February will be the perfect time to complete the book sale.

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

There were 38 members who attended the Zoom meeting in November.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



No Sit 'n Sews in December. Mark your calendar for **Saturday January 4, & 18, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. The Sit 'n Sews will be on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month unless notified otherwise.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies and your lunch. 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!



Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Thank you to everyone who attended our Service Sewcial on October 26th. Some worked at their sewing machines, some at the ironing board, some sorting fabrics and some cutting kits. Seventeen pillowcase kits and 16 placemat kits were made. Quilts, placemats and calendars were dropped off, and some work was taken home for completion.

I completed a drop off of 472 placemats and 22 calendars at the Meals on Wheels office, and the staff were very grateful and complimentary of the wide selection of talent and generosity we continue to bring to them. Please know that making these drop offs to our partner organizations is most definitely one of the great pleasures of handling Community Service.

As a gentle reminder, I will not be accepting any donated items at our December meeting. But January will be around the corner and back to usual routines again.

Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle



Janie Rossetti’s granddaughter, Rylie, had an opportunity to go to the NY Met with her theater class and needed a dress. Rylie had a vision and the fabric...a tablecloth. All she needed was help constructing the dress. Janie made the bodice and Rylie made the rest. Rylie had a vision to repurpose a tablecloth. The result is stunning. Congrats to Janie & Rylie.

Photos from the November 2024 Retreat – I can’t show all the photos...what happens at the retreat, stays at the retreat!



Sandy taught us how to make a small bag.



Pumpkin blocks were made for the block exchange.

Diane, Pat & Donna won game prizes.





Birthday wishes for December to members:

WOLFE	PAT	8-Dec
BURGO	EILEEN	10-Dec
HARTZELL	KAREN	10-Dec
GREEN	LINDA	15-Dec
FINKELSTEIN	LINDA	18-Dec
BEDNAR	BEATRICE	20-Dec
UNANGST	ALEX	25-Dec
HOFFMAN	RUTH	28-Dec
SKOK	NANCY	30-Dec
ZENCKA	SUSAN GILBERT	30-Dec

Committees

Challenge: Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer, Sue Marin

Guild Quilt Construction: Jessica Dayon

Historical: Kathy Moore

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Library: Michele McLaughlin

Newsletter: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Julie Borden & Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Judy Walker

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

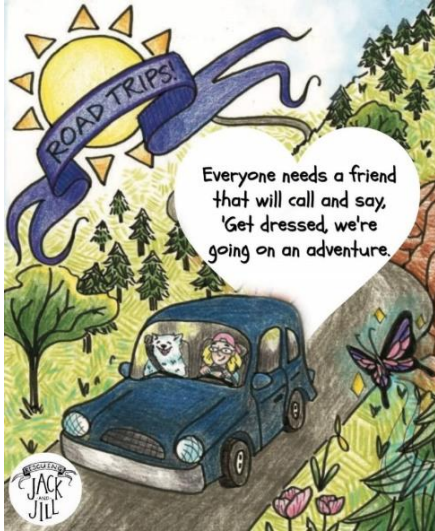
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz



**Reminder – the newsletter deadline is always the 21st of the month.
Please add a reminder to your calendars.**

Upcoming Events



2024

December 3, 7-8 p.m., Virtual Lecture – Pieces & Patterns: Quilt History and Chester County. Registration required. [Virtual Lecture - Pieces and Patterns: Quilt History and Chester County - Chester County History Center](#)

Now through March 2nd, 2025 – [Chester County History Center](#), “Signature Quilts”.

2025

February 27 – March 2 – [Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival](#), Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA

March 7 & 8 – [Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild](#) “Valley in Bloom”. Warrior Run Area Fire Dept, 1st Street, Allenwood, PA.

March 26-29 – [The Lancaster Quilt Show at Lebanon Valley](#), Lebanon Valley Expo Center.

May 3 – [Airing of the Quilts](#), Palmerton, PA

May 3 & 4 – Global Quilt Connection Sample Platter

July 17-19 – [The North East Ohio Quilt Show](#), Wayne County Fair Event Center, 199 Vanover St, Wooster, OH

September 6 & 7 – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2025 – Winter Whimsy, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Third Saturday of the Month, Fiber Art Sit & Sew, Parkland Community Library, 9 a.m. – 12:30 pm. RSVP to the Library.

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to Karen Rush.

After much consideration and careful evaluation, the Board of Directors for the Kutztown Folk Festival has announced that its nine-day summer event will not be held in 2025. This decision comes as a result of mounting financial challenges that have made the event unsustainable. [LINK to the full article.](#)