



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Jane Merkel

Happy February Quilters,

February, the shortest month of the year, brings us the joy and fun of Valentine's Day. I like to focus on doing things with and for my grandkids for this holiday; but, just bought a card for my hubby, in of all places, while waiting in line at the post office. I hope you might consider sharing your Valentine ideas in our Show and Tell.

Speaking of Show and Tell, we will be repeating any entries we missed at the January meeting as well as sharing any BOM quilts you might have ready. I am sure Phillis Walden, our BOM chairperson, is anxious to see the first round of results, as are we! Plus, whatever else you wish to share. Please see that Lorraine and/or Roberta receive your photos, as well as Nancy Scholz for the website.

Please see the special announcement that follows this message regarding our Feb. meeting.

I am so looking forward to our workshop with Robin Ruth and her Mariner's Compass techniques. Maybe we will be ready for a show and tell on our sample project. I can only hope.

And last but not least, a special thank you to Linda Green and her helper, Karen Hartzell, for a colorful, wonderful January Challenge.  
Happy Quilting, Jane

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, Feb 1st, 6:30-8:00  
at Calvary Baptist Church, 4601 W. Tilghman St,  
Allentown

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4:30  
p.m. Faith Presbyterian

Quilting is  
painting  
with  
needles.

**OPEN CALL FOR A CHAIRPERSON AND FOR IDEAS**

Herein are some ideas that have been forward to me regarding ideas for our challenge.

- FLOWER POWER, embrace floral fabrics and/or floral quilt patterns
- NATURE QUILTS, trees, landscapes, animals, flowers could be featured in fabric, design, quilting
- ALMOST AMISH or ABSOLUTELY AMISH
- NO FIBBIN' FIBONACCI, based on the number series
- IMITATE THE MASTERS, or finding the Master Within, using art masters to generate ideas
- EMBELLISH IT
- CONVERGENCE QUILTS, a la Ricky Tims
- NOT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S FLOWER GARDEN (epp)

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND/OR IDEAS and we will go from there to put in place a new chairperson.

**2021 – 2022 Program Review and Updates**

Sue Marin

**February's Hybrid Meeting** will be held in-person at Calvary Baptist Church, 4601 W. Tilghman St, Allentown, Pa. 18014 (the entrance to Calvary is on Hausman Rd; entrance to the building is at the west or far entrance) and via Zoom with a slightly different format than usual. For those attending in-person, please arrive around 6:30 to set up your workspace for our "Enjoying Community Service" event so that you are ready for our 7:00 pm business meeting. For those who cannot attend the live session, we will also do a virtual meeting as well. If you are unable to attend in person, **join us via Zoom.** Only the business meeting and Show and Tell quilts that have been submitted by Sunday, January 30 will be included. Members who bring Show and Tell items to the in-person meeting will have their items shown at our March meeting. A PowerPoint slide show of the Challenge quilts will air at 6:45 pm. Jane will repeat the Challenge quilts following the business meeting.

So, here's the format for the evening:

In-Person –

Arrive by 6:30 for set up

Business Meeting begins for all at 7:00

Show and Tell PowerPoint will be held immediately following the business meeting.

Start working on Community Service Projects

**Refer to the Community Service Article in this newsletter for details on what to bring with you.**

Attending via Zoom –

Log onto Zoom as early as 6:30 pm

Business Meeting begins promptly at 7:00

Show and Tell PowerPoint follows immediately after the business meeting.

Jane will also rerun the Challenge quilt PowerPoint slides at this time.

Please note: if you are attending the in-person meeting, all COVID protocols already in place will be observed. In case of inclement weather, we will all meet via Zoom.

**March 1, 2022:** Diane Murtha will encourage you to join the fun in 2023 with her presentation on “Accept the Challenge!”

**March 19, 2022: CQ on Cue:** Nancy Ayers will teach all interested members how to make origami butterflies. Registration deadline is March 6. Just let Nancy know if you plan to attend. She will provide a materials list for you. This free, virtual event will run from 9:00 AM to noon.

**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. 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 will be between \$30 and \$35 depending on number of participants. No sewing machines required! Registration deadline is March 6, 2022.

**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.”

**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 program on “Wool Applique.”

Sue Marin  
Programming and Workshop Chairperson, 2020-2022



Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 3-6 p.m.  
The Guild will cover the cost.  
Stay tuned for more information.  
[Global Quilt Connection](#)

## Sit & Sew

Mark your calendar for February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



## Anyone Read a Good Book Lately?

Samantha Cetrulo

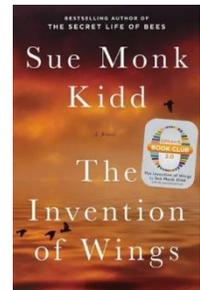
If anyone has any book reviews, please email .

### The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Submitted by Karen Rush

I'm a fan of Sue Monk Kidd. Even though I'm not one to pick up a book and read anymore (my eyes go wonky!) I listen to audio books from the Allentown Library through the app "Libby".

Based in 19<sup>th</sup> century Charleston, SC. The story follows the lives of two young girls into adulthood. One a slave girl, the other a girl of wealth who was gifted the slave girl on her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. The story follows the next 35 years of their lives. The book was inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke (a feminist, suffragist and, importantly, an abolitionist). Both girls very different, yet yearned for the same thing, to be set free.



Part 2: [Kaffe Fassett - Part Two - Ep. 117 - Fruity Knitting - YouTube](#)

The interview starts at 58:23.



**The Brighter –The Better Quilt Challenge**

Linda Green

The Challenge “the Brighter-The Better” is over!!

On a cold dark night in January it was nice to walk into a room filled with bright beautiful quilts and people!!! All the entries were stunning and showed off the different personalities of our quilters!! We have some very talented ladies in our guild.

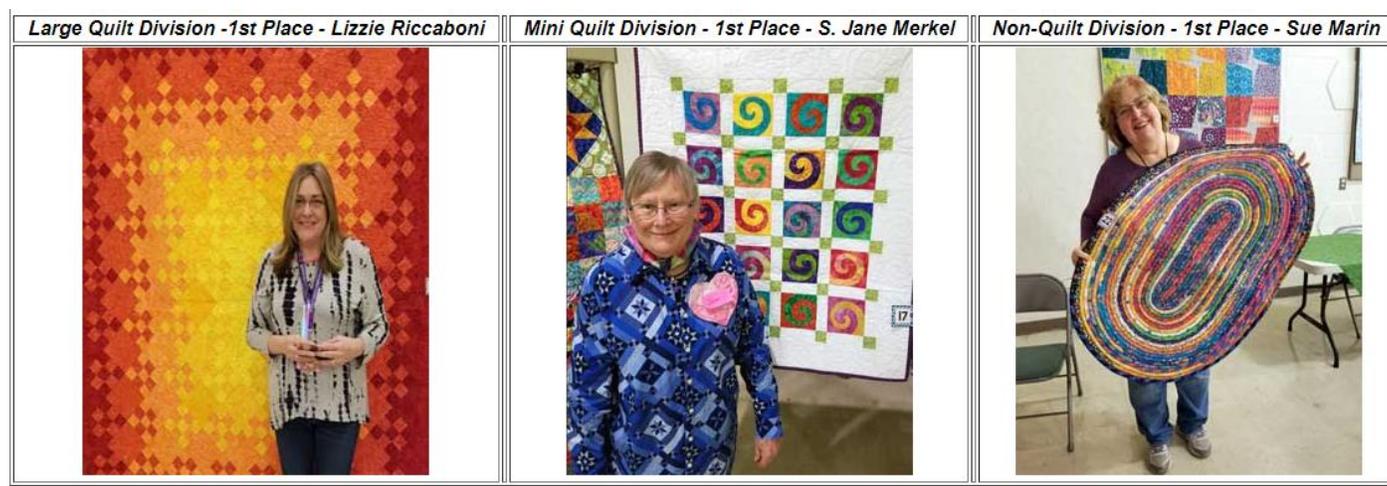
I would just like to thank all the members that took on the challenge and displayed their work,

Congratulations to our winners:

Category 1: Elizabeth Riccaboni- 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Sandra Mugridge- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Category 2: Jane Merkel- 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Elizabeth Riccaboni- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Category3: Sue Marin. 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Vicki Pede. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



People’s Choice for Brightest Quilt went to – Elizabeth Riccaboni

Cannot wait to see what the next challenge will be!

**Show and Tell**

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Karen Hartzell, Doris Horwath and Pat Piasecki for showing us their quilts in January. For the February meeting we will be meeting in person and Show and Tell will be in person. If you will not be attending in person, please send your quilt and BOM photos to Lorraine and Nancy Scholz, **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** and we will share them via Zoom.

The Dirty Dozen number for March will be 8.

## **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

We hope to see many of you in person at the February 1st meeting as we work together on sorting, cutting and preparing kits for Community Service. We have some fabrics and batting available and will gladly accept any additional supplies you might be willing to donate. Please bring a cutting mat, fabric scissors, rotary cutter and ruler, and pins to work on preparing kits for kennel pads, placemats, and possibly pillowcases as the available fabrics might be appropriate. I'll have a couple of extra cutting mats available to use also. There will be table space that will allow us to spread out and it should be fun to see the variety of fabrics come together for the benefit of our community.

For those of you working from your homes, please remember to have the following items ready at your sewing space at home:

- Three 5" squares in a variety of solid colors or prints
- Three 5 1/2" squares, coordinating with the fabrics chosen for the 5" squares
- Three 4 1/2" squares of batting

You will receive instructions for the at-home project in a separate email. The completed projects will be mug mats for a coffee mug or other beverage holder. These could also brighten the day for our Meals on Wheels recipients. Watch your inbox for the instruction sheet.

I have received some pillowcase reminders from the new Coordinator for Ryan's Cases for Smiles, Stacy Peifer. She reminds us that the pillowcase fabrics must be 100% cotton. Please, NO glitter, flannel, fleece, polyester or knits. All fabric should be bright, colorful and happy prints. Please, NO skulls, religious themes or adult prints/colors. As per hospital requirements, all pillowcases must be a finished size of about 20" x 30" to fit a standard pillow. All seams must be finished. French seam, zig zag or serged are acceptable. Loose threads can be a hazard around medical equipment. Please wash all pillowcases using unscented detergent and NO softener. Please double check for any pins or loose threads and be mindful of pet hair as well.

Thank you, everyone, for all that you are doing to brighten the spirits of persons and soon, animals that we care about also. We are looking forward to February 1st!

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

Jackie Leipert

A sympathy card was sent to Jane Merkel on the death of her brother Dave. We are keeping her in our thoughts at this sad time.

If you have any news you would like to share email me or call me.

## **Membership**

Kathy Moore

For our first in person meeting in almost two years we had 26 members attend in person and 23 attend via zoom. Everyone physically at the meeting was vaccinated and wearing masks and I believe we all thoroughly enjoyed seeing each other and the gorgeous challenge quilts.

For our February meeting I'm planning to reinstate the opportunity to win a fat quarter for members who wear their name tags. So, for those who plan to attend in person go find your name tag and wear it. We have no new members this month, so our membership still stands at 75.



## February

- 4 Rae Wong
- 5 Marsha Heimann
- 7 Phillis Walden
- 12 Debbie Heeps
- 14 Valerie Johnson
- 18 Kimberly Orndorf
- 18 Ruth Skinner
- 20 Janet Yandrisevits

## Committee Chairs



**Challenge:** Linda Green

**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 **February 21st.**



March 23-26	Lancaster Quilt Show	Double Tree Willow Valley Resort 2400 Willow Street Pike <b>Lancaster PA</b>	<a href="#">The Lancaster Quilt Show at The DoubleTree Willow Valley Resort</a>
April 8-9	Homemakers Country Quilters Quilts – Keeping us in Stitches Show and Sale	4H Center 1015 Bridge Rd. <b>Collegeville PA</b>	<a href="#">Home - Homemakers Country Quilters</a>
April 22-24	North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild Flowers of Hope Quilt Show	Ross Township Community Center 1000 Ross Municipal Drive <b>Pittsburgh, PA</b>	<a href="#">Home (npgg.org)</a>
May 11-14	Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse 2		<a href="#">QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #2 » Mancuso Show Management</a>
September 15-18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza	Greater Philadelphia Expo Center <b>Oaks, PA</b>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management (quiltfest.com)</a>

