

2022 Challenge Quilt
Winner – Landscape
Large Quilt
Sam Cetrulo



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Donna Gasser

During the cold months, my favorite thing is to bring a nice hot cup of tea into my sewing room and try to remember to sip it while it is still hot! I pulled out a Shop Hop Quilt from 2009 that I had started during the pandemic to finish up for our Bingo. I am almost finished with the blocks, many of them from shops that no longer exist. Even the finishing kit is from Quilting in the Valley, Hegins, PA. At this point I am starting to say a little prayer that there are no mistakes in the finishing kit and that there is enough fabric!

On a happier note, our Challenge Quilt competition was exceptional. I am always blown away by the creativity from the women in our guild. Sue Marin and Karen Rush did an amazing job with organizing all so that it ran smoothly. Thank you Sue and Karen for your hard work and thank you to all who participated to make the display a success.

As we hunker down for the winter weather, keep those Bingo projects moving along. A sign-up sheet for what you are intending to donate was put out at our last meeting. Many attendees didn't notice it. Vicki just needs an idea of how many quilts we are planning to donate and their size so that she can start planning the games. Please make sure you give her that information at the next meeting or email it to her. Your project doesn't need to be done yet, but she just needs to know it is on your "To Do" list.

Stay safe, healthy, and busy during these cold days.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM
at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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Guild Officers

President: Donna Gasser

Vice-President: Vicki Pede

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Nicole Folino

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 7th, Calvary
Baptist Church (CBC) Allentown

5:45 – Quilters Studio

7 pm -- Meeting

Sit & Sew: Saturday February 4th & 18th, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



Quilters Studio News

Julie Borden

February Quilters Studio:

What is your favorite ruler and measuring Tip? Please come and share your favorite ruler and measuring and cutting tips. We will meet at 5:45 prior to the meeting.

Please remember to RSVP to Julie Borden.

We all have great tips and tools we use, it is nice to learn from each other. Hope to see you on the 7th.

Programs

Nicole Folino

February: BINGO - is the name of the game for December! Come ready to play for some exciting quilty prizes like Moda fabric, patterns, Aurifil and more!

March: Eliza Hardy Jones hails from Philadelphia to brings the talent of her Quilt Song Project.

“The Song Quilts project visually interprets folk music from the American South and the Russian Arctic. I have traveled across the US and Northwest Russia interviewing women and gathering their songs. From these field recordings, I create transcriptions of the folksongs and transform them into quilts. I developed a notation method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shape. The quilt notations are direct transcriptions as they were sung to me by the women who participated. The result is a synesthetic meditation on the power of women's voices and folk traditions across diverse peoples. Each Song Quilt celebrates the contributions of “women’s work” to national identity, global culture, and shared traditions.”



April: Community service project during the meeting. See Community Service below for more information.

Please to announce for April a Full Day Workshop!

Free Motion Quilting with Renae Merrill

April 1st 9am - 5pm

Cost is \$50

Want to learn to do free-motion quilting but don't know where to start? Can you do a few simple patterns but you want to expand your creativity? Have you taken other classes and failed? Are you afraid you'll ruin that beautiful top you spent weeks piecing?

This is the class for you!

RaNae's unique teaching system and specialized tools guide you step-by-step through simple exercises that will get you moving comfortably at the sewing machine and build your quilting skills as you quilt one block at a time. You'll make a quantum leap in your FMQ skills *during* the class and go home with a practice plan to continue building your skills. You'll leave class saying "I can DO this!"

In this class you will learn how to:

- Pre-train your hands anytime, anywhere, before you sit down at the sewing machine.
- Set up your machine for free-motion quilting
- Move your hands, your body and the quilt for relaxed, efficient quilting
- Quilt the fundamental shapes that are the basis for all quilting patterns
- Join pre-quilted blocks to make a quilt of any size

The class is taught on domestic sewing machines, but the principles and exercises work equally well on a sit down or frame-mounted long-arm. The book includes instructions for domestic machines, as well as both sit-down and frame-mounted long-arm machines.

Here are links to some YouTube Videos that you might find helpful:

This one explains how FMM30 works:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlRXa-yl2Yw&list=PLpjOXKLhmNOT7qctg9uqTN9Aocf1tLq_&index=2&t=5s

This one is a visit to a classroom:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Del686bwFo&list=PLpjOXKLhmNOT7qctg9uqTN9Aocf1tLq_&index=13&t=1s

Visit her website here:

<https://ranaemerrillquilts.com/collections/free-motion-mastery-in-a-month>

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

With the new year comes new ideas and also a renewal of those ideas that have pleased us before! We remind everyone to check our website to review project instructions for Community Service and dive into something that encourages your interest and talents. The instructions for the 2023 Quilt of Valor block are now available. We will continue to have opportunities to make pillowcases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles and kennel pads for animal shelters year-round, along with placemats for Meals on Wheels which will be delivered in the Autumn. If you would like to make a household gift such as a wall hanging, table runner, lap size quilt or set of 4-6 placemats for a new homeowner through Habitat for Humanity, we will be happy to collect them from you and send them along their way. We are in contact with Camp Erin, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Cancer Care Healing Hearts Bereavement Camp and Promise Lehigh Valley to consider avenues for donation of youth size quilts to support their clients and programs in 2023. Another group we are in touch with is the Mennonite Central Committee U.S., who are doing a wide range of projects helping others, sometimes in desperate needs. We strongly recommend you search their website to learn their work projects, which include quilts and Dignity Kits to help women manage basic monthly hygiene needs. I have completed several kits and have received additional supplies for more. Their website is: www.mcc.org

With the inspiration given to us by Program Chair Nicole Folino when she gave us a copy of the pattern Chill Out by Moda, we have chosen to ask Guild members to participate in a sewing program at our April meeting. We will be putting together 2 1/2" strips along WOF and also 5" squares to construct quilt tops for youth quilts. We are preparing strips and squares from donated fabrics and ask you to also consider getting some strips and squares together from your stash and as you work on other projects and find those fabric sizes left over. We will need some volunteers to bring their sewing machines, some to cut strips and squares, and some to select and pin pieces together for those who are sewing. Please let us know how you can help at the April meeting so that we can make successful plans. The evening promises to be a smorgasbord of creativity! Attached you will find a copy of the Chill Out pattern so you can begin to imagine how well we can work together to make some great quilts!

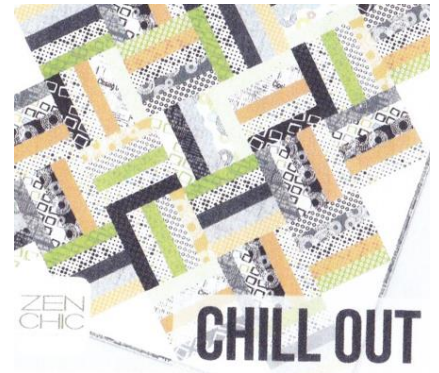
Thank you again for EVERYTHING you do to support each other and those strangers that are lucky to benefit from your generosity.

Instructions for the pattern "Chill Out" by Moda:

Photo uses 1 Jelly Roll, 1 yard solid white, ½ yd grey print. Any combination of colors will work.

Finished size is 58" x 72". Use 1/4" seams

1. Make 8 strip sets of 5 strips and cut 32 squares out of the strip sets. Square size is 10.5" x 10.5"
2. Border Triangles. Cut 7 blocks, 15 3/4" x 15 3/4" square. Cut these in half to make a total of 14 triangles.
3. Corner Triangles. Cut 2 blocks, 7 7/8" x 7 7/8" square. Cut these in half to make a total of 4 triangles.
4. Alternate the blocks with stripes positioned vertically and horizontally, then set the blocks in rows en pointe. Sew together with 1/4" seams.
5. Position the white triangles in corners and along border edges and add to edges of quilt as seen in picture.
6. Layer with batting and backing, quilt and finish with binding.



Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

Here's a schedule of upcoming Simple Whatnots:

February: At the meeting, show Charm School. In your sewing room, be working on Pint Size (page 37).

March: At the meeting, show Pint Size. In your sewing room, be working on Apple Baskets (page 43).

UFOs – Better Done than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

Please continue working on your "Better Done than Perfect" quilts and get them finished! What else can you do on these grey winter days!



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to the 5 members who provided our snacks for the January meeting. They were Rae Wong, Rhonda Moore, Irene Oehmke, Lori Smith and Nancy Ayers.

February volunteers are Nancy Skok, Irene Oehmke, Kim Bringhurst, Cathleen Kilpatrick and Kathy Moore. You will be reminded prior to the meeting.

2022 Challenge Quilt Results

Karen Rush & Sue Marin

A big thank you to all the participants. The diversity, creativity and talent was astounding. We had a lot of categories, thus a lot of winners:

Category	Size	Placing	Name
Animals/Birds	Large	1st	Kim Bringhurst
Animals/Birds	Large	2nd	Irene F. Oehmke
Animals/Birds	Large	3rd	Donna Gasser
Animals/Birds	Other	1st	Karen Rush
Animals/Birds	Other	2nd	Vicki Pede
Animals/Birds	Other	3rd	Irene F. Oehmke
Animals/Birds	Small	1st	Ruth Skinner
Animals/Birds	Small	2nd	Vicki Pede
Animals/Birds	Small	3rd	Pat Piasecki
Flowers	Other	1st	Kathy Moore
Flowers	Other	2nd	Linda Wojciechowski
Flowers	Small	1st	Diana Campbell
Flowers	Small	2nd-Tie	Suzanne Nelson
Flowers	Small	2nd-Tie	Kim Bringhurst
Flowers	Small	3rd	Katrina Idleman
Landscape/Seascape	Large	1st	Sam Cetrulo
Landscape/Seascape	Other	1st	Vicki Pede
Landscape/Seascape	Small	1st & Best of Show	Nancy Ayers
Landscape/Seascape	Small	2nd	Kathy Moore
Landscape/Seascape	Small	3rd	Irene F. Oehmke



First Place in the Landscape/Seascape – Small category and voted Best of Show.

Congratulations Nancy!

Sit 'n Sew



Mark your calendar for February 4th and 18th, 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

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

The library will be available for February's meeting. Nancy Scholz has volunteered to bring the raffle gift.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

No news this month.

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

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

In January we had 44 members in person and 7 members on zoom with a total of 51 members attending the meeting. We have 76 members in our guild at this time.

*Happy
Birthday*

<i>Rae Wong</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Marsha Heimann</i>	<i>2/5</i>
<i>Phillis Walden</i>	<i>2/7</i>
<i>Debbie Heeps</i>	<i>2/12</i>
<i>Valerie Johnson</i>	<i>2/14</i>
<i>Kimberly Ordnorf</i>	<i>2/18</i>
<i>Ruth Skinner</i>	<i>2/18</i>
<i>Janet Yandrisevits</i>	<i>2/20</i>



Committees

Challenge: Sue Marin and Karen Rush

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Communication Chain: Diane Pesola

Historical: Kathy Moore

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: Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipter

Website: Nancy Scholz

Technology: Kim Bringham, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Phillis Walden

Upcoming Events:

March 29-April 1, 2023

Lancaster Quilt Show

Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center

2300 Lincoln Hwy. East (U.S. Route 30)

Lancaster, PA 17602

[Visit Website](#)

May 6 & 7, 2023



Our guild will once again be offering the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler events in May. The sampler listing is not yet available. However, the Global Quilt Connection is now listing on demand and live virtual courses that individual quilters can join. If you are looking for a live or on-demand virtual workshop, we invite you to check it out!

[Workshop Listings](#)

What Makes a Quilt So Special?

by Debbie Anderson Searles

Surely, when the final stitch is entered and the needle laid to rest, only a quilter can know the feeling of pride soaring within her soul. She has the contentment of knowing that a long, hard journey has come to an end. She has conquered a challenge, and through her own patience and endurance, has created a loving work of art. It may well live on long after she has finished her walk upon this earth.

Perhaps what makes a quilt so special, is that pride a quilter knows — that deep in her heart she knows — some distant future generation might gaze upon her quilt, or touch its fragile threads, and still feel the love and care that she has sewn in every stitch.

Quilt Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild

BINGO



Sunday May 7, 2023
Doors open at Noon
Games Start at 1:00
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!
\$25 in Advance \$30 at the Door
FOR TICKETS CALL
Michele 484-894-7128 or Vicki 908-310-3526
Lunch/Refreshments Available
American Legion
2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA
Tricky Tray, too!

20 GAMES!
5 SPECIALS!



Deadline for the next newsletter is February 21st.