

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From the President

Due to a lengthy recuperation period from a recent surgery, it is in the best interest of the guild and me to resign as President of the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild, effective December 5, 2017. I so appreciate your support, cards, and prayers. I will be at the January meeting, and be ready to rejoin you for another year filled with fun, learning, and quilting!

Wendye Anttila



The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of every month
except November at
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA 18049
7:00pm

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★ Community Service Kathie Laposata

Thank you for the wonderful placemats that you made for Meals on Wheels. I delivered 262 placemats that will be distributed to clients prior to Christmas. The staff is always so happy to see these arrive. As you enjoy your holiday meals, give thanks for this organization that provides healthy meals for many seniors in our community. So many of you took my suggestion of using up orphan blocks – they make terrific placemats and clean out your sewing room for the 2018 projects.

Our February meeting will be devoted to making pillowcases, but I will also have kits available at the January meeting that you are welcome to take and make at home. It's something fun to do when you are stuck inside during bad weather. The directions are in the Community Service section of our website. Remember to wash the completed pillowcases in unscented detergent and don't use any scented products in the dryer either. If you don't have that, simply return them unwashed to me and I will see that they are washed and packaged.

I know that even as much as you all do to support the Guild's community service work, you also contribute to other charity efforts. If you are looking for other needs that might match your interests, here are a few for which I'd be glad to give you more information. I have directions for 'Fidget Aprons' that soothe those with Alzheimer's disease. Perhaps someone in your family could use one. If you have quilts you'd like to donate to hurricane victims, I have a U.S address where they can be sent. Thanks for all your good work.

Lecture Tuesday, January 2, 2018 - Barbara Garrett 7 pm at Holy Spirit

Barb will present "*What Stories Can My Quilt Tell*", a program where you participate by bringing a vintage quilt (Pre-1950) to the meeting. If you signed up for this event, please plan to arrive at Holy Spirit no later than 6:30. Barb will arrive around 6 pm to begin checking in your quilts.

Come learn about your antique quilt program - members bring antique (pre 1950) quilts that they want to share and/or learn more about. The format for the evening is that when members arrive with their quilt(s) they "register" with Barb -- which means they write their name on a 3 x 5 card so she can invite them to share what they know about the quilt when it is held up.

The quilts are set on a table so the owners don't have to spend time walking up during the program. Then Barb talks about the quilt, and questions for clarification are encouraged during the program. It's very informal - not a "lecture", but lots of good visuals and much information shared.

Sit & Sew Saturday, January 6, 10:15 am to 4 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus

All members are welcome to Saturday Sit & Sew for interruption-free sewing time. Bring your own projects, machine, lights, extension cords and your lunch. Take advantage of the large work tables to lay out your designs, share ideas with other quilters and get those UFO's done! A small donation for the church is appreciated.

This December, the Saturday Sit & Sew gang mailed \$239 to Faith Presbyterian from the small bills accumulating in the tin donation box! How lucky are we to have a meeting space to share our craft!

★ Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to Donna Gasser and her volunteers who provided the refreshments for the December meeting. They were Christine Watt, Laurie Murray, Rhonda Moore, and Cindy Christman.

Volunteers for the January 2, 2018 meeting are Debbie Heeps, Karen Hartzell, Doris Horwath, Barb Kissell, Mercedes Gurniak, and Julie Borden. You will receive a reminder the week before the meeting.

Thanks also to all the members who participated in the cookie exchange. We had about 20 members share their cookies.

★ Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

December Show & Tells were presented by: Diana DeFanti {3}, Karen Hartzell, Lorraine Bujnowski {3}, Barb Kissell (2), Deb Veshinsky, Jackie Lukity, Pat Piasecki, Linda Wojciechowski {3}, Linda Schmoyer, and Sam Cetrulo.

★ Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The **Modern Bee** meets once a month, the last Wednesday of the month, alternating mornings and evenings to accommodate all of our members who are interested in attending. You may attend some, any, or all of the meetings, mornings and/or evenings at your convenience. Locations will be announced in the newsletter.

We will have Show and Tell, talk modern quilt aesthetics of design and color, etc., sew, snack, and converse. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish. We will meet in January at Nicole's for our Challenge.

9:30 a.m.-1:30 Odd Months

January 31, 2018
March 28, 2018
May 30, 2018
July 25, 2018

6-9 p.m. Even Months

February 28, 2018
April 25, 2018
June 27, 2018
August 29, 2018

★ Membership

Judy Walker and Chris Watt

The membership list is attached to the newsletter which shows a total of 95 members. All membership cards and receipts for payment have been sent out to those members who sent their dues in by mail. At the last meeting, there were no visitors or new members. There were 47 members in attendance. 32 members wore name tags and the name tag winner was Robin Steinhoffer. The prize was a fat quarter of fabric.



January Birthdays:

5 Jackie Leipert	19 Lorraine Bujnowski
8 Laurie Murray	24 Suzanne Nelson
11 Wendye Anttila	25 Deb Veshinsky

★ Library

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Holidays from the librarians: Barb, Dawn, and Michele! Barb Kissell has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the January meeting. Many thanks to Nancy Scholz who has been updating our list on the website! We wish all of you a safe and happy new year of sewing and reading!

★ Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We had a great sharing event at our last quilters studio with 18 people attending. We discussed quilting apps and websites. Our next studio will be in January and I will share my quilts using the technique BIG STITCH quilting. This stitch looks great on wool and flannel. Please email Julie Borden if you plan to attend.

★ Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

The total for raffle ticket sales at the Home Sewing Center is \$154. Thank you to all the volunteers who sold raffle tickets. I received some feedback from guild members that they enjoyed the event and seeing the products that they offered there.

The total for raffle ticket sales at the Chicken Lounge event in November was \$74. Thank you to everyone who came out. An extra thank you to Nancy Scholz who visited the tables that night to offer raffle tickets to everyone.

This is the last call to prepay for your raffle tickets as part of the Raffle Incentive Program. Please email Sam to make arrangements. We have had about 32 members pre pay for their tickets so far.



Member News

Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

Many thanks to those of you who donated small travel sized toiletries at our meetings over the past several months. This year I made over 250 drawstring bags out of Christmas fabrics to fill and they have been donated to the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison Project. These small gifts were greatly appreciated when presented to the students. I have filled all the bags and will no longer be collecting the toiletries until next June. Please save your small bottles and soaps from your winter travels and I will let you know when this project begins again. Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays.

Yarn and Postage Stamps

Ruth Skinner

Whenever you have yarn you are not using I will make shawls for the nursing home. Small balls of yarn are gladly accepted to make rainbow shawls. Also, please remember to save the stamps for the veterans who use them to decorate gift shop items. Per their instructions, there must be enough of the envelope to cut a 1/4 inch border around the stamp, which you do not need to do, as we will do it. With all the cards at this time of year this is just a reminder.

Calendar of Events

from the editor

February 8-11, 2018, Birds of a Feather, Herndon, VA,
www.thelongarmnetwork.com.

March 2-3, 2018, Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild,
World War I Centennial Quilt Show,
www.susquehannaquilters.org.

March 8-10, 2018, 9th Annual Fabric Extravaganza,
Holiday Inn Nashua, Nashua, NH,
www.allevents.in/nashua.

March 21-24, 2018, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA,
www.quiltweek.com.

March 21-24, 2018, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The
Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltweek.com.

April 14-15, Country Line Quilters, Path Around the
Garden Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, St. Cyril of
Jerusalem Social Hall, Jamison, PA, for directions see
www.saint-cyril.com.

May 4-5, 2018, A World of Quilts Quilt Show, Calico
Cutters Quilt Guild, The Church of the Good Samaritan,
Paoli, PA, www.calicocutters.com.

May 5-6, 2018, 10am-4pm, Quiltfest 2018, Colonial
Quilters Guild, Charles Chrin Community Center,
Palmer, PA, \$8, www.colonialquilters.org.

May 18-19, 2018, Celebration of Quilts 2018, York
Quilters Guild, York College of PA,
www.celebrationofquilts.com.

May 19-20, 2018, Garden State Quilters Guild Quilt
Show 2018, Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ,
www.gardenstatequilters.com.

Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, January 2, 2017 - **Guild Meeting**,
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
7pm

Saturday, January 6, 2017 – **Sit & Sew**,
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus,
10:15 am-4:00 pm.

Guild Officers

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and Donna Gasser

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Library: Michele McLaughlin and Barb Seely

Membership: Judy Walker and Chris Watt

Modern Bee: Nicole Folino

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