

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Julie McDonell

Although I thoroughly enjoy our speakers, the CQ pot luck evening provides a wonderful opportunity to just enjoy each other's company. I hope it was as great a pleasure to you all, as it was for me.



I recently read what I consider a quilters' history lesson, concerning the invention of the sewing machine. "Frustrated by his attempts to develop a machine that could stitch together fabric, Elias Howe dreamed that he was about to be executed for his failure. The guards escorting him to the executioner's block waved spears – and each spear had a hole at the sharp tip. That was when Howe got the idea to pass the thread through the point of the needle instead of the blunt end."

So just in case, better keep a pad and pencil by the bed to record those slumber time inspirations.



Also, in case you need a reason to go fabric shopping (ha!), consider speculation on the price of cotton. Before Hurricane Michael hit in November, some Georgia (the No. 2 cotton-producing state) farmers were looking at the best cotton crop in more than two decades. The Associated Press reports that loss estimates stand at 50% to 70%, and almost all of Florida's cotton crop was wiped out.

Better get to the fabric shop and save some money! (BTW, Texas is the No. 1 U.S. cotton producer.)

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

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## Works by the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

Sharon Yurkanin

Our quilt exhibition at the Allentown Art Museum came together beautifully and has been well received by Museum visitors. Thanks to all of you who helped on the committee, to those of you who entered quilts and to all of you who have attended.

The end date is December 30. We will take down the quilts on the morning of January 2. If you have a quilt in the exhibition the pickup time is January 2 from 9:00 am till noon. For security reasons please use the rear staff entrance of the Museum for quilt pick up. Bring your receipt. If you are unable to pick up your quilt at that time please let me know. Another day can be arranged or I will bring all unclaimed quilts to our meeting on January 8.

The viewers' choice award will be announced at the January meeting.

## Panel Play 2018 Challenge

Jane Merkel

Our "PANEL PLAY" Challenge will be the focus of our guild meeting on **January 8, 2019**, at Faith Presbyterian Church at the end of Second St. in Emmaus.

If you do not make arrangements with me prior to the meeting to have me obtain your entry, please bring it to the church between 5:30 - 6:00pm, or earlier if you wish. I will be at the church from 4:00pm on hanging or displaying your entries that were given to me at the December meeting. (Thank you to all who were able to bring your entry to December; it sure gives me a head start.) All entries must be displayed before we will give directions on how to vote for your favorite entry.

We will ask each of you to tell us about the inspiration for your entry. This will be similar to a Show and Tell. YOU will be our program for the evening! Looking forward to a great evening.

## Programs and Workshops

Nicole Folino

The Panel Play Challenge is January's program at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

## Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will meet the Saturday after the guild meeting, January 12, from 10:15 to 3 or 4, 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

Kathie Laposata

I love your enthusiasm for Meals on Wheels placemats this year! I delivered 513 placemats that will be distributed to clients prior to Christmas. That's almost DOUBLE what you contributed last year. Thank you so much. That ensures that every client will receive a placemat gift this year. The staff is so grateful. I look at and appreciate every placemat as I count them out. They've given me some inspiration for my placemat sewing for next year. As you enjoy your holiday meals, give thanks for this organization that provides healthy meals for many seniors in our community.

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.

## Library

Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

Happy Holidays Crazy Quilters! Just a reminder that there will not be a raffle basket or 50/50 at the Challenge meeting in January. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Many thanks to the following members who participated in Show and Tell in December: Kathie Laposata, Ronnie Moore (2), Sam Cetrulo, Denise Riemer, Karen Hartzell, Linda Wojciechowski, Suzanne Nelson, Pat Piasecki (2), Peggy Keiffer (2), Helen Hanton, Lizzie Riccaboni, Nicole Folino and Lorraine Bujnowski.

## 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. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish.

Locations will be announced in the newsletter. We 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.

**There is no Modern Bee meeting in December.**

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to all the members and helpers that made our December Pot Luck Dinner a success. Thank you to Karen Hartzell for providing the tablecloths, and to Barb Kissell and Julie Davidovich for assisting me in setup and clean up. Also, special thanks to my punch girls Mercedes Gurniak, Diane Pesola and Ronnie Moore for providing the punch for our greet and happy hour.

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 volunteers for hospitality are Linda Wojciechowski, Barb Kissell, Carol Willis, Doris Horwath, Suzanne Nelson, and Nicole Folino. You receive an email reminder after the holidays.

## Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Our December meeting and pot-luck had 51 members in attendance, including new member Patty Feninez. One member renewed her membership for the 2018-2019 year, bringing our total paid members to 73 (plus three charter members). If you have not yet received your 2018-19 membership card, see us at January's meeting or contact Janet T who can mail it to you. The current membership list is attached to this newsletter.

Patty Feninez is a former member of CQQG (for two years in the 2000s), who saw our display at the Macungie Farmers Market and spoke to Julie O'Donnell there. She's an intermediate quilter, and works as a Public Relations Coordinator for Lehigh County Special Olympics. On a personal note, she loves art, and owns one cat.

We again held a prize drawing for wearing a name tag, and 24 members participated. Winner of a fat quarter prize was Sandy O'Connor. We encourage members to wear nametags to help new members learn.



### January Birthdays

5 Jackie Leipert  
19 Lorraine Bujnowski  
24 Suzanne Nelson  
25 Deb Veshinfsky

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

**There will be no Quilters Studio in January due to the Challenge.** We will meet in February at 5:30. Topic to be announced.

## Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

The 2018 raffle quilt came to a close on Tuesday, December 4th. We were able to speak to the winner at the meeting. The winner is Richele Voice from Hellertown, PA. She is a long time member of the Colonial Quilters Guild of Bethlehem and has worked on quite a few raffle quilts for that guild.

Thank you to the volunteers at the Allentown Art Museum and Indiemade Craft Market. We earned \$112 at The Art Museum and \$139 at Indiemade.

**Our grand total was \$7,010 for all shows and member sales.** We showed the raffle quilt at 17 events. There were 3 quilt shows and 2 fiber festivals. Our best show was one of our first events which was the Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival.

The Raffle Incentive Program came to an end and a Chicken Lounge gift certificate was awarded. Thank you to all the volunteers and support with the raffle quilt! I am excited to see what the next raffle quilt looks like!

## Houston International Quilt Show

Jane Merkel

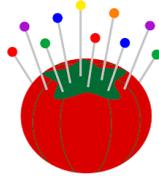
If you are interested in the 2019 Houston International Quilt Show contact Jane Merkel to be placed on her email list for further information. We will leave on Wed, Oct 30, and return on Sun, Nov 3, adding an extra day to the trip to visit some recommended quilt shops. A non-refundable deposit (\$100) will be due by the end of January.

## Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. She just bought a long-arm when she moved to PA so this is a way to learn and help others at the same time. She has a Jewel Crown long arm and a 12' table.

She would also be willing to work with people who are interested in working on a project together. She's available most weekends.



## Member News and Requests

### 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 over 250 drawstring bags were made out of Christmas fabrics and filled with the toiletry donations. They have been delivered to the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison Project and will be handed out this week to the children. These small gifts are greatly appreciated and many times the only gift the children receive. Thank you for your support. Please remember to start saving your hotel size toiletries or pick up in the travel size section at the store when shopping. I have already started making bags for 2019 and will start collecting again after the first of the year. I am hoping to make 300 bags by next Christmas which is still only half the number of children in the School District without a home or the basic needs. Thank you so much as this project makes such a difference in the lives of so many.

### 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.

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## Calendar of Events

*from the editor*

Through January 20, 2019, Color Improvisations – An International Exhibit of Contemporary Quilts, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA, [LNye@SusquehannaArtMuseum.org](mailto:LNye@SusquehannaArtMuseum.org).

February 28 - March 3, 2019, Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

March 27 - 30, 2019, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 S. Queen St, Lancaster, PA, [www.quiltweek.com](http://www.quiltweek.com).

May 9 - 11, 2019, Mancuso Quiltfest Lancaster, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

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## Guild Calendar

*from the editor*

January 8, 2019 – **Guild meeting**, 7 pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

January 12, 2019 - **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

October 30 – November 3, **International Quilt Show**, Houston, TX.

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## Guild Officers

**President:** Julie McDonell

**Vice President:** Barb Kissell

**Secretary:** Denise Riemer

**Treasurer:** Kathy Moore

**Membership Officers:** Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

**Programs Officer:** Nicole Folino

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## Committee Chairs

**Allentown Art Museum Exhibit:** Sharon Yurkanin

**Challenge:** Jane Merkel

**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:** Kathy Schuessler

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Quilt Raffle Marketing:** Samantha Cetrulo

**Raffle Quilt Creation:** Jane Merkel

**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Sandra Mugridge

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

