



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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January 2021

## From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters!

Happy New Year! May 2021 be a year of prosperity, greater sensitivity, and new quilting adventures. Our first adventure begins at our January 5th meeting where the Flying Geese Challenge Quilt "reveal" will be unfolded. I love to hear the stories behind the projects. It is one of my favorite things about Show and Tell as well.

I would like to acknowledge the challenges that Tami Jones and Carole Whaling have participated in over their quilting years, not just in guild; but also, in the Hoffman Challenge for almost 20 years. These charter members have exhibited their talents over and over again, and we say thank you for sharing. It would be nice for newer members to reach out to these charter members and find out their "challenge" stories!

Acknowledging members and their contributions is important to me, as a guild member, and as your president. That being said, Sue Marin deserves a quilting award for sharing so much of herself and her ideas with us at our December Christmas program. Kudos to Sue!!!

Our community service team of Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak are making a gigantic effort to coordinate and deliver our service projects. It is so important that we continue our efforts in this area. The needs of many do not go away because we cannot socialize.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom until further notice

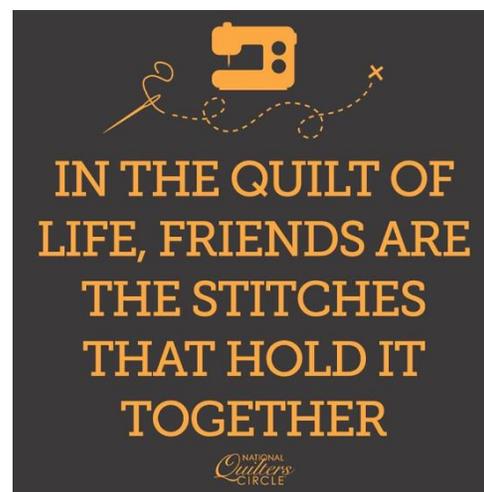
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## Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel  
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Secretary: Suzanne Nelson  
Treasurer: Kathie Laposata  
Programming Officer: Sue Marin  
Membership Officers: Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore

## Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: January 5th 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom



## From the President Continued

Stay well, keep stitching, and make those Friendly Friday calls to someone you may not know very well.

See you on zoom,  
Jane

P.S . Please heed and read the information that we sent you regarding scam guild emails

### **2021 Program Updates**

**Sue Marin**

#### **December's Potluck Potpourri Review:**

Thank you to all who came out for our December meeting. Despite a few technical glitches, it really was a night filled with a potpourri of fun, music, and laughter. The Silent Auction was a huge success! Fifteen members and two non-members contributed items and eighteen winning bids produced \$858.50 toward future guild programming.

**January 2021: – And the winner is...? Flying Geese Challenge Event.** We'll know at the beginning of our January 5 meeting who the winners are in each category. Judy Walker, our Challenge Chairperson, sent out an email with voting instructions in mid-December. Please refer to her message or contact her directly if you still have questions.

**January Workshop with Pam Hadfield** is on schedule. We have ten participants for this two-day event. It will be the Crazy Quilters' first attempt at a virtual workshop. Stay tuned for an update on how that process went as well as see some finished projects in February.



**February 2021:** – Pillowcase Palooza. Community Service at its best! Thank you to everyone who stopped by Holy Spirit to drop off and pickup pillowcases from Janet Y. in December. I know that I had a lot of fun choosing some to create! We will be blessed with **TWO programs this evening.** Michelle Banton will join us at 7:00 PM to provide a lecture on "Cotton to Consumer." Her presentation will tie in nicely by giving us the background of the materials we use to create the items we donate. In addition, Janet and Mercedes will follow up with a short presentation highlighting the various community service projects we support. You won't want to miss it!

**March 2, 2021:** – Toni Smith, AKA Quiltoni, will do a presentation on the pixel revolution. **Toni will offer our second workshop of the year.** She will teach us how to create our own pixelated patterns. A six-hour workshop spread across two days will be held on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, March 13. Both sessions will run from 1:00 – 4:00. Cost is \$25 per member. Class size is limited to 30 attendees. **Registration deadline for this workshop is February 2, 2021.** Registration forms will be forwarded in a separate email.

**April 2021:** – Dr. Leo McCormick and staff will present a lecture on Ergonomics for Quilters.

We are hoping that with the availability of a COVID-19 vaccine and warmer weather, we'll be able to host this one live!

**May 2021:** – Heather Kojan returns and will share her tips for deciphering Quilt Math.

**June 2021:** - Mary Fons (of Fons and Porter) will do a trunk show and share her experience as editor of *Quiltfolk* Magazine.

**July 2021:** – Cindy Orvacez, author of *Into the Garden: Realistic Three Dimensional Flowers Faster by the Strip* will talk to us about using embellishments in our designs.

**August 2021:** – Special **two-hour** presentation with Emily Taylor who will teach us the basics of collage quilting.

**October 2021:** - Robin Long of Robin Ruth Designs will do a program on creating the Mariner's Star using her strip piecing method.

I want to thank all of the members who have been forwarding names of suggested speakers to me. It helps me determine what topics you are interested in as well as what skills you'd like to learn. Keep the leads coming! What was particularly interesting to me is to see how many of us share the same interests.

All program information is listed on our website. Please check the Meetings and Events page each month for updates, details of the various programs and important messages.

Happy New Year, everyone!

Sue Marin

Programming Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB – (BOM) starting March 2021.

See picture and attached pdf files (2).

If interested contact Phillis Walden

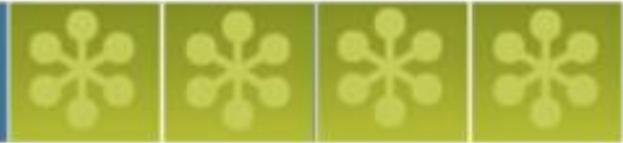
Still time to sign up. No charge for block patterns. Use your stash or purchase QT Fabrics Bohemian Rhapsody 28 colors to duplicate pictured 67" x 79" quilt. Both sources below have web sites. Fabric available from:

Abbi Mays Fabric Shop – Muskegon MI – Phone: 231-563-6861 (Linda) or

Nuts and Bolts Fabric, Edgemont SD - Phone: 605-662 5758

Designer TK Harrison (BOMquilts.com) has granted Guild permission to use pattern so long as her copyright is acknowledged, participants agree to share photos of blocks and quilt progress, and TK receives information about guild which she can use on her website to reference groups using her patterns, etc.





## "Midnight Stargazer"

2020 Block of the Month Quilt

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"Midnight Stargazer" is a block of the month quilt featuring the "Bohemian Rhapsody" fabrics designed by Dan Morris for QT Fabrics

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Finished quilt = 67" x 79"

Finished Blocks for Quilt = 12" Square

Unfinished Blocks for Quilt = 12 1/2" Square

Purchase the Quilt Kit from

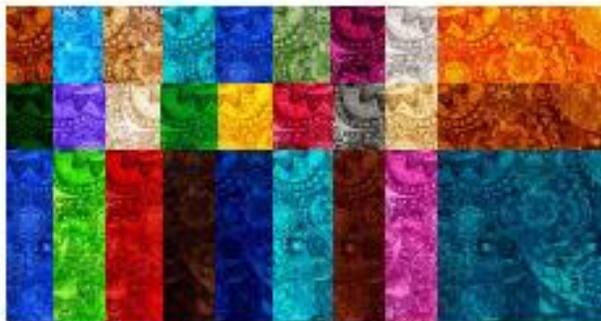
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All seams a scant 1/4"

Press in the direction of the arrows

Read ALL Instructions Before Beginning

## Fabric Requirements



"Bohemian Rhapsody"

One Quarter-Yard Fabric Bundle – 28 Beautiful Ombré Fabrics

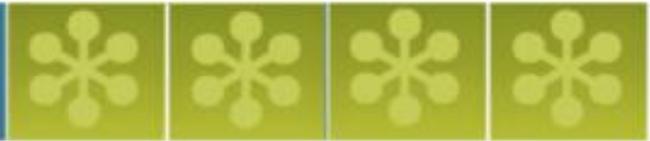


Black  
4 yards

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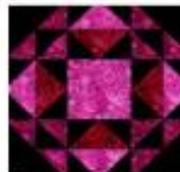
There are SIX (6) different quilt blocks that make up the "Midnight Stargazer" BOM quilt



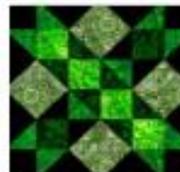
Chained Star  
Quilt Block  
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Make FIVE (5)



Stockyard Star  
Quilt Block  
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Make FIVE (5)



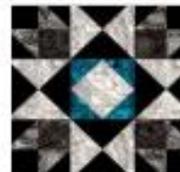
Union Star Quilt  
Block  
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Make SIX (6)



Kansas Star  
Quilt Block  
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Make FOUR (4)



Star Gardner  
Quilt Block  
-----  
Make FIVE (5)



Honeymoon  
Star Quilt Block  
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Make FIVE (5)

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## Introduction (cont.)

There are TWENTY-NINE (29) different fabrics that make up the "Midnight Stargazer" BOM quilt



#1 - Yellow  
Submarine



#2 - Red Hot  
Chili Pepper



#3 - Cherry  
Bomb



#4 - Brown  
Sugar



#5 - King  
Crimson



#6 - Black



#7 - Cream



#8 - SandCastle



#9 - Leather &  
Lace



#10 - Mellow  
Yellow



#11 Sugar  
Magnolia



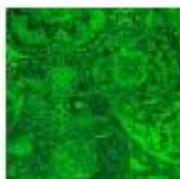
#12 - Strawber-  
ry Fields



#13 - Raspberry  
Beret



#14 - Green  
Eyed Lady



#15 - Green  
River



#16 - Enchanted  
Forest



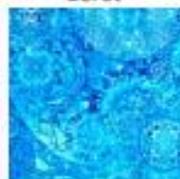
#17 - Money



#18 - Purple  
Haze



#19 - Deep  
Purple



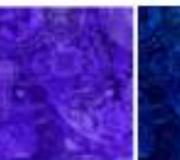
#20 - Mr. Blue  
Sky



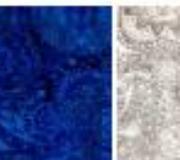
#21 - Natural  
Mystic



#22 -  
The Ocean



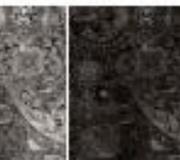
#23 - After  
Midnight



#24 - Bell  
Bottom Blues



#25 -  
Moondance



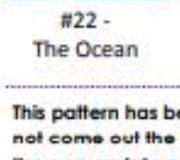
#26 - Touch of  
Gray



#27 - Night  
Flight Dark



#28 - Sweet  
Georgia  
Brown



#29 - Brown  
Eyed Girl

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Well its almost time for the competition to begin. Please view all the entries at your leisure and send me your votes for your favorite in each category.

There are 10 large entries to date and 7 small entries to date. The numbers may change if I receive one or so after the deadline.

The Challenge competition will be available on the Crazy Quilters website starting Dec. 29 through our meeting date of Jan.5. Voting instructions will also be on the Challenge page of our website, but my email address will not, so make a note of it.

**Voting instructions:**

Each entry will have a number on it and you should email me with your choices by noon on **Monday, Jan. 4**. Put **"Challenge Vote"** in the subject line and vote for one entry in the large category (Nos. run from 1 to 15) and one entry in the small category (Nos. run from 20 to 30). Do not copy anyone else on your voting email. When I receive your vote, I will reply to you that I got it.

**Quilt Journey**

Sam Cetrulo

I did not receive any quilt journey entries this month. Good news! I have two saved that I can share. With the holidays almost over, maybe you have a few minutes that you can share your quilt journey with the guild. Please email me.

**Name:** Jane Merkel

**Length of Quilt Journey:** Ongoing

**How did you learn how to sew?**

From my Mom and my Grandmother

**How would you describe your quilting style?**

A little of this and a little of that but very little applique

**Has it changed over time?**

I prefer piecing and that has not changed

**Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?**

I like Kaffe Fassett and Tulla Pink because of COLOR

**Do you pick fabric or pattern first?**

I collect batiks so usually pick what I like and wait for a pattern to come along to use. Otherwise, I work with a pattern first, and select the fabrics

**What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?**

Selecting the fabrics!!! I love to watch my choices meld into a finished project.

**What is your least favorite part and why?**

I do little machine quilting cause I don't have a knack for patterns.

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?**

"Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove

*a stabilizer in time of perplexity or distress.*

Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle - a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever its form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course."

- First Lady Grace Coolidge



Reading, yard work

**Name:** Sue Marin

**Length of Quilt Journey:** 18 months

**How did you learn how to sew?**

My mother taught me to use her sewing machine when I was approx.. 12 yrs. old. I continued with lessons in home economics classes in Jr. & Sr. High. When my grandmother would visit during summer months she would teach me various embroidery techniques.

**How would you describe your quilting style?**

Bright, bold and sassy!

**Has it changed over time?**

I haven't been quilting long enough to know yet. I suspect it might.

**Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?**

Currently – Robert Kaufman. I love the colors! They are bright, but not obnoxious!

**Do you pick fabric or pattern first?**

So far it's been a toss up. My first quilt and one challenge I had fabric and picked the pattern. My current (2<sup>nd</sup>) quilt and another challenge piece, I had the pattern and then chose the fabric.

**What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?**

Sewing the quilt top! I love watching it come together.

**What is your least favorite part and why?**

Measuring and cutting the fabric. I'm always afraid I'm going to mess it up.

**What other things do you sew?**

Machine – pillowcases, bags, pin cushions. By hand – counted cross stitch pictures and Christmas ornaments as well as pin cushions.

**What is your favorite sewing saying?**

My overall favorite saying is "There's nothing to it but to do it", so the closest sewing saying would probably be "Finished is better than perfect".

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?**

Reading, playing piano, baking, crocheting, crafting.



**Community Service**

**Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak**

It was wonderful to see some of you at our December 5th drop off/pick up time at the Church parking lot, where we now increased our collection to 117 completed pillowcases and handed out many kits to keep busy during the upcoming months. Additional pillowcase kits are available; please contact Janet and we'll arrange to get them to you. Let's set a tentative date of February 6th from 10:00-11:00 in the church parking lot for another drop off/pick up get together. This will give you a "deadline" to work towards!

Thank you all very much for all your efforts and beautiful work.

**Sunshine and Shadows**

**Jackie Leipter**

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

**Show and Tell**

**Lorraine Bujnowski**

Please send photos to me before January 3<sup>rd</sup> for our January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Membership**

**Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden**

Our December zoom meeting was attended by 51 members. We are holding steady at 85 total members. Please ensure that your name is displayed for our January zoom meeting both for attendance purposes and so that new members can tie a name to a face.

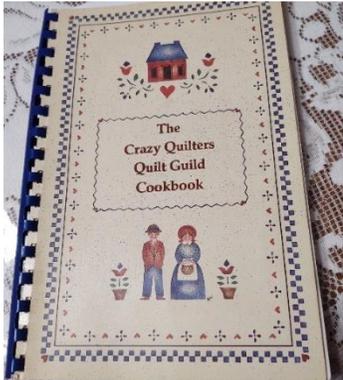


**January**

- 5 Jackie Leipter
- 19 Lorraine Bujnowski
- 24 Suzanne Nelson
- 25 Deb Veshinfsky

## RECALLING RECIPES: FROM THE CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD COOKBOOK

Jane Merkel (Published in 1992)



### CHICKEN IN SAUCE

1 pkg. onion soup mix, 1- 8 oz jar apricot preserves, 1 jar Kraft or Wish-one Red Russian dressing, chicken pieces

Mix all ingredients together and pour over chicken pieces. Marinate 1 hour. Bake at 350 for 1 hour, covered, and ½ to ¾ hour, uncovered.

Submitted by Pat Stahley

### SPICY BAKED SHRIMP

2cloves garlic, peeled and minced, 1/4 C margarine,1 C. fine bread crumbs, ½ tsp. dried thyme,1/2 tsp. freshly grated orange peel, Pinch of cayenne pepper, dash of salt, 2 lbs shelled raw shrimp, 3 T. white wine

Preheat oven to 350 and grease shallow casserole dish. Saute garlic in margarine until garlic is pale gold in color. Remove saute pan from heat and add bread crumbs and seasonings. Mix thoroughly. Spread shrimp evenly in casserole dish. Sprinkle with crumb mix and add wine. Bake for 15 minutes.

Submitted by Gail Erich

### MEXICAN CASSEROLE

1 lb ground beef, browned and drained, 1 can pinto beans, 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix, 1 to 1 ½ C. shredded Monterey Jack or Coly cheese, sour cream, about 2 C, tortilla chips (more or less to taste), shredded lettuce, chopped tomatoes, salsa

Stir taco seasoning over ground beef that has been browned and drained. Follow the directions on the taco seasoning package. In a large casserole dish layer the meat, beans, and tortilla chips on top. Cover with cheese and bake at 350 for 20 to 25 minutes. Casserole should be heated through and cheese melted. Garnish with chopped lettuce and tomatoes and serve with salsa and sour cream.

Submitted by Stacy White

### Who Doesn't Like a Discount?!?!

Burkholder's will give you a 15% discount on your purchase if you show your guild membership card. If members don't have a card, they should contact one of our membership chairs to get one.





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## Let's Roll Those Quilts!! – Quilts and Other Stuff from Frances

Are you running out of space to store your quilts?  
Do your folded quilts have unremovable creases?  
Try rolling them instead!!!

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### Committee Chairs

**Challenge:** Judy Walker

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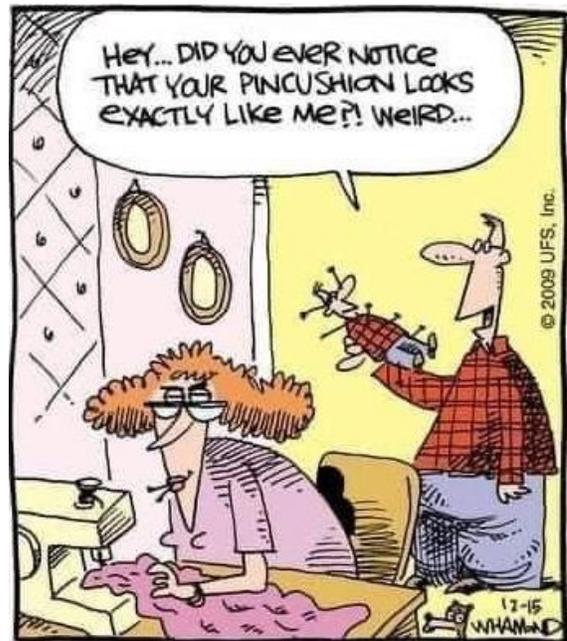
**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

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

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



**Deadline for the next newsletter is January 21st.**