

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From the President

Karen Hartzell

Wow! What a great program we had in June. Cheryl Lynch sure had us laughing and entertained while presenting her beautiful array of quilts. And so many of you were there to enjoy the program. I do believe our guild is getting bigger and better every month and year. Kudos to all who make things run smoothly.

I know many of you are diligently working on finalizing our new raffle quilt. I've been hearing great reports about the work being done on it, and I'm looking forward to seeing the finished result at the September meeting. I know it will be spectacular.

As we're getting into the hotter days of summer I'm forced indoors to the comforts of the air-conditioning. I have many UFOs that need to be cleared out, so this is a good time to tackle those projects. One of them has been hanging around for many years: scraps of old polyester that a friend gave me from her mother. She used them in the 60's to make dresses. Does anyone remember this hot, thick fabric? I'm making a simple, knotted lap blanket. It's been frustrating to work with this fabric, but I'm almost finished.

The next board meeting is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19. If you are an officer or committee chair, please convey your budgetary requirements to our treasurer, Sharon Pieller, before this meeting. Speaking of July, remember, there is no general meeting due to the July 4th holiday.

I am looking forward to our August meeting. I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the quality of our speakers, as well as the informal settings. The August ice-cream social and "Show and Tell Switch Up" will offer perfect opportunities for us to connect and get to know one another better. We have so many excellent quilters in our guild, and this will be a great opportunity for all of us to see their work up close and personal.

Karen

If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

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

With Memorial Day just behind us and the Fourth of July ahead, you will probably have some red/white/blue quilts gracing your home sometime this summer. So will five lucky veterans. That's how many veterans' quilts the guild members made this year. Thanks to those who made individual quilts, those who made blocks for two quilts, those who assembled the blocks into quilts, and those who quilted or bound them. They show our love and support for those who serve and protect our country. These quilts will be distributed to veterans using the services of the Veteran's Administration Clinic and Hospital here in eastern PA.

Is it too hot to think about starting a big quilting project this summer? How about a quick community service item? Take an orphan block, add some sashing, some leftover batting and some of that fabric that is just taking up space in your stash for the back and you have a one-of-a-kind placemat for Meals on Wheels. OR two 8 inch by 12 inch rectangles, sewn with a ½ inch seam and stuffed, make a breast cancer pillow. Quick, easy and so appreciated.

Tuesday, July 4 - National Holiday – No Meeting, No Program, No Sit & Sew

COMING Tuesday, August 1, 7:00pm at Holy Spirit

CQ members present: Show & Tell Switch Up

We've heard you say "Show & Tell is too fast. I'd like more time to ask questions." Here is your chance to get up close and personal as six members of the guild showcase their work. Don't miss this opportunity to see a diverse group of finished quilts.

Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thanks to the volunteers who provided the group with the refreshments for the June meeting. They were Sharon Schaffer, Barb Seely, Cindy Fantasia, Linda Wojciechowski, Samantha Miller, Nancy Skok and Kathy Schuessler.

Reminder: no meeting planned for July.

August is the ice cream social. The Hospitality committee will provide the ice cream and toppings. If you have a special request, email me and I will try to accommodate.

September is the traditional pot luck meal. Each member brings a food item to share and their own place setting (placemat, plates, cup, napkin, utensils). An arrangement of flowers on the table can be added to enhance the table setting. I will have extra plates in case someone forgets (as I did in my first year). September dinner is at **6 pm**. Any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Carol Willis has volunteered to donate the raffle basket for the August meeting. Special thanks for the following donations! Two new books have been donated to the library. Rhonda Moore gave us Crazy Quilting by J. Marsha Michler. The Quilt that Walked to Golden by Sandra Dallas was donated by Barb Seely.

I'll be ordering some new books for the library in July that have been requested. If you are interested in a book or subject, please contact Michele with your suggestion for the library.

Honey Bees and Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

There is not enough interest in the guild to continue meeting as a group. Honey Bees started out as a daytime appliqué or hand-work group and Worker Bees as an evening hand-work group. A re-forming of those two Bee groups is always welcome and new groups will be gladly received.

Stitch on Ladies.

Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

Announcing a new Modern Bee....this bee will meet the last Wednesday of each month beginning in September. We will have show and tell, and talk modern quilt aesthetics including but not limited to design and color as well as sew, snack and converse. Bring your machine or handwork and a packed lunch. If you are interested please contact Nicole. Once the level of interested is determined a local location will be set and announced at the August meeting.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We will have a quilters' studio prior to the meeting on August 1st. We will again discuss blocking a quilt and Sandra will discuss her results.

If you have any topics you would like to share or if you need help with something, please email me to get on the schedule. Please email me if you plan to attend. There is nothing better than a room full of quilters to help you out.

Also, bring your favorite "can't live without" quilting tool. We will meet at 5:45 prior to the meeting in the conference room. Thanks and see you in August!

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

Quilts of Valor were shown by Doris Horwath, Ruth Hoffman, Barb Kissell, Lorraine Bujnowski, and Pat Piasecki; also a Hospice Quilt was shown by Jane Merkel.

Other Show & Tell creations were by Denise Riemer, Dawn Martrich, Judy Walker, Sandra Mugridge, Mercedes Gurniak, Shawn Weida {2}, Ann Lineberger, Doris Horwath {2}, Barb Kissell, Linda Anderson, Suzanne Nelson, {2}, Linda Schmoyer, and Nicole Folino.

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

Our membership drive for 2017-2018 will begin at our August meeting where dues--remaining at a bargain rate of \$25--will be collected. Please write out a check for \$25 to Crazy Quilters or have \$25 in **exact** bills, as change is not always easily available.

If more convenient for you, you mail your check for \$25 to Judy Walker whose address appears on the membership list. Our membership drive will extend through the October meeting.

At the June meeting, there were 70 in attendance! Way to go! Julie McDonell won the name tag prize of a pack of three Frixion gel pens. Happy Summer!

Birthdays for July. Enjoy your special day!

1 Paula Jacobus	21 Diana Campbell
9 Nancy Ayers	21 Kathie Laposata
9 Samantha Cetrulo	22 Kathryn Helffrich
11 Julie McDonell	26 Marlene Dorman
15 Jane Martin	

Birthdays for August

6 Patricia Pynes	22 Karen Landis
7 Valerie Lee	26 Diana Martin
15 Mercedes Gurniak	26 Margie Walsh-Sanky
18 Karen Dalpezzo	29 Tina Middlecamp

Raffle Quilt

Bethanne Nemes

Many thanks to all the volunteers for helping to create this year's quilt. It is nearing completion of construction and will be quilted this summer. At this time I hope we have all the volunteers needed to bring it to a lovely finish.

Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrullo

We received dates for white gloving for the Oaks show. They are looking for 12 hours on Friday 9/15/2017 and 20 hours on Saturday 9/16/2017. Some members will be at Paducah so please consider signing up if able. Please contact Sam, if interested. Also, we need volunteers to sell raffle quilt tickets on Thursday 9/14 through Sun 9/17/2017.

Crazy Quilters 2017 Challenge - "A Solid Challenge"

Denise Wagner

2017 Crazy Quilters Challenge – A Solid Challenge



This year we are giving you a couple

of challenges to meet in one quilt.

- ❖ Your quilt must measure 30" wide and 39" long
- ❖ Your quilt must use only fabrics that are true solids
- ❖ You can use as many true solid fabrics as you wish but you must use a minimum of two
- ❖ Your quilt must be quilted
- ❖ A 3" hanging sleeve is very helpful but not required.

There are a gazillion ideas in magazines and on the internet, so if you don't have ideas in the magazine and books you have at home then take a stroll to the library and do some investigating. This is a great way to try something a little different, stretch your quilting borders and take a step outside your quilting comfort zone, it'll be fun. ☺

Crazy Quilters Budget for 2017-2018

Karen Hartzell

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, at my house for the purpose of establishing the budget. To all officers and committee chairs: Please send your requests for the 2018 budget to Sharon Pieller before July 15. (Editor's note – the current budget is attached to this newsletter.)

Sunshine and Shadows

Sandra Mugridge

Two members of the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild have been pictured in the July/August 2017 edition of McCall's Quilting with fellow members of their Asbury United Methodist Church Quilters. Adele Bush and Diana Defanti are seen in the Quilter to Quilter section with the group's quilt, St. Lucia Stars, which they will contribute to a fundraiser. This is the second time the group and their quilt have been featured.

Crazy Quilters Historian Needed

Marlene Dorman

I have talked to Karen and would like to have someone take over as the historian due to other commitments. I will gladly help anyone that is interested in transitioning to historian.

Member News

Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

As you begin your travel plans for the upcoming summer travel and vacation season please remember to collect the unused toiletries from your hotel visits. Once again this holiday season bags of toiletries will be given to the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison Project. There are over 600 homeless children in the schools in Allentown this year and many are living in shelters or under bridges.

The school district provides one employee to help these children in any way they can and one of the small but so important requests they make is to provide toiletries, shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrushes and deodorant etc. for the students. A Holiday Party is provided in December and a small bag filled with these items is placed at

each table setting. It doesn't seem like much but sometimes it is the only gift a child might receive. Several organizations provide regular sized hygiene items and grocery store gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each throughout the year but it is these small gift bags that will make a difference. Please bring any toiletries you might collect either while on vacation or at the travel size department at your favorite store to the guild meetings between May and October. Whether it is one item or a bag full we are grateful to have something to place in these bags. Thank you for your support, and for making a difference.

Yarn Needed

Ruth Skinner

I am still collecting yarn to make items for the residents at Cedarbrook nursing home in Allentown.

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Calendar of Events

from the editor

July 1-9, Kutztown Folk Festival, Kutztown Fairgrounds, www.Kutztownfestival.com.

July 20-23, Quilt Odyssey, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA, www.quiltodyssey.com.

July 21-22, Peach Blossoms - Quilts in the Orchard Quilt Show, Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE, www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org.

September 9-10, Quilt Spectacular, Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Walk In Art Center, Schuylkill Haven, PA, 570-544-3993.



Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA.

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – **Board Meeting 6pm**, at the home of Karen Hartzell.

Guild Officers

President: Karen Hartzell

First Vice-President (Programs): Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

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Secretary: Ann Lineberger

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Challenge: Denise Wagner

Community Service: Kathie Laposata

Historical: Marlene Dorman

Hospitality: Diana Defanti

Library: Michele McLaughlin and Barb Seely

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