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From The President

Donna Gasser

As we approach July with temperatures heating up, I hope you are all having a relaxing summer, and finding time to fit in some sewing in the air conditioning. I have been trying to work in my yard establishing gardens, watering, and weeding before noon, then using the afternoon to stay inside sewing or prepping the house for my knee replacement surgery on June 25th. I have a few books and hand projects in the works when I am basically not readily mobile. I am blessed with my kids and friends offering to help out if I need anything.

As you heard at the last guild meeting, Julie and Cathleen announced that Ways and Means decided on a Quilt Show/Quilters' Closet sale/Silent Auction event as a fund raiser for our guild on September 13, 2025, with set-up the day before. Many of our members expressed that they desired a way to show off their talents. Well, this event should do that and more. This will take place at Calvary Church. We have the use of the sanctuary for the actual main quilt show, draping the quilts over the pews with a few hanging from the balcony. Other quilts will be displayed in a few classrooms and in the hallways. We also will have use of the fellowship room that we meet in monthly. Around the outside of the room will be silent auction items. Whoever donates an item or group of items should have a starting bid established so that an attendee can then up the bid if they want the item.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
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: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, July 2nd 7 p.m.

Sit & Sew: July 30th Noon to 6 p.m., Lindberg Park, Allentown

Workshop: July 20th, Brita Nelson – Disappearing Nine Patch, Calvary Baptist Church, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Quilting is powerful!
It gets rid of
depression,
relieves anxiety,
and improves
creative thinking.
Be Powerful!

From the President – Continued

And lastly in Quilters' Closet area we will have items for sale at set prices. The items could be stuff from your quilting supplies you no longer need or smaller new items you made for this event. And lastly there will be space to demo some quilting skills, small mini sessions on a schedule to show maybe EPP, binding application, applique, yoyos, etc. At our meeting in July, there will be signup sheets for the various committees needed to make this event happen. Please sign up to help.

Due to my surgery. Vicki will be conducting the next guild meeting. I will join via Zoom if it is possible for me to do so (my reception is sketchy at times).

Happy sewing & Happy Fourth of July, Donna

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

July 2, 2024 - LIVE lecture with Brita Nelson as she shares her "Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks program. After retiring in 2017, Brita decided to share of love of quilting with others by offering classes. While practicing her potholder design for beginners, she asked herself what type of batting would be best to use. A name brand and a passion were born!

July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP - Making Magic: A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt Workshop



Brita returns on Saturday, July 20, for a full-day, LIVE workshop at Calvary Baptist Church. Registration is now open. The cost of the workshop is \$35/student. There is a limit of 20 students. Jane Merkel will be accepting registrations at our June and July meetings. Please make checks payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. There will be a \$10 pattern fee which can be purchased online, or at our regular meeting on July 2. **Deadline to register is July 8th**. Class begins at 10:00 AM and runs until 4:30 PM with a half-hour lunch break. Doors will open at 9:00 to give you time to set up your machine and other equipment. Once you have paid for your registration, Jane will give you a handout with the class requirements and directions for the day. Have fun making magic!



August 6, 2024 – A Very Merry Unbirthday!

This birthday is for EVERYONE – including YOU! We will play different types of games, have a contest or two and of course, serve ice cream, cake, and tea! Hone up on your "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" knowledge, as well as proper manners when attending a tea. You may also want to research some facts about tea itself. An article on tea manners is included in this newsletter to get you started. Some of the games will take some preparation on your part. Look for an asterick*.

In honor of the Mad Hatter, we will have a hat decorating contest!* Choose your style and an assortment of embellishments and come prepare to "strut your stuff." **Please inform Sue if you will be participating in the Mad Hatter's Hat Decorating Contest by July 22nd**.

In Chapter V of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," Alice encounters the Caterpillar who asks her, "Who are you?" What better way to get to know someone than to introduce yourself to someone new to Guild or to someone you don't know well than to eat with them? Members will be asked to sit with those who share the same birth month. If your birthday is in January, you'll sit with others whose birthday is in January. If your birthday is in February, you'll sit at the February table, and so on for each month of the year.

In Lewis Carroll's second book, "Through the Looking Glass"* , Alice finds many curious people and things. Our matching game is based more on the title than what lies on the other side of the mirror. **Members are asked to submit their baby picture to Sue Marin no later than Monday, July 22, 2024.** They will be displayed for everyone to see; members will have to match the baby with the current version of yourself.

Guild Quilt

Jessica Dayon

Thank you for the fabric donations! I am currently going through the fabric to see if we need anything else.

I am planning to meet before the August meeting to cut and package fabric kits for each block. I will share the meeting time and next update in the August newsletter.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski

Sit 'n Sew at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus is on hiatus over the summer.

Summer Sit 'n Sews at Lindberg Park

Jane Merkel

The next Sit 'n Sew at Lindberg Park in Allentown will be Tuesday, July 30th, from noon until 6 or whenever. The last will be Tuesday, Aug, 20.



Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our June meeting, 57 members attended in person, 1 member attended on zoom. We received 3 new members and had 1 visitor, for a total of 62 in attendance. Our total paid guild membership for 2024 is 93.

We welcome 3 new members:

Gladys Hockman enjoys sewing factories, travel, quilting, knitting & gardening.

Cathy Schadler is retired from LVHN. She likes panel & appliqué quilts. She is presently working on a Frozen quilt & Jelly roll rugs.

Carol Shade likes gardening & works with Volunteer Fire Company & food bank.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

The hot days of summer are here! When you wish to cool off, consider doing a project or two to help with our efforts for Community Service. You will find instructions under our tab on Crazy Quilters' website. Whatever suits your interests will be gratefully appreciated.

Better Done Than Perfect Round 2

Lorraine Bujnowski

OK, everyone! Too hot to garden! The only thing left to do is head to your sewing room and get busy on your UFO's. It will be delightful there. Hopefully, you'll have air conditioning and/or a super fan to keep you cool. I'll expect to see many completed quilts from your UFO list if this weather continues this summer.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

May thanks to the members who provided our snacks for the June meeting. They were Lori Stein, Karen Hartzell, Dawn Dengler, and Michele McLaughlin. Greatly appreciated.

July members are Patty Feninez, Judy Walker, Pat Wolfe, Rae Consigli and Karen Landis. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting.



Quilt Challenge 2024

Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The challenge this year will be "Quilts in Movies/Literature". This can be an actual quilt seen in a movie or mentioned in a piece of literature or a quilt inspired by either of these. All entries should have a little write up that can be posted with their quilt telling what the inspiration was for the entry. Entries due by December 28th.

Four Categories:

Large (over 40x40)

Small (less than 40x40)

Other (garments, placemats, bags, etc.)

Original (items that were not created using a pattern created by someone other than the maker)

Any questions, feel free to contact me (Irene).

Tea Trivia

1. *Tea was once used as money. Tea leaves were compressed into bricks and used as a form of currency.*
2. *English teacups did not have handles. They were originally fashioned after the handle-less cups used in China. It wasn't until the 19th century that handles appeared on teacups. They were inspired by the cups used for chocolate.*
3. *Iced tea got its kickstart in the USA around the 1870's. Recipes for flavored teas with honey and sugar became very popular. Iced tea was a great hit at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.*

4. *Tea grows on trees! In 1991, a tree in the Yunnan Province of China measured 84' tall. It was estimated to be 2,700 years old.*

5. *Darjeeling tea is the most well-renowned and is often referred to the "Champaign of Teas".*

6. *Turkey drinks the most tea. Ireland is second; the UK is third.*



7. *Tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world. Water is #1.*

8. *All tea comes from the same plant. What makes the different types is how it is processed.*

9. *According to the Tea Association of the United States of America, 84% of the tea consumed in America is black tea. Of that amount, 75% – 85% is served as iced tea.*

Numbers 1-7 came from "The Collector.com/history-of-tea-facts."

Numbers 8-9 came from Big Heart Tea.



July Birthdays:

Paula Jacobus - July 1
Nancy Ayers - July 9
Samantha Cetrulo - July 9
Julie McDonell - July 11
Diana Campbell - July 21
Kathie Laposata - July 21
Janet Levinson - July 23

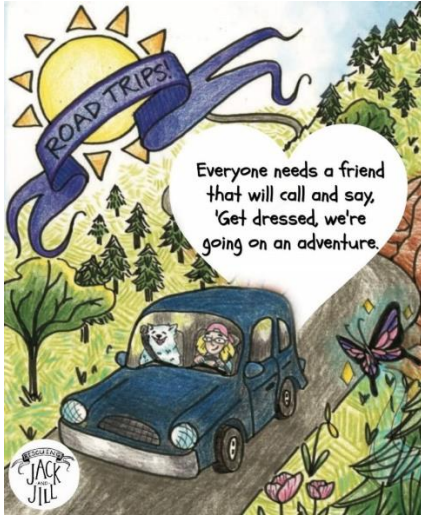
Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick
Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak
Fundraising & Ways & Means: Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel
Guild Quilt Construction: Jessica Dayon
Historical: Kathy Moore
Hospitality: Diana DeFanti
Library: Michele McLaughlin
Newsletter: Karen Rush
Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski
Quilters Studio: Julie Borden
Retreat: Sandy O'Conner
Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Judy Walker
Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski
Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede
Website: Nancy Scholz

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 21st.

Upcoming Events



June 29 – July 7 – [Kutztown Folk Festival](#), Quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale.

July 20 - WORKSHOP - Brita Nelson – The Disappearing Block Sampler. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

September 11-14 – AQS Quilt Week, Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center, 75 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA 17545

[American Quilter's Society -](#)

September 12-15 – [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#), Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

September 14 & 15 – Cranberry Quilters Quilt Show, Weatherly Area Middle School Gym, 602 6th St, Weatherly, PA

October 4 & 5 – [Berks Quilters Guild 2024 Quilt Show, Quilts from the Heart of Berks](#), Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.

October 11 & 12 – [Keystone Quilters Quilt Show](#) “Star Struck”, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073

October 18 & 19 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA

October 25 – November 9 – Eastern PA Shop Hop

November 8 & 9 – 15th -- Biennial Lebanon Quilters Guild Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon EXPO Center.
[LQG QUILT SHOWS – 2024 – Lebanon Quilters Guild](#)

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to Karen.