

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy about Quilting

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From The President Julie McDonell

It's a relief to have the election over. The robocalls are back to "normal", and voicemail isn't filled up with politicians. Working at the poll for years has turned into a something of a social event for me. There are neighbors who may live two blocks away that I only see twice a year at the polling place. It makes for a long day, but it feels good because I leave with a sense of community – not unlike the quilt guild experience.

So, now I briefly have to step up on my "soap box" regarding a quilting issue. As I was selling tickets at the Albutis May Day Festival, it occurred to me, once again, that we should practice what we preach. There's constant dialogue about how important it is to **label** our quilts, and yet this beautiful raffle quilt is naked in that regard. Might anyone like to correct this omission?

Hopefully by the time you read this our spring monsoon has ended. If anyone wanted to get outside work done, it was between raindrops. I finally managed to get ten new plants, from the LMT Garden Club sale, into the ground. Now I'll see how long it takes the rabbits to wreak havoc! I'm keeping my fingers crossed because I seem to have formed an odd attachment with some of those sweet bits of greenery.



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

The Show and Tell at the May meeting was dominated by Camp Erin quilts. This year we made 26 quilts, with colors and patterns that will suit all types of kids. If you like to make scrappy quilts, be sure to look at the pictures when they are posted on the website. You're sure to be inspired.

The last set of pillowcases was delivered to Ryan's Case for Smiles coordinator last week. Our total contribution to the charity this year was 381 pillowcases.

Thanks to everyone who has taken time to contribute to these community service projects. I know you all are kept busy just sewing for your own family and friends. It takes special people to put considerable time and talent into making things for those who we have never personally met, but have a need that we can satisfy. How wonderful to be associated with friends like you!

Quilts for veterans will be collected at the June and July meetings. These quilts will be distributed to veterans using the services of the Veteran's Administration Clinic and Hospital here in eastern PA. I'm sure these veterans appreciate both the physical warmth of the quilt and the warmth of knowing that people in the community care for their comfort.



Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

COMING Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** guest speaker **Mary Kerr** will present quilts from her newest book, Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist.

This fabulous collection features modern quilts that were created using vintage textiles. Join in the fun as Mary shares her unique approach that gives us permission to play with vintage textiles in new and exciting ways.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - 9 am to 3 pm at **Faith Presbyterian**, A Wonky Star: Improv with a Vintage Twist.

Workshop opportunity -- There is still room for you! Sign up by emailing Julie Davidovich.

Embrace the magic as you are given permission to combine the love of vintage with a fun modern aesthetic. Work with vintage textiles to create a wonky star with lots of negative space for modern quilting designs. The workshop is packed full of tips for working with vintage fragments and ways to showcase these treasured pieces. Students are encouraged to bring their own vintage blocks and fragments or they may purchase a kit of their choice in class for an additional fee. Finished sizes will vary. \$25 workshop fee paid to the guild is required to hold your space.



Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will be held this month, June 9th, the Saturday following the meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus From 10:00 – 4:00





Quilt Exhibition at Allentown Art Museum

Sharon Yurkanin

The dates for our quilt exhibition in the AAM community gallery have been moved to November. It became too stressful to try to get it organized by August without a meeting in July for quilt delivery. The new dates are as follows:

Crazy Quilters	November 11 – December 9, 2018	
Friday, Nov 9	9:00 – 4:00	Delivery and Installation
Sunday, Nov 11	1:30 – 3:30	Opening and Reception
Sunday, Dec 9		Closing day
Monday, Dec 10	9:00 – 4:00	Deinstall

At the June meeting I will touch base with those of you who have already volunteered to help.



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

There will not be a Quilters Studio in June. Ideas for future sessions are appreciated. RSVP to Julie Borden.



Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Denise Riemer has volunteered to donate the gift basket in June.



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you hospitality volunteers who had signed up to bring a refreshment for the May meeting. The volunteers were Val Johnson, Suzanne Nelson, Dawn Martrich, Ruth Hoffman, Jane Merkel, and Roberta Whitcomb. A great variety of refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

JUNE volunteers are Diane Pesola, Nancy Horning, Carole Whaling, Deb Veshinsky, Helen Dubas and Wendy Anttila. You will be reminded the week before the meeting. If there are any concerns or problems, please notify me and I will accommodate.



Membership

Judy Walker

We had 57 members attend the May meeting, along with 4 visitors. One person, Valerie Barber, rejoined from last year. Valerie lives in Allentown and has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. She used to play tennis and is an intermediate quilter. She also likes to cook and play Bridge. 48 members wore their name tags and our two winners of the fat quarters were: Roberta Whitcomb and Maria Hance.

June Birthdays

Denise Reimer	1	Nicole Foline	25
Adele Bush	16	Carol Willis	30
Judy Warmkessel	22		



A Sewing Product Tip

Ruth Skinner

Do you know about **Terrial Magic** a spray in a plastic container that is great for appliqué? It changes the feel of fabric to paper.



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 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.

I am so thrilled with all the work you all did on your modern log cabin mug rugs. Great job everyone! The Modern Bee will meet at Nicole's home on May 30th from 9:30 - 12. We will continue to work on our ROYGBIV mini quilts.

<u>9:30a.m. -1:30p.m. Odd Months</u>	<u>6-9p.m. Even</u>
<u>Months</u>	
May 30, 2018	June 27, 2018
July 25, 2018	August 29, 2018



Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

We had two shows in April where we sold raffle tickets. We did \$346 in raffle ticket sales at the **Allentown Fiber Festival**. We have been receiving ticket purchases via our P.O box for the NJ show and have done \$149 so far! From the NJ show, we also had some interest in joining our guild from a current NJ resident who will be moving to our area later this year!

We have an upcoming show at **ArtsQuest** in Bethlehem on June 2nd and June 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email me.

Our next big show is in Hershey at **Quilt Odyssey** from July 19 - 22nd. There are lots of spots left for volunteers. Please email me to sign up for a shift. This might be our last big show for the 2018 raffle quilt.

We have an exciting new local opportunity for our guild this year, at the Allentown Fair. We are invited to sell raffle tickets and demo some of the work that we do during the fair on Tuesday, August 28th and Friday, August 31st, in the

evening. We are asked to bring something to work on to show visitors to the fair what we do at our guild. We also have the opportunity during the day to be present at the fair on the weekends.

Please let me know when you are interested in volunteering. Tuesday and Friday night are the busiest time for the fair in that area. Additionally, did you know you can enter your quilts in the Allentown Fair? They are excited for us to participate and look forward to seeing some of our work.

We are also asked to volunteer for quilt and cross stitch drop-offs before the fair starts on Thursday, August 23rd and Friday, August 24th from 8 am - 6 pm. You will be given a list of requirements for the quilt, such as size, and you need to make sure it meets the requirements.

Please email to sign up for a shift or more details. More information will follow at our next meeting.



Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

Lots and lots of Camp Erin quilts were shown by: Paula Jacobus, Karen Landis, Diana DeFanti, Donna Gasser, Kathie Laposata, Lorraine Bujnowski, Linda Wojciechowski, Kim Orndorf, Ann Lineberger, Jane Merkel, Michele McLaughlin, Dawn Martrich, Ruth Hoffman, Sandra Mugridge, Maria Hance, and Elizabeth Riccaboni. In some cases, 2 Camp Erin quilts per quilter were shown.

Additional Show & Tell quilts by: Suzanne Nelson {3}, Carole Whaling {2}, Roberta Whitcomb, Robin Steinhofner {2}, Elizabeth Riccaboni, and Diana DeFanti. What a great display!



Challenge

Jane Merkel

A new story board will be coming each month. They illustrate IDEAS that you might find inspiring regarding using fabric panels. (I now see panels everywhere!) Also, if you have been rooting through your stash and found panels to share with others, bring them along to give away. I hope this challenge will be FUN for you. ENJOY!!

CRAZY QUILTERS 2018 CHALLENGE

“PANEL” PLAY

1. USING A FABRIC PANEL, CREATE A QUILT OR A QUILTED ITEM.
2. THERE IS NO SIZE RESTRICTION, BUT KEEP IN MIND WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH DISPLAYING A LARGER QUILT (BUT WE WILL MAKE IT WORK).THERE WILL BE TWO CATEGORIES, QUILT AND/NON- QUILT. BOTH CATEGORIES MUST USE THE PANEL IN A QUILTED FORM. QUILT CATEGORY MIGHT INCLUDE WALL QUILTS, TABLERUNNERS, AND BED QUILTS. NON- QUILT ITEMS MIGHT INCLUDE TOTE BAGS, PURSES, PILLOWS, OR QUILTED CLOTHING.
3. YOU MAY ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES, AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE.
4. YOU MAY DONATE PANELS FOR OTHERS TO TAKE AND UTILIZE. JUST BRING THEM TO A MEETING, PLACE THEM ON THE BACK TABLE AND PUT A NOTE ON THAT IT IS FOR THE 2018 CHALLENGE.
5. THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.
6. PRIZES AWARDED IN BOTH CATEGORIES.
7. QUESTIONS: CONTACT Jane Merkel.



Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

Summer is coming soon and as we travel I want to remind you to collect the small hotel toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Project. Again, this year the ASD has over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time, they look forward to the little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics filled with products the children so desperately need. Many times, this is the only gift they receive. I have begun collecting Christmas fabrics as they are beginning to appear in the fabric stores. I will make as many as I can. But I also need your help.

If you have small travel size toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or anything small tucked away from your hotel stays or pick up a few small hygiene items in the travel section at your grocery store or Target please consider bringing it to a guild meeting. Please take a look in your linen closet, bathroom drawers or even your suitcases and see if you don't have some small bottles tucked away, but nothing previously used, please. Bring your items to a guild meeting between now and November and we will see how many bags we can provide for the kids this year.

This project started years ago with the women who attended the Guild Retreat and has grown tremendously – our first year we made and filled 20 bags. Last year with your donations I was able to fill 250 bags which were so gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your support



Here's a cartoon from Lorraine Bujnowski.



See the next page for another one.

Calendar of Events

from the editor

June 9, Main Line Quilters, Trash to Treasure Sale, Tredyffrin Township Library.

June 30-July 8, Kutztown Folk Festival, www.KutztownFestival.com.

July 19-22, Quilt Odyssey 2018, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

August 16-18, Lancaster Fiber Festival, Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, Lancaster, PA, www.LancasterFiberFestival.com.

September 13-16, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

October 5-6, Berk Quilters Guild, Quilt Show 2018, Leesport Farmers Market, www.berksquiltersguild.org.

November 2-17, 16th Annual Eastern PA Shop Hop, [Facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop](https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop).

November 9-10, Lebanon Quilters Guild 12th Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, www.lebanonquiltersguild.com.

November 17, Mail Line Quilters, Quilt Show and Holiday Boutique, Berwyn United Methodist Church.



Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, June 5, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, May 9, 2018 - **Sit & Sew, 10 – 4**, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

June 2-3, **Raffle Quilt Marketing**, Bethlehem, ArtsQuest

July 19-22, **Raffle Quilt Marketing**, Hershey. Quilt Odyssey

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