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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Donna Gasser

As many of you know I volunteer at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Our gardens are in bloom and it is school field trip season, so things are hopping there.

When I am home, I have been cutting and sewing. Bookmarks for our Bingo are easy sewing and turned while I watch TV many evenings or cover the desk at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center. If you want a copy of the pattern I created, please email me. Or find one you like on the internet and make up a batch or two. I am almost done with a trifold display for our guild. Near that will be membership forms and a basket with the bookmarks as a "Thank you for coming!" gift.

All quilts, quilted items, tricky tray items, and bookmarks for our Bingo should be turned in by our August meeting date. If anyone has concerns about meeting that deadline for quilts, Vicki needs to be contacted via email, text, or phone call. She will be asking for the size and pattern name for the quilt. Tickets will be available as long as they last and ticket money collected at all meetings and Sit & Sews (outside and inside) through September's meeting. Tricky Tray items go to Jane Merkel. I will collect and keep count of the bookmarks. Pat Piasecki will be announcing drop-off places and times for baked goods. Please contact any of us if you have any concerns or questions.

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: Nicole Folino  
Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, June 6th, 7 p.m.,  
Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) Allentown

## **No Guild Meeting in July**

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday June 17th, 10 am – 4:30 pm  
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

**Sit & Sew in the Park:** Monday, June 12, 1-6 p.m.  
Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown



## Programs

Nicole Folino

### **June 6th: Preserve Your Quilts**

#### **400 Years of Quilts at the Click of a Mouse**

As former president of the national nonprofit Quilt Alliance, Meg often gives lectures about the amazing online resources of the Alliance and other quilt archives. These include an oral history project archived at the Library of Congress, and the Quilt Index, an online repository of more than 60,000 quilts. Did you know that you can study every single quilt owned by the Metropolitan Museum online? Or that you can view every exhibit at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum virtually? Meg gives audiences the story behind some amazing quilts and gives them ideas for taking inspiration from online quilts *without breaking copyright laws*.



Meg Cox is a veteran journalist whose career includes 17 years as a staff writer for the Wall Street Journal. For 14 years, she has produced a popular, free monthly newsletter called Quilt Journalist Tells All and she is a regular writer for *Quiltfolk* magazine. She is the author of 5 books including *The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide*. Previously president of the national nonprofit Quilt Alliance, Meg is now on the board of advisors for the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. Meg has lectured all over the country and taught quilting at the American Folk Art Museum in New York City and the Newark Museum. Her mother taught her to quilt in 1988, never knowing that quilting would become the center of her life. Find out more at [www.megcox.com](http://www.megcox.com).

Program for July - none/no meeting

Program for August - Ice Cream social/Hands on Shashiko Project and SHOPPING!!



Our friends from Needles and Bolts will be on hand, literally, to provide a short lesson on Shashiko. Kits will be provided. They will also set up a small table of items from their adorable shop located at 6819 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19119 <https://www.needlesandbolts.com> Guest fee for this meeting will be \$10.

## Better Done than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

Keep working on those unfinished projects! Everyone is anxious to see them completed!!!



## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

We thank you all for your continuing work and creativity as you complete items for Community Service. Please continue your generosity during these Spring and Summer months, but most certainly enjoy every opportunity to be outdoors!

Please mark your calendars for our first Service Sewcial, which will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. It will be held at Calvary Church, and the only requirement for entry is to bring your smile and your machine and your service projects. Stay for the whole time or drop in and out as you choose. We'll provide coffee to get us going in the morning and ask that you bring your lunch and snacks as you wish. This will give a great chance for fellowship and fun, with more time together to get service projects done. We hope to see many of you there!

## Quilt Bingo

Vicki Pede



This is just a reminder to please mark your calendars for our first Quilt Bingo which will be held at the Fearless Fire Company in Allentown on Sunday, September 10, 2023 beginning at 1:00; doors will open at noon. At our January meeting, some ideas of items you can donate were provided; sample baskets were shared with you at the May meeting. If you have any kinds of items already, feel free to bring them along to any meeting. The baskets we will put together to entice folks to buy

tickets to win them may be either sewing related or non-sewing related. Please know that Jane Merkel is heading this portion of the bingo and will accept tricky tray donations at any meeting. Just seek her out at any meeting! She had a box at last meeting for you to contribute and is going to continue doing that for us. Believe me, the sky's the limit! Already, we have 17 quilts and another 6 told that they are coming; please remember that the deadline for quilts to us in August 1st. If you have one that you are donating and have not told a committee member, please do so in order that we have an accurate count. What we could use are table runners or table toppers to use as door prizes and/or tie breakers. The number of ties is something that is always an unknown no matter how much you plan. Your generosity is certainly appreciated, and please let us know if there is anything you are doing. We WILL have tickets again for sale at the June meeting. Please see Donna and Julie for these at our meeting. Following that meeting, ticket information will be sent to other guilds and out to the public. My advice is DON'T WAIT TOO LONG because tickets could sell out quickly! Remember that pre-sale price is \$25.00. Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our June meeting and we will try our best to answer them. Again, since this will be our only fundraiser for 2023, we are hoping that it is really successful for our guild and YOU are the determining factor in that.

Hope you are diving into your "stash" to see what you might contribute for our tricky tray! I will be present to collect your offerings.



## Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

Here's our schedule for summer stitching.

June:

Share Windswept Pincushion (pg. 59) at guild meeting.

In sewing room, work on This and That (pg. 65)

July No meeting -- In sewing room, keep working on This and That

August:

Share This and That at guild meeting

In sewing room, work on Twirligigs (pg. 75)

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for June 17th, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$7 donation for the church. And don't forget an extension cord and light. An iron and ironing board are provided, but you may also bring a small iron for use at your station.

**Text or call me by noon the day before to reserve your spot,** and please be prepared to help set up and store tables. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Summer "Sit & Sew" in the Park

Jane Merkel

In previous years, we have gathered outdoors during the summer for the purpose of socializing, sharing, doing handwork, getting advice. This started as a result of our isolation during Covid, but we are continuing it this summer. It is totally informal and FUN!

All dates are at Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown, Pa. 18103. This location is part of Salisbury Township. There is electricity and bathrooms at this site. Come for whatever time you can. No need to pre-register, just come and enjoy!

June 12, a Monday, 1:00pm till 6:00pm

July 25, a Tuesday, 1:00pm till 6:00pm

August 22, a Tuesday, 1:00pm till 6:00pm

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Many thanks to the members who provided refreshments for the May meeting. They were Kim Bringhurst, Linda Anderson, Linda Green and Linda Griest.

June members who signed up to bring an item are Rhonda Moore, Kathy Moore, Nancy Skok, Rae Consigli and Irene Oehmke. You will receive a reminder prior to the June meeting.



## 2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

Rules for the Challenge:

Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.

Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023

The challenge is open to guild members only

There will be four (4) categories:

Large — (40X40 or larger)

Small — (less than 40X40)

Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc

Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.

I've been noticing hearts in many places lately. In the leaves of a Sweet Caroline plant, the breast of a Rose Breasted Grossbeak, and on a flyer for an organization. Inspiration is everywhere.



Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

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### *Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949*

*Prepare yourself mentally for sewing.  
Think about what you are going to do. Never  
approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good  
results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never  
try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds  
unmade.*

*When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these  
first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.  
When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible.  
Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk  
near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at  
intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick  
put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might  
drop in or your husband will come home, and you will  
not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your  
sewing.*

Thank you to Val Johnson for sharing.

**Library Trolley News and Notes**

Michele McLaughlin

Karen Landis and Pat Vaccaro have volunteered to bring the raffle gift for June! Thank you Karen and Pat!

**Membership**

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our May meeting we had 55 members participating. We had 50 in person and 5 on zoom. We had 3 guest joining us for the evening.

For participating in the Guild Program with Quiltfolk they have given us a custom coupon to use which will give you a 15 percent discount off the total amount of your next order with them. This is good thru June 30th. Have fun shopping!!



**June Birthdays:**

- Lori Smith 6/15
- Adele Bush 6/16
- Gail Shearer 6/23
- Ruth Smith 6/24
- Nichole Folino 6/25
- Carol Willis 6/30

# Quilting for charity

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Breinigsville resident Judy Walker, of the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild, cuts strips of fabric to be sewn into blocks for quilts to be donated to local charities. The guild meets monthly at Calvary Baptist Church, South Whitehall. Completed quilt tops will be donated to Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley and Turning Point. PRESS PHOTO COURTESY LINDA WOJCIECHOWSKI

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[Quilting for charity – Lehigh Valley Press \(lvnews.com\)](https://www.lehighvalleypress.com/quilting-for-charity/)

## Committees

**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke

**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

**Historical:** Kathy Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Retreat:** Sandy O’Conner

**Show and Tell:** Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Lizzie Riccaboni

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

**Fundraising & Ways & Means:** Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Phillis Walden



## Upcoming Events:



### **"TRASH TO TREASURE" SALE**

**Saturday  
June 10, 2023  
10 am – 1 pm**

Saint Luke Lutheran  
203 N. Valley Forge Road  
Devon, PA 19333



Annual Quilt Auction will be  
held on **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** at  
Noon.

### **2023 QUILT SHOW - *THE NATURE OF QUILTING***

**Dates:** June 24 & 25, 2023    **Hours:** 10 AM - 4 PM    **Admission Fee:** \$10

**Location:** Delaware Valley High School, Milford, PA

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