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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Donna Gasser

At our last guild meeting, Kathy Lapasota gave an excellent report from our nominating committee, discussing the benefits and time needed for taking an office in our guild. As I have said in the past, I found this Presidency position to be rewarding because of the support from every member of the guild when needed. Yes, there is time I have allotted every month to write this newsletter, send out emails, do agendas, stop at the post office a few times each month usually on my way to Allentown for something, and make some needed phone calls, but none of it has been overwhelming as long as I kept things fairly organized. I grab my second cup of coffee and just do what needs to be done via computer, usually within a day or two of the guild meeting, save it, then check it and edit it a few days later and send out. And as many of you have discovered, I am terrible with names—faces recognize as familiar but they don't always jog a name in my 76 yr. old brain. (I have always had this problem. When I taught health and physical education, I had 60+ kids in a class and wouldn't get names and faces clicking until after the December holidays.) Again, guild members willingly have helped me with this. Our guild will not function well or maybe even at all without a President. Often when I receive a phone call, I direct the caller to an officer or a committee chair, so having someone to be point person is important. Please, please, please give some thought to what you could do for the guild and if you can manage this position in your schedule.

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, May 7<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

**Workshop:** Barbara Dann – Snails Trail 9 a.m. - Noon

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

*I joined a  
"Use what you have"  
challenge this week.*

*I decided to use the  
cash I have in my purse  
at the quilt store.*

## From the President – Continued

Let the Quilt Shows begin!!! I hope you all can fit visiting one or many of them into your schedule. It always inspires me to try a new pattern or new material or new gadget and maybe take a class or two. Karen Rush does an excellent job keeping us informed of these events in our newsletter. I hope you all make the best of the time and effort she puts into the newsletter by reading it and noting what is important to you!

Our Guild Quilt construction will be headed up by Jessica Dayton, a new member from last year. And on a great finish to our meeting on April 2, we had volunteers to take over the Sunshine and Shadow committee (Linda Anderson) and the Show & Tell (again Linda Anderson). After the meeting Anna Blanchette (our newest member) answered my plea for a volunteer for taking over the Website from Nancy Scholtz. Thank you all for offering to take over these important tasks.

Happy Sewing!

## Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

**April 27, 2024 - WORKSHOP** – Heather Blokzyl will teach Barn Quilt painting at Calvary. Three patterns will be available. \$50/person. All materials included. Live program only. There are only 5 more spaces available for the Barn Quilt Workshop on April 27. Registration deadline is April 2. I will accept guest registrations on a first come, first served basis up to April 15.

**May 7, 2024** - Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quilts will do a live lecture and trunk show. Barbara is celebrating her 25th anniversary in the quilting business!

**May 8, 2024 - WORKSHOP** -- Technique Class - Barbara returns on Wednesday morning to teach the Snail's Trail technique. This live technique class is fun and rewarding. You'll finish a block within the allotted three-hour class.

**June 4, 2024** – Lisa Shepard Stewart – Sewing with African Fabrics. Live lecture, truck show and “retail therapy” opportunity.



Lisa Shepard Stewart loves African fabrics with every fiber of her being. She is a multi-talented creator who first discovered African textiles in 1986, during a trip to Senegal, West Africa. Lisa has shared her passion through her three books, most recently *Accents On The Go! Designing Accessories with Cultural Style*, and her publication *FABRIGASM Magazine*, for *Lovers of African Textiles*. A graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York, Lisa has demonstrated projects on HGTV, DIY, Discovery Channel, and PBS. She was featured in Issue 29 of *Quiltfolk* magazine. Her *Cultured*

*Expressions* Quilting & Sewing Studio is located in Rahway, NJ. It is a great source for fabrics, kits, and classes.

I am so excited that Lisa will be joining us in person on June 4 to share her passion! Her talk “Sewing with African Fabrics” will provide inspiration. Lisa will also provide a trunk show and offer an opportunity for retail therapy after her talk. We won't have to wait to get started on our own African fabric projects!

**July 2, 2024** - Brita Nelson, also known as “The Questioning Quilter,” will do a live lecture, “Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks”.

**July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - Brita returns for a live, six-hour workshop – The Disappearing Block Sampler. At the end of the day, you will have completed nine blocks.



**August 6, 2024** – End the year with our Crazy Quilters' version of the Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Party. Everyone gets to celebrate! In-person only. "Do you like planning parties? Sue and Katrina are looking for people to help with decorations for our Alice in Wonderland theme, games, prizes, music and/or entertainment and refreshments. If interested, contact Sue Marin or Katrina Idleman."

We hope you will enjoy and support the wide variety of meetings and workshops presented this year.

### **Quilters Studio**

Julie Borden

Quilters Studio will be on hiatus until September.

### **Membership**

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our April meeting, 49 members attended in person, 6 members attended on zoom, and 3 visitors, for a total of 58 in attendance. One visitor joined for a total of 89 paid guild members for 2024.

Welcome new member:

Anna Blanchett lives in Allentown. She is a data engineer and has been quilting for 17 years. She is excited to meet other quilters who enjoy quilting as much as she does.

### **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Thank you, thank you so much to the 18 Guild members who participated in our Service Sewcial on April 20th ! We enjoyed a very pleasant day of working and sharing our creative ideas together, and much progress was made on many projects. Many more continue to be "in the works" and we look forward to seeing them completed. The day began with clouds and gradually opened up into bright sunshine, and still we enjoyed being together and getting to know each other better. We certainly look forward to holding another Service Sewcial in October -- we'll keep you posted when the date is set.

Please continue your efforts throughout the upcoming months. We do have supplies of fabric and batting that we can share with you -- just ask!

We ask you also to consider a donation of your time and talent to help us complete the quilting part of the quilt process. Most of us are very able to handle the completion of the quilt top, but struggle with getting the next steps of putting together the quilt sandwich and getting some simple and effective quilting done. Please consider if you may be able to offer your services pro bono or at a discount to help our Guild continue and expand our efforts to provide comfort and service to our community.

### **Better Done Than Perfect Round 2**

Lorraine Bujnowski

Spring has arrived and that means the struggle for me is between gardening and quilting. Gardening in the morning, quilting in the afternoon and on those rainy days. However, you divide your time push on working on your stack of UFO's whenever it suits your schedule.



Mark your calendar for **Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 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 & Sews will be back in June!**

Jane Merkel

We will meet all three times at Lindberg Park.

Thursday, June 13 noon to six or whenever

Tuesday, July 30, noon to six or whenever

Tuesday, Aug, 20, noon to six or whenever

**Library News and Notes**

Michele McLaughlin

**Message from Karen Rush:** We will no longer be selling tickets for the 50-50 and the basket raffle during our meetings. As these activities fall under "games of chance" they are not permitted on the premises. Church Leadership was not aware we were conducting this activity and has asked us to discontinue. The church has been very generous with the low rental fees and willingness to accommodate us with special requests. In return we need to be respectful of the church beliefs and property.

**Simple Whatnots**

Suzanne Nelson

Well, all good things must come to an end. And so here we are at the finale of our Simple Whatnots journey. By my reckoning, we began showing our small quilts inspired by Kim Diehl's book, Simple Whatnots 3, in September of 2022. Of the 18 projects in the book, we made 16, jettisoning the ones with hundreds of 1-1/2 inch appliquéd squares. Fittingly, one of those projects we skipped was called Slightly Tippy, which could well describe the mental state of someone who has painstakingly appliquéd 144 postage-stamp-sized bits of fabric. I hope you have enjoyed seeing the varying interpretations of the projects members of this ad hoc group have shared over the past 17 months. Our final quilt display will be at the May meeting. I want to thank the members who jumped on board this small-quilt adventure with me. I hope you had as much fun as I did! Members who participated throughout the course of this project include: Vicki Pede, Sue Marin, Pat Wolfe, Donna Gasser, Linda Green, Phillis Walden, Linda Anderson, Ann Lineberger, Linda Wojciechowski, Karen Hartzell, Nancy Ayers, and Pat Piasecki.

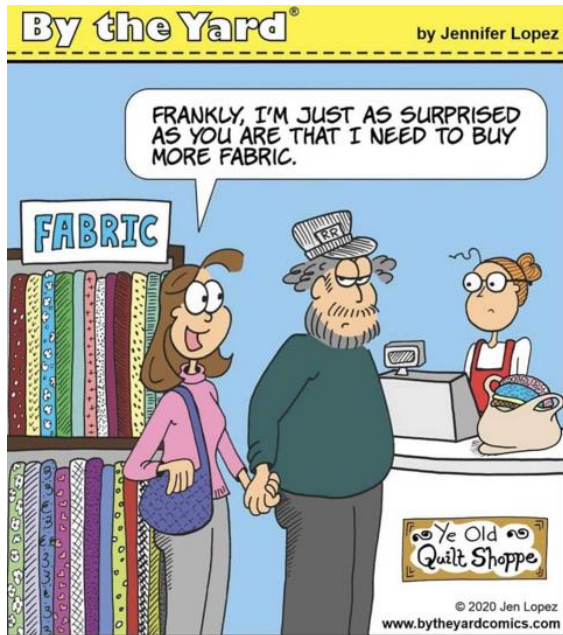


## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Many thanks to the members who brought a snack for our meeting in April. Our members enjoy this time to share and re-connect over a cup of coffee and a snack.

Members who have signed up to bring a food item for the May 7th meeting are: Linda Johnston, Ann Lineberger, Lois Drendell, Pat Vaccaro, and Linda Wojciechowski. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.



### **May Birthdays:**

Dawn Martrich - May 12

Sandra Mugridge - May 28

## 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 Dayton

**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:**

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

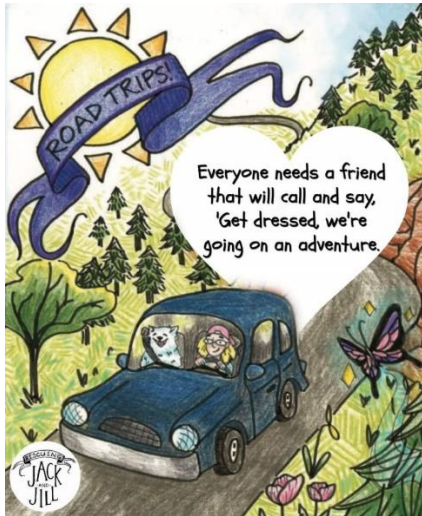
**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



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

# Upcoming Events



## 2024

**April 27 - WORKSHOP** – Heather Blokzyl -- Barn Quilt painting. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

**May 4-5** -- Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition – County Line Quilters Guild, St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>

**May 5th** - Quilt Bingo - Presented by Heart in Hand Quilt Guild, American Legion, 2260 Courier Rd, Easton PA. Doors open at noon, Games start at 1:00. Lunch/ Refreshments Available, Tricky Tray too. 20 game, 5 specials, Tickets are limited. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door - For Tickets call Vicki Pedi 908-310-3526

**May 8 - WORKSHOP** -- Barbara Dann -- Snail's Trail technique. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

**May 9** -- Susan Deshensky - A Judy Niemeyer Quiltworx Certified Instructor will present a program at Heart in Hand Quilt Guild Meeting at Hope UCC Church , 701 Cherry Street, Wind Gap. Doors open at 12:30 - presentation at 1:00 - Non-Members fee \$5.00 - You are welcome to attend.

**May 11** – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA 9 am – 5 pm  
Quilts Displayed Across Town. Save the date! <https://www.facebook.com/airingofquiltspalmerton>

**May 31 – June 1** -- [Penn Dry Goods Market, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center](#), 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. A textile-focused antiques and vintage show. Includes a textile history lecture series during the antiques show and features 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history.

**June 14 & 15** – Quilters in Bloom, Central Columbia High School, 4777 Old Berwick Rd., Bloomsburg, PA

**June 15** – Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure Sale, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA

**June 21-23** – [Brandywine Valley Quilters](#) – Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show, Neumann University, Aston, PA

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 – 15<sup>th</sup>** -- 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 Rush.**