

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From the President

Karen Hartzell

As we begin a new year with the Crazy Quilters, I thought it would be a good time for you to get to know your president a little better by learning how I got started in quilting.

While just a teen and living at home, my first quilt was a log cabin that I made using templates, with a mix of old and new fabric. I traced, cut, and sewed with little thought about seam size or matching seams. I purchased a sheet for the backing and sent it off to a local church to be hand-quilted. My next attempt waited until shortly after I was married. My girlfriend, who lived in Kutztown, invited me to join her in classes she was taking from her friend, instructor Martha Deturk. We still used templates and made our own quilting stencils. I set my sights high and made a large sampler quilt. It sat under my bed for more than 15 years before completion.

In the early 90's I helped make knotted comforters for my church with 5" blocks. The simple "Trip Around The World" pattern was the beginning of my love of fabric. Some of the many quilts we made were sent to refugees in Greece, missionaries in Tanzania, and local veterans. In 2007 I started making quilts for family and friends who were having babies. I pieced the tops and my mother quilted by hand. We have made over 25 quilts so far. At the invitation of a member, I joined the CQ guild the following year. I love the programs and workshops enjoy the relationships among the quilters, and I am awed by the involvement in our local community.

I began quilting at my church in 2010 after retiring from my job of 31 years at Mack Trucks. I am the sole piecer for the many baby quilts we make for our first-time mothers. And as they say, "The rest is history." Fast-forward to 2016, and the Crazy Quilters are celebrating 25 years, just in time for September's National Sewing Month. This observance began in 1982 with a proclamation from President Ronald Reagan in recognition of the importance of home sewing to our nation's history. So let's keep on sewing, quilting and doing good works for others as we journey together into our 26th year and beyond.

A quilt is something you make to keep someone you love...warm!

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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Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thank you members for providing an epicurean feast for our September pot luck dinner. We have truly advanced our cooking skills and embraced the foods we all love. It is a sheer delight to see the variety and creativity of the casseroles, crock pots, and desserts. One hour is not long enough to eat and enjoy our meal so I now look forward to next year's event. Thanks again everyone.

Volunteers for the October meeting are Karen DalPezzo, Sandy O'Connor, Denise Wagner, Suzanne Nelson, and Laurie Murray. A reminder will be sent the weekend prior to the meeting.

Community Service

Kathie Laposata

Our October (breast cancer pillows) and December (Meals on Wheels placemats) community service projects are great ways for using up project leftovers, orphan blocks and fabric that we no longer love. The instructions on sizes are found in the Community Service section of our website.

At the next few meetings, ready-to-sew kits for making these items will be available at the back table. If you are new to the guild and have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me or any member of the Community Service committee.

- Removal of all National Quilting Association references

Remove Article 5, Number 3

- Membership and Dues

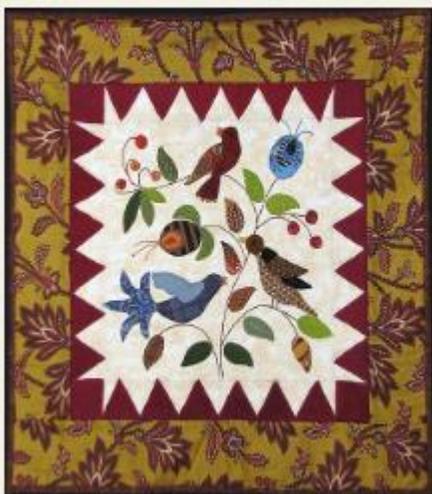
Article 3, Number 7

Change % of membership dues to 1/2 membership dues

Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

October 4, 2016 - Award winning Quilter & Author, Gretchen Gibbons



Gretchen Gibbons is an avid quilter, designer, teacher and author who lives with her husband, Neil, in the historic village of Hartsville, Pennsylvania. After working on and off in the medical field and raising her six children, in 1988 Gretchen began taking quilting classes. For the past 27 years Gretchen has worked as a sales associate, designer, and teacher at local quilt shops. Lately Gretchen's interest has been combining wool and cotton in a new, fresh but traditional folksy sort of way. Embellishing the quilt with embroidery and beads has added to this new look. Nature is another theme that runs throughout Gretchen's quilts and her life. Be sure not to miss Gretchen's lecture. You're going to love it!

<http://www.gretchengibbons.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Saturday, October 8, 2016 - Saturday Sit & Sew

The first **Saturday Sit & Sew** will be open to the membership on Saturday, October 8 from 10:15am until 4pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Sign up with Julie or Donna at the October guild meeting. There will be experienced quilters on-hand to help with any questions you may have. Bring your lunch, UFO's and machines. Get ready to have fun and Get-R-Done! A \$5 donation/member is suggested.

COMING on November 1, 2016 - Diary of a Dutch Quilter, Janneke Van der Ree



Look and listen to Janneke's diary of quilting adventures. Janneke will share her life in quilts, her tips to stay authentic to your heritage and stay true to yourself. <http://www.janneke.co/home.html>

Raffle Quilt

Jackie Leipert

September 6th was our Raffle Drawing. Lisa Smith of Baltimore, Maryland was the lucky and happy winner. She bought her ticket at Quilt Odyssey, Hershey PA. Lisa went to the show with her fellow quilter-mother and friends and fell in love with our quilt. So it went to a very appreciative lady.

The total income from the sale of our tickets came to \$6859. Members sold or purchased a total of \$3732, while the three large quilt shows and smaller venues brought in a total of \$3127.

Many thanks to Tami Jones for planning and coordinating the sewing of the quilt, the sewers of the hexagons, appliqués, sewers who put it all together and Bethanne Nemesh's machine quilting. Thank you also to those who donated the fabric, thread, batting and those of you who had to shop for what else was need. Thanks to Heeps Meats for donating the tickets themselves, and of course to those of you who drove to the shows and sold tickets there. We spent many hours doing all of these things all the while enjoying our craft and sharing it with others. Thank you all.

Blocks and Swaps

Kathie Laposata

The October block is a Magic 8 Ball block. It is a 12 inch block, and while it looks a little complicated, it is basically just a Snowball block. Here's a way to use up a scrap of black fabric in a cheerful block rather than a dismal one. The instructions are in a separate attachment.

Because of lukewarm participation in the lottery style of Blocks and Swaps over the past few years (we must not be a group of gamblers!), I'm proposing another form of swapping for 2017. It involves signing up to participate with a group of members who will make blocks for each other on a monthly basis. The "Queen Bee" for the month will receive blocks of her choice from the others. With this type of swap, the participants are guaranteed to receive blocks, however, it comes with the obligation of making a block each month for that month's "Queen Bee." If enough are interested, I'll write up rules and set up a group (or groups).

Honey/Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

Honeybees will resume meeting on the second Wednesday of the month following the general meeting. On October 12th Honeybees will meet at the home of Karen Hartzell at 9 am. Bring your lunch and a project to work on. Karen will provide beverages and dessert.

Worker Bees will meet at Julie Borden's home on Wednesday, October 19th at 7 pm. Bring your handwork. I am told that the Honeybees was started as an appliqué group, but any handwork is acceptable. Normally the meeting place is rotated among those attending.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Linda Finkelstein has volunteered to bring the raffle prize for the October meeting.

Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thanks to the following volunteer members who provided the refreshments for the August meeting. They were Lizzie Riccaboni, Sally Waggoner, Linda Wojciechowski and Val Johnson.

Quilter's Studio

Julie Borden

The quilters studio for October will be perfecting your quilting stitch. We will meet at 5:45 prior to the October 4th meeting in the board room down the hall from our meeting room. Come and learn ways to improve your quilt stitch from some of our talented quilters in our own guild. Please bring basic sewing supplies with you. A small sample kit will be provided. Please email Julie Borden at hedthread@yahoo.com if you plan on attending. A cost of \$1:00 per kit will be collected.

Planning ahead for November, Debbie Heeps will present quick binding techniques for placemats

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Karen Hartzell

Thank you to the 43 who renewed their membership at our last meeting! At the end of the 15-16 year, we had a total of 102 members. Let's see if we can grow beyond that for this new year, as we all know we have the best guild around!

The by-laws state that the newsletter will be sent to paid-up members by October 31. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 16-17, please bring in a check made out to Crazy Quilters or **\$25** in exact cash at our Oct. meeting. You will receive a receipt and a membership card, which is good for a VIP discount card at JoAnns and some other independent quilt shops. You may also send your dues to either Judy Walker or Roberta Whitcomb at the address on our membership list.

With the November newsletter, you will receive your first membership list for 2016-2017. September attendance: 64 members. Name tags worn - 38. Congratulations to **Diane Defanti** who won the soft CQ 20th anniversary fabric gift bag with a Dritz seam ripper inside.

"You can give the same kind o' pieces to two persons, and one'll make a nine-patch and one'll make a wild-geese chase, and there'll be two quilts made out o' the same kind o' pieces, and jest as different as they can be. And that is jest the way with livin'. The Lord sends us the pieces, but we can cut 'em out and put 'em together pretty much to suit ourselves, and there's a heap more in the cuttin' out and the sewin' than there is in the caliker [calico]...." Eliza Calvert Hall, Aunt Jane of Kentucky, from Quilting Quotations Celebrating an American Legacy by Running Press 1994

Here are the birthdays for October. Enjoy your special day!

Oct. 2 Lois Drendall
Oct. 2 Jane Grove
Oct. 3 Leah Gehman
Oct. 4 Michelle McLaughlin
Oct. 4 Betty Pitinski
Oct. 4 Maggie Woodward
Oct. 4 Roberta Whitcomb
Oct. 5 Ann Lineberger
Oct. 12 Doris Horwath
Oct. 13 Nancy Scholz
Oct. 17 Patricia Muller
Oct. 23 Maxine Bernstein

Oct. 24 Maria Hance
Oct. 29 Patricia Piasecki
Oct. 29 Judy Walker

The Great Nine Patch Challenge Carole Whaling

The participation in our challenge was great. There were eighteen entries. It was amazing to see the wide variety of interpretation to the challenge. We had wide range of quilts from very traditional to abstract. They were all wonderful! The design, color, and workmanship were a sight to behold. What a great job all of the participants did.

The top three vote recipients received gift certificates for The Wooden Bridge. Every quilter needs more supplies. The winners were (1) Deb Veshinsky-\$50, (2) Julie Davidovich-\$30, and (3) Kathie Laposata - \$20. Congratulations!

Remember here is another challenge coming next year. Please consider accepting the challenge. It is a wonderful way to experiment with new designs, techniques, colors, or ideas.

Again, thank you to all who participated and voted.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

At the September potluck, the following members displayed Show & Tell: Karen DalPezzo, Betty Pitinsky, Jackie Lukity, Sandra Mugridge, Debbie Heeps, and Jane Grove.

Pot Luck Recipes

Jane Merkel

This is a reminder to send your September pot luck recipes from our September dinner to me. I will collate and provide a copy for everyone. It is best if possible to e-mail them to me at sjanemerkel@rcn.com. I will be at the Oct meeting to collect any handwritten recipes. I cannot promise I will make the November meeting (but hope to) as that is the day before we leave for Houston.

October 2016 Block – Magic 8 Ball

Our October 2016 block is a Magic 8 Ball block. Give your block(s) to Kathie Laposata at either the September or October meeting. The winner will be drawn at the October meeting. You don't have to be present to win.

Block: Magic 8 ball (12 by 12 inch finished size). You can make up to 10 blocks for more chances to win. Don't make two exactly alike. The instructions for the block are found at:

<http://www.blossomheartquilts.com/2015/10/the-bee-hive-magic-8-ball/>

Color theme: Black, white and pink.

Print A: Black and white print (more black than white) or black solid.

Print B: Pink print or solid.

Background: White solid or white-on-white



Calendar of Events from the editor

Brandywine Valley Quilter's Quilt Show, October 15-16, 2016, Brookhaven, PA,
www.brandywinevalleyquilterw.org.

The Valley Forge Quilt Show, October 21-22, 2016, King of Prussia, PA, www.valleyforgequilters.org.

November 4-13, 2016,
Quilters' Quest Shop Hop, Maryland and Northern VA, www.quiltersquest.org.

14th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Shop Hop,
November 5-19, 2016,
www.quiltinghub.com.

Lebanon Quilters Guild 10th Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Nov. 11-13, 2016,
www.lebanonquiltersguild.com.

Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show, For the Love of Quilting IX, May 5-6, 2017,
www.pennoaksquilters.org.

Quilts in the Mill, Stockton, NJ, September 30-October 2, 2016, www.courthousequilters.org.

Berks Quilters Guild Quilt Shoe 2016, October 14-15,
www.berksquiltersguild.org.

Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - **Guild Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., LCHS.

Saturday, October 8, 2016 – Sit and Sew, 10:15 – 4pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, \$5.

Guild Officers

President: Karen Hartzell

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