



Lorraine Bujnowski

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

No. 369

[www.crazyquilters.org](http://www.crazyquilters.org)

October 2022

## From The President

Donna Gasser

A grateful thanks to all who have volunteered for any of our committees. You and our board are the backbones of our guild.

Fall weather is swiftly approaching. Last month our board decided that any cancellation of our in-person meetings would be posted to all members via Karen Rush using email. Please check your email prior to a meeting but especially if weather is bad. For those who know they will not be able to check it, call me. I will be keeping a list of those requiring a call so that Diane Pesola can make those calls. If an in-house meeting needs to be cancelled for any reason, our meeting will be held on the ZOOM meeting link emailed previously.

The Eastern PA Shop Hop starts October 28 and runs through November 11 in 10 participating shops. You can find information about shops under "Eastern PA Shop Hop" on Facebook. I have always found it to be a fun few days out with quilting friends traveling from shop to shop and checking out the sales, the shop's unique design for their shop hop quilt. If I don't intend to make a full quilt, I still pick up the blocks as I go and repurpose them for placemats or some other project.

On October 4, Nicole Folino has contracted Rachel Derstine to present a program on Landscape Quilting at our regular guild meeting. Her work is bright and colorful using vibrant fabric art to enhance the designs. Check out some of her work on [rachelderstinedesigns.com](http://rachelderstinedesigns.com) and in Facebook searching on her name.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM

[info@crazyquilters.org](mailto:info@crazyquilters.org)

[www.facebook.com/crazyquiltersquiltguildemmauspa](https://www.facebook.com/crazyquiltersquiltguildemmauspa)

## 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

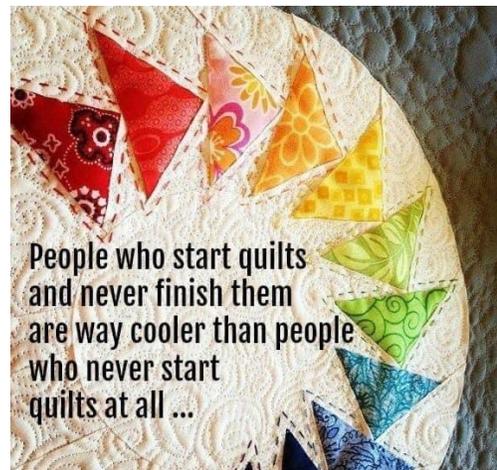
**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 4th, Calvary Baptist Church

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. – Quilters Studio with Julie Borden

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. – Little Whatnots with Suzanne Nelson

7 p.m. – Guild Meeting

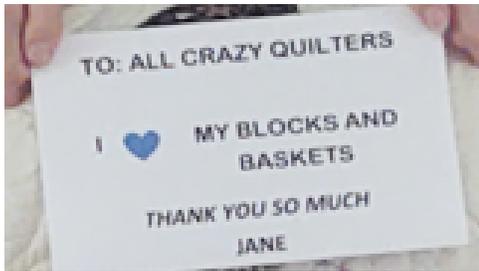
**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



People who start quilts  
and never finish them  
are way cooler than people  
who never start  
quilts at all ...

**A Note from Our Outgoing President**

Jane Merkel



**Raffle Quilt**

Judy Walker

All members have paid for or sold their share of the raffle tickets. Some sold additional tickets so the membership brought in a total of \$2422. The final deposit has been sent to our treasurer.

And the winner is.... Dana Fox of Halifax, PA. Dana is the niece of Pat Wolfe. She married last year and is expecting her first child in December.



## 2022 Quilt Challenge -- It's Only Natural!

Sue Marin & Karen Rush

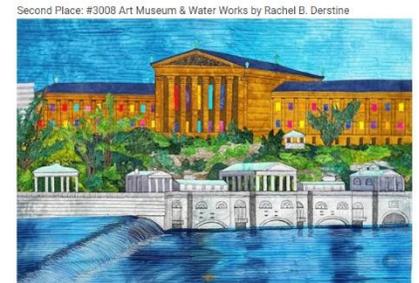
Karen and I went to the Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks on Friday, September 16 and were amazed with the number of quilts that would fall under this year's Challenge of "It's Only Natural". We were pleased to see so many other Crazy Quilters there, too. We hope you found something to inspire you.

The Hoffman Fabrics challenge entries were amazing. While reviewing some old conversation threads on my phone, I discovered that Karen and I were looking at these fabrics for inspiration but decided that we didn't want to limit you to just one fabric line. After seeing the various entries, we now realize that would not have been a hindrance. If you haven't started your quilt(s) yet, just looking at these fabrics will get your creative juices flowing.

We were also awed by the quilts from the "Inspired by Endangered Species" book by Donna Desoto. Who knew that so many beautiful animals, plants, birds, and insects were on the endangered species list? If you need more ideas, Donna wrote another book "Inspired by the National Parks" which would provide another 177 ideas to ponder. The things that will make our Crazy Quilter Challenge special is to see how YOU choose to interpret and represent the world around you. Did you do a thread painting of your pet? Did you do a collage of your flower garden? It will be so exciting to see all of them!

To date, we have only received two registrations. The deadline to submit your entries is December 6, 2022. You don't need to have your entry completed by then, but we do need to know how much space we'll need. Information regarding drop off/pickup dates and times will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention that October's meeting will feature Rachel Derstine presenting a topic on landscape quilting. Rachel won a ribbon and had a one-woman show at Oaks. I'm sure you'll find her presentation timely and inspirational.



## Quilters Studio News

Julie Borden

### **Topic: I have a wool kit....now what?**

WE will have a session before our next meeting in October.

WE will meet at 5:45 in the main room of the church just look for me.

Bring your wool kit new or in progress, I will help you get started or help with any questions you may have.

Please RSVP prior to October 2nd if you plan to attend.

I have gotten some response to what topics we should teach in quilters studio moving forward.

**Two suggestions were 1. Thread: the different types, and how to use them.**

**2. The basics of accurate cutting and measuring for the beginning quilter.**

I am not an expert in either one of these areas. I am looking for a member who would like to share their knowledge, skills and tips and tricks on these topics. Quilters Studio is open to all members to share their talents. So please consider sharing your best tips and tricks. Please email me at [hedthread@yahoo.com](mailto:hedthread@yahoo.com) if you would like to present on either of these topics. We could also have an open forum and discussion with all attendees sharing their best tips. The quilters studio is for the members, by the members. These two topics will be presented in the winter months. The presenter gets to choose the month too. Thanks for offering a helping hand.

## UFO Challenge

Lorraine Bujnowski

Last year we challenged ourselves with “The Dirty Dozen”. This year we will focus on a new UFO challenge called:

“Done is better than perfect because perfect never gets done!!!”

This is how it will operate!

Each participant makes a list of projects that they wish to complete. You need to make 2 copies of this list 1 for yourself and 1 for me. I will keep my copy in a loose leaf binder.

For each project on your list you put 25 cents into a “kitty”. If you list 12 projects, the cost would be \$3.00. The project has to be completed and shown at “Show & Tell”.

Every time you complete a project on your list you will receive a raffle ticket. The more projects you complete increases your odds of winning the “kitty fund”.

I will check off the projects that are completed.

On the raffle ticket your name is put one side and dropped into a box.

At the last meeting of the year, 12 months, a ticket is drawn and the winner takes all!

I will begin to collect your project list in October and November 2022 will be the last month for registering your projects. November 2023 will be the last meeting where you can show your completed projects.

I know you all have unfinished projects just “resting” and waiting to be completed. Let’s all get busy and clean out our closets, rooms, spaces and finish up those UFO’s.

Questions, either call me or email me.

## Sit & Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for Oct. 15th, 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 \$5 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!

## **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

We are pleased to share with you the report tally for the Guild year September 2021-September 2022 of all the wonderful ways our Guild members have shared their time, treasure and talent to brighten MANY persons in our Greater Lehigh Valley community and also extending to projects in a far larger compass.

295 breast comfort pillows  
11 Bitty Bears  
8 Dresses for Africa  
1 quilt for a person undergoing chemotherapy  
1 incubator cover for St. Christopher's Hospital  
239 pillowcases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles  
5 housewarming gifts for the new homes of Habitat for Humanity  
26 Mug mats for Meals on Wheels clients  
490 placemats for Meals on Wheels clients  
104 premie quilts  
6 quilts for Ukraine  
21 quilt blocks for Ukraine  
12 quilts for clients of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley  
2 Quilt of Valor quilts  
12 Quilt of Valor blocks  
44 kennel pads for animal shelter  
18 dog scarves



Kudos to everyone who participated and shared their talents. I hope that I will not miss acknowledging anyone, and I apologize in advance if I do. Please remember to sign the clipboard when you drop things off at our meetings !

Here goes ! Fingers crossed that I don't miss anyone: Following the dates of drop off, here you are:

Jane Merkel, Judy Walker, Dawn Martrich, Maria Hance, Ruth Hoffman, Doris Horwath, Valerie Burkner, Diane Martin, Lorraine Bujnowski, Diana Campbell, Mercedes Gurniak, Karen Rush, Adele Bush, Sandra Mugridge, Kathie Laposata, Linda Wojciechowski, Michele McLaughlin, Paula Jacobus, Laurie Murray, Ann Lineberger, Kim Orndorf, Nancy Horning, Kathy Moore, Philis Walden, Suzanne Nelson, Sue Marin, Vicki Pede, Rae Wong, Donna Gasser, Marsha Heiman, Janet Yandrisevits, Diana DeFanti, Liz Riccaboni, Roberta Whitcomb, Ruth Skinner, Kim Bringhurst, Nancy Dunham, Nancy Ayers, and Pat Piasecki.

Thank you again -- it is a privilege to be a part of all these efforts.

## **Hospitality**

Diana DeFanti

Hospitality is back and the hour enables us all to chat and re-connect. Thanks to the members who contributed an item for the September meeting. October members who signed up to bring an item are Judy Walker, Diane Pesola, Kathy Moore, Gail Shearer, and Julie Borden.

## **Retreat**

Sandy O'Connor

The next retreat is scheduled for November 10, 11, 12, 13, 2022. Location will once again be at the "Blue Lake House" Denver PA.

Information was shared at the August & September meetings. Please let me if you have additional questions.



## **From the Library—aka—The Book Trolley**

Michele McLaughlin

Many thanks to the members who have stepped up to help us continue library services to the guild: Vicki P., Donna G., Kathie L., Kim B., Linda G.; Nancy A., Karen R., Kathy M., Irene M., Sandy O., Elizabeth R., and especially Jane M. who has been instrumental through this whole process. Also thanks to the many members who donated small suitcases to the Trolley!

We hope to be able to deliver the suitcases to the guild for the October meeting!

As I reviewed the library inventory, I realized we do not have any recent books on English Paper Piecing. If you have a suggestion for the library, please let Michele M. know!

Thanks to the Ann L. and Judy W. for donating the library gift in August. The Sew and Sews (c/o Sharon Y.) have volunteered to bring a gift in October.



Thank you again to everyone for your support through this transition!

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

Jackie Leipert

A condolence card was sent to Kathie Laposata on the death of her husband. A get-well card was sent to Debbie Heeps.

A couple of our members won ribbons for their entries at the Allentown Fair. Kathie Laposata won 4th place for her large machine quilted quilt, 2nd place for a crib quilt and 2nd place for a table runner. Karen Hartzell won 1st place for her Sashiko hand quilted lap quilt, 2nd place for a hand quilted baby quilt, 3rd place for a machine quilted baby quilt and 1st place for a wool Christmas tree ornament. Congratulations ladies!

If you have news that you would like to share please email me or call me.

## **Membership**

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Membership dues, for the current year, are being accepted from now until December. You can pay by cash or by check, made payable to Crazy Quilter's Guild. You can also mail your check to Karen or Linda. Fifty-seven members have paid, to date. At our September meeting, 40 members attended in person, 10 members on zoom, 1 guest and 5 new members, for a total of 56. Welcome to all.

New members:

- Rae Consigli - Rae resides in Kirkland Village. She retired from teaching English and remedial reading on Long Island. She also retired from inn keeping at a B&B in Cooperstown, NY.
- Cathleen Kilpatrick - Cathleen is a retired engineer and has many hobbies such as reading, golf, kayaking, running, walking, cycling and baking.
- Janie Rossetti - Janie is a retired reading teacher. She has 4 children and 5 grandchildren.
- Gail Shearer - Gail is a former librarian who is now a stay-at-home mom. She has 4 children, in college and High School
- Lori Smith - Lori was born and raised in NYC and is a former train conductor. She found us at the Allentown Fair and now drives school bus.

All of our new members are passionate about quilting. Please introduce yourself to these new members and get to know them better!

Some new changes are happening in Membership. We are no longer having the nametag drawing but encourage everyone to make and wear a personalized nametag. If you forget your tag, we will provide one for you to borrow. We want everyone to be identified.



### **October Birthdays**

- 4 - Michele McLaughlin
- 4 - Roberta Whitcomb
- 5 - Ann Lineberger
- 12 - Doris Horwath
- 13 - Nancy Scholz
- 14 - Nancy Keeler
- 24 - Maria Hance
- 29 - Patricia Piasecki
- 29 - Judy Walker



## **Committee Chairs**

**Challenge:** Sue Marin and Karen Rush

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

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**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

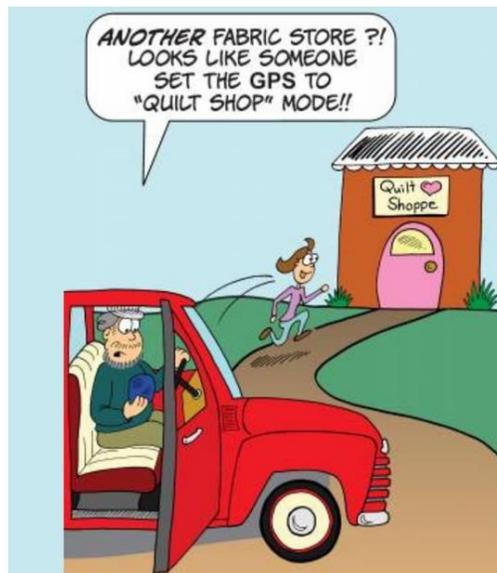
**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

# Quilt Shows and Events

September 30 – October 2nd	Courthouse Quilters Guild “Quilts in the Mill” 2022 Quilt Show & Boutique	Prallsville Mill Stockton, NJ	<a href="http://courthousequilters.org">Quilts in the Mill Show (courthousequilters.org)</a>
October 7 & 8	Berks Quilters Guild	Leesport Farmers Market 312 Gernants Church Road Leesport, PA	<a href="http://berksquiltersguild.org">Home   bcqg (berksquiltersguild.org)</a>
October 14-15	Keystone Quilters Quilt Fanfare	Finland Mennonite Church 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA 18073	<a href="https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show">https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show</a>
October 21-22	Valley Forge Homestead Quilters	Good Shepherd Church on Henderson Road in King of Prussia, PA. For directions visit the <a href="#">map</a> and <a href="#">directions page</a> .	<a href="http://valleyforgequilters.org">VFHQ - Quilt Show (valleyforgequilters.org)</a>
October 28 – Nov 12	Eastern PA Shop Hop	Ten shops this year!	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop/">https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop/</a>



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