

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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September 2016

From the President

Karen Hartzell

I am sitting at my computer reflecting on the wonderful program about women in the Civil War era, given in our August meeting. Thanks Beth Bacher and Michele McLaughlin for allowing us to have a view into the lives of these amazing women in history and seeing the many things that they accomplished. It made me think of our own guild and how we continue to serve our community with Camp Erin, Veterans, Orlando area and hospice quilts. The year may be different but we quilters are still committed to helping our communities in many ways. Great job, Crazy Quilters!

Also memorable, was the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, with two fabulous workshops and color lecture with Becky Goldsmith. She reminded us about the legacy we leave behind in our quilting. You don't have to be a great quilter, but each of us should always do the best we can. Recently my neighbor's daughter traveled to Europe with an organization called "People to People" for 3 weeks, visiting many countries and including a home stay with a German family. She needed a small, portable gift for her host family that was representative of the United States. So I got out my patriotic fabric scraps and made some pot holders for her to pack in her luggage. The family loved the red, white and blue 'mini' quilts, leaving a little bit of my legacy across the Atlantic.

August is the month for the Great Allentown Fair. Several of our guild members have been entering their quilts and winning awards for the past several years. Imagine my surprise when in 2014, I not only won a blue ribbon for my batik quilt, but won best of show. Several other members have taken home blue ribbons as well, so check out all the quilts and beautiful crafts at the fair this year, running from August 30 to September 5. See you there.

Memories are like a patchwork quilt.... each section is sewn together, to be wrapped around us for comfort and warmth in the years to come.

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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September Meeting Reminder Diana Defanti

There is a **6pm start time** for the September annual pot luck dinner and festivities. Please have your dish and serving utensil to the church by 5:45. We start eating by 6pm. Also, bring your own place setting (plates, forks, napkin, and cup) along with a placemat and table decorations, if desired. Hospitality will have extras if you forget.

Community Service

Kathie Laposata

As we start our new year, we look forward to continuing to use our time and talents to make items that help others in our community. As in prior years, we will collect breast cancer pillows in October and Meals on Wheels placemats in December. 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.

As summer comes to a close, if you are looking for a way to contribute a block or two to a veteran or hospice quilt while whittling away at your stash, take a look at Bonnie Hunter's Scrappy Mountain Majesties block instructions. We previously used this as a Block Swap and it was very popular. It's a great way to use up a small piece of leftover fabric. It looks complicated, but if you can make a half-square triangle, you can easily make this block. If you use reds/blues/creams, we'll use it in a veteran quilt. Any other combos will look great in a quilt to donate to a hospice patient. The link to the instructions is here.

<http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/scrappy-mountain-majesties.html>

Raffle Quilt

Jackie Leipert

The Raffle Quilt drawing date is upon us. Who will be the lucky winner? A woman from Canada, Florida, Netherlands, Australia or one of our own members? To those of you who have not yet turned in their tickets and money there is still time to do so. You may mail them to me, or wait to give them to me between the many activities at our September 6th meeting.

Valerie Barber and Nancy Ayers have paid but not yet returned their ticket stubs. The following members have not paid nor returned their ticket stubs: Anita Hertzog, Cindy Fantasia, Nienke Izurieta, Debbie Heeps, Jane Grove, Denise Wagner, Elizabeth Riccaboni, Pat Karo, Val Lee, Jane Martin, Michele Mc Laughlin, Patricia Muller, Patricia Flynn, Jane Kerstetter, Denise Gabala, Wendy Anttila and Robin Steinhofer. If you feel this is incorrect please let me know at djleipert@verizon.net. If you have not received tickets email me also and I will send them to you.

The receipts from the tickets sold on two Sundays at our quilt show at the Allentown Art Museum came to \$230. Quilt Odyssey at Hershey brought in a total of \$969. The combined total for all outside ticket sale events, including the above comes to \$3127.00. Member ticket receipts are \$3252.00. At present the total income from this quilt comes to \$6379.00. This money along with member dues supports our Programs, meeting place fees and all of our other expenses for two years. That is why it is important for all members to return their tickets.

Our quilt stand did not survive the Hershey Show. Years of being taken up and down many times, holding ten pound quilts was too much stress on its parts. A new stand was purchased and hopefully with tender loving care it can better withstand the work we expect it to do.

Crazy Quilter's Exhibition at the Allentown Art Museum

Sharon Yurkanin

Sharing our quilts with an exhibition at the Allentown Art Museum Community Gallery was very rewarding. Thank you to all who worked on the committee, to those of you who entered quilts, and to all who attended. Our work was truly admired and appreciated. Total Museum attendance for the four week exhibition was 7,411. That's how many people saw our quilts! And there were 909 ballots cast for the Viewers' Choice award. It is gratifying to know that that many people were engaged enough to vote for a favorite. Perhaps we even inspired some of the visitors to make a quilt of their own. If so, we have done well. Here is a photo of the Viewers' Choice Award quilt by Diana Campbell:



September 6, 2016 - Annual Pot Luck Dinner & Challenge Quilt Contest

The doors will open at 5 pm to accept your Challenge Quilt. Please make every effort to have your quilt arrive by 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish with a serving spoon to share buffet style. If you choose to bring a dinner item, please plan to arrive by 5:45 pm. Please bring your own place setting (plate, utensils, napkin, cup, etc.). Round tables will be outfitted with plastic tablecloths. Bottled water will be provided. We plan to begin the meeting with dinner at 6pm.

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



COMING on Saturday, October 8, 2016 - Saturday Sit & Sew

Thanks to the effort of Laurie Murray, 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. A donation of \$5/member/attendance will be collected. More information will follow at our September meeting.

Blocks and Swaps

Kathie Laposata

Kim Orndorf won the August 2016 drawing for the Summer Petals blocks. Fifty-four blocks were made by ten members. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The October block will be 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. The instructions are in a separate attachment.

Honey Bees

Jackie Leipert

Honeybees and Worker Bees will resume meeting in October. Honeybees is a daytime group that meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9 am in a member's home. Everyone brings their own handwork and lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided by the hostess. Worker Bees meet in the evening, also on a Wednesday, at 7 pm. The hostess provides beverages and dessert. The date and location will be announced shortly.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Thank you to Kim Orndorf and Julie McDonnell for their assistance at the library in August while we set up for the program! Just a reminder again: the library will not be open in September. Please return your books in October.

If you are interested in a particular book or a technique that isn't included in the library right now, please send me an email and we will see what we can do.

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

Quilters Studio, featuring the basics of hand quilting, will resume in October.

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Karen Hartzell

September and October are our biggest roll-out months for renewing membership to Crazy Quilters! Our dues remain at the bargain rate of \$25 per year! Checks made payable to Crazy Quilters are preferred, however, we will accept exact cash as well 😊. You will receive a receipt and a membership card, which you can take to Jo-Ann's (and some other quilt shops) for a VIP discount of 10% on your total purchase!

Two new members joined at our August 2 meeting. They are **Linda Schmoyer** and **Shawna Weida**. Linda lives in Macungie and is the Membership Manager for the Allentown Art Museum. Shawna loves all sports, working out,

knitting, cross-stitching, quilting, and crafts, whenever she can get to them, as she works for Azzur writing environmental and microbial water reports. **Welcome Linda and Shawna!**

Sixty-eight members attended the August 2 meeting. Name tags worn: 44. **Nancy Ayers** won the name tag gift of stubby-nubby flat and Phillips screwdrivers and various brushes to clean a machine.

September Birthdays: Enjoy your special day!

Sept. 2 Sharon Yurkanin
Sept. 5 Allen Bernstein
Sept. 10 Barbara Seely
Sept. 10 Carole Whaling
Sept. 21 Tami Jones
Sept. 22 Julia Davidovich
Sept. 29 Linda Anderson

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

Tami Jones

Congratulations! The Guild has survived its first 25 years. On the way to the airport Becky Goldsmith told me that she had never seen a guild have such a fun party. I was lucky enough to be able to take both classes, and I learned new sewing techniques that I will continue to use.

Many thanks to my committee members who are Pat Karo, Kathie Laposata, Sharon Yurkanin and Carole Whaling. Without their help our celebration would not have been possible.

The Great Nine Patch Challenge

Carole Whaling

Is your challenge finished? It is never too late to start. You could whip one up in the next two weeks. Please bring your completed quilt before 5:45pm, if possible, to our annual potluck dinner meeting on September 6. Every member will be eligible to vote for their favorite (one vote per member). Remember the prizes are great!

Webster's Dictionary defines challenge as an invitation to compete. A quilt challenge invites you to compete by making a quilt by following the rules stated in the challenge. Our challenge rules this year are few and simple. They are (1) use exactly 25 nine-patch blocks, (2) use at least 25 different fabrics--more if you want, (3) total measurement of all sides must be at least 100 inches, (4) must be quilted, (5) bring to September meeting.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

On August 2, the following members presented Show & Tell: Karen Hartzell, Carole Whaling, Roberta Whitcomb, Donna Gasser, Val Johnson, Denise Riemer, Paula Jacobus, Julie Borden, Ann Lineberger, & Kathy Schuessler.

Retreat

Julie Borden

The Crazy Quilters annual retreat will take place this year on Nov. 11-13, at the Blue Lake retreat house in Denver, PA. Check -in is 1pm Friday, and check -out is 3pm on Sunday. The cost is \$115. Sign-ups will be taken at the September guild meeting.

Quilt Creation 2017

Bethanne Nemesh

Hi quilters! Another amazing raffle quilt is about to be born with the help of you all. As you saw at the meeting, and Becky Goldsmith's wonderful visit, this year's raffle quilt will be a modern hexi quilt with lovely appliqué and English paper piecing. I am going to need someone to help me organize kits one day this late fall, and another to help with quilt assembly in the spring. And of course...I need the many hands of the guild for both piecing and appliqué as well as fabric donation. Several appliqué folks have already stepped up, and I hope there are several more (hint: those of you who took Becky's class or Karen Kay Buckley...I know who you are!)

Much like our last quilt, I would like to have many folks make paper hexagons! I will have kits ready to go before December, with a return of April. For now, we need FABRIC!! BRING FABRIC IN SEPTEMBER! We need small pieces...appliqué stuff...of bright clear colors. Especially things with a dot feeling, Kaffe fabrics, modern feelings, a rainbow of colors, both in a pure hue, and pastels (mediums and lights mostly). I also need some larger background pieces (fat quarters) in white on white or white with subtle black or grey motifs...newsprint? tiny stripes? Again think modern. Also, some black and white dot-like fat quarters for stems. Finally, for the background I will donate the majority of the cornflower blue solid background, however, a few "sparkle" pieces of dark cornflower/ lapis blue with a print in a fat quarter size would be wonderful. Anyone willing to donate a full backing please contact me for size. It will be mixed color, mostly blues, wide back preferred. Thank you everyone!

Christmas in July

Marsha Heimann

I received a phone call from the liaison at the Allentown School District Homeless Project. They had over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools this past school year and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time they look forward to these little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics. 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 was given the Christmas fabrics from the estate of Alice Haynes who was a guild member for many years and passed away this past year. 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. 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 168 bags which were so gratefully appreciated. 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. Thank you for your support.

Historical

Marlene Dorman

Are you interested in making an album of the photos that have been taken in the guild's last year? You can use Snapfish or whatever else you are familiar with, and the guild will pay all expenses. All of the pictures are on a flash drive. Please contact

From the Editor

Kathy Schuessler

The City Quilter in NYC (August 5, 2016), closing announcement:

After almost 20 years and more than 20,000 students passing through our classrooms, we're sad to announce the closing of The City Quilter in October. We have enjoyed getting to know many wonderful people and have had an exhilarating time building up our business from scratch. But Dale and I feel it is time for a change. Our focus will be selling our exclusive New
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York fabric on-line and, indeed, we intend to expand

our offerings.

A huge thank-you to all our loyal customers and friends who have supported our presence in Chelsea at The City Quilter for the last 20 years. We are so pleased to have helped grow and sustain the quilting community in New York, as well as having brought quilts and quilt-making in NYC to a greater national and international audience.

We are always amazed at the number of real and lasting friendships that have been made in our classroom. In many ways, The City Quilter always felt like a family and we will truly miss our teachers, employees and customers.

We will be selling our Bernina 550 classroom machines as well as all our floor models of both Bernina and HandiQuilter machines. Except for the HQ Avanté long arm machine. That, I'm taking with me. So there will be some good deals to be had.

Again, many thanks for the experience of a lifetime. We hope to see many of you between now and October.

Sincerely,
Cathy & Dale

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[The City Quilter](#)

Shop Hours:

Monday--Noon to 6 pm

Tuesday--Friday, 11 to 7 pm

Saturday--10 to 6 pm

Sunday--11 to 5 pm

Also, so many of us have fond memories of learning to sew. I know I do. Here is an article you may enjoy brought to my attention by my friend Rosemary, of the Lebanon Quilt Guild.

[McCall's: you guys still in business??](#)

Click on the link:

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/04/fashion/mccalls-pattern-company-sewing-do-it-yourself.html?_r=2

and lastly, one sent by Becky Goldsmith:

Notions: What the Heck is Happening in the Q-universe?

<http://generationqmagazine.com/notions-what-the-heck-is-happening-in-our-q-niverse/>

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

What you'll need

Print A (black)

1 – 6.5" x 6.5"

4 – 3.5" x 3.5"

Print B (purple)

2 – 2.5" x 3"

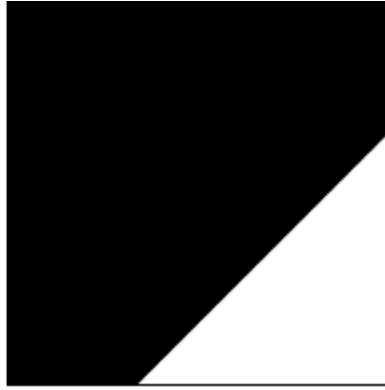
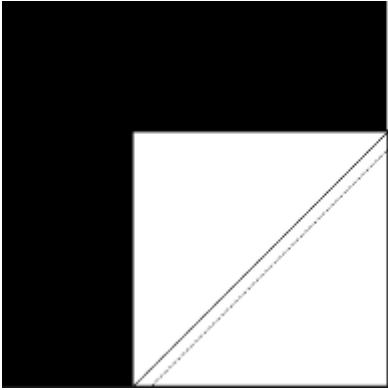
Background

4 – 2.5" x 7"

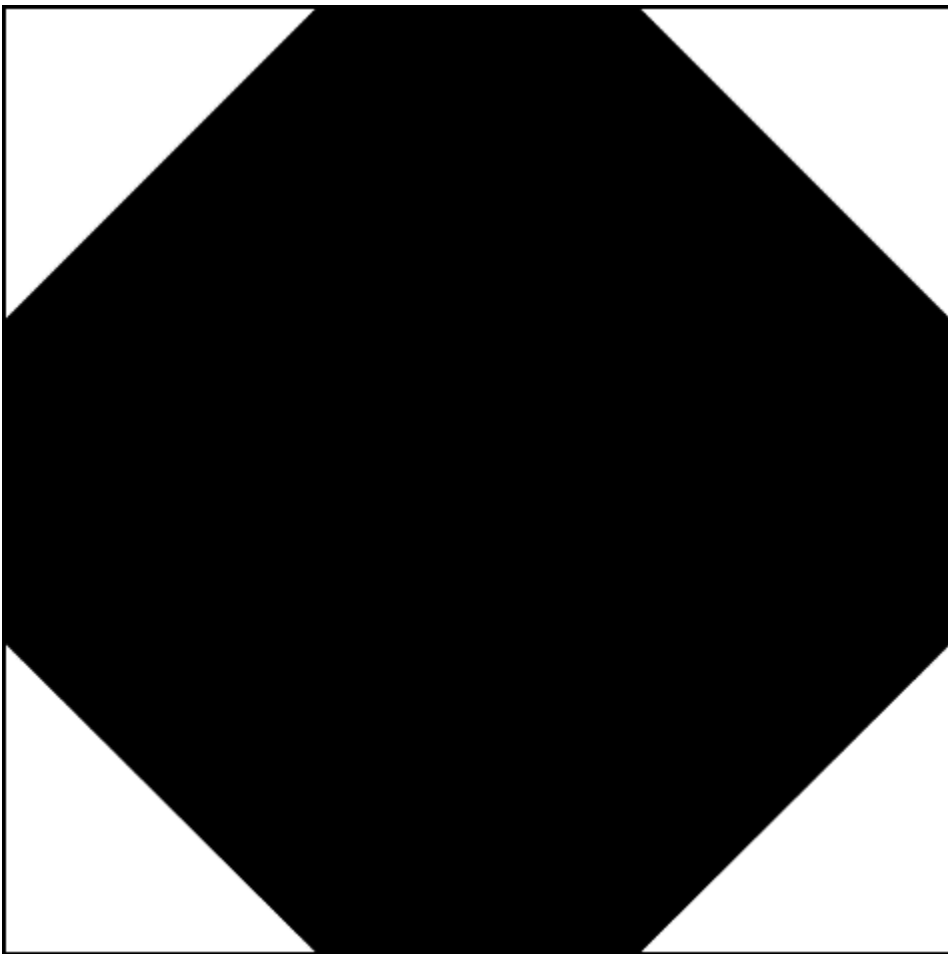
12 – 2.5" x 2.5"

Use a 1/4" allowance, press seams as directed. Makes a 12" finished block.

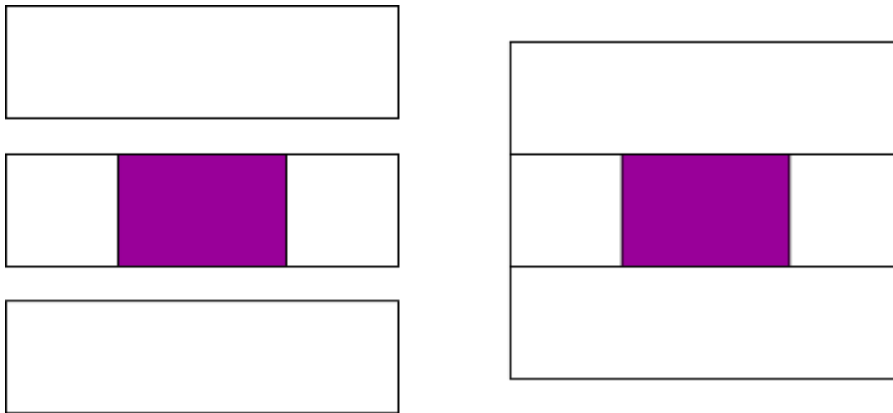
Step 1. Draw a line diagonally across the back of 8 background squares. Align one in the corner of a small Print A square. Sew along the line, and trim 1/4" from the seam. Press towards the Print. Repeat for the remaining small Print A squares.



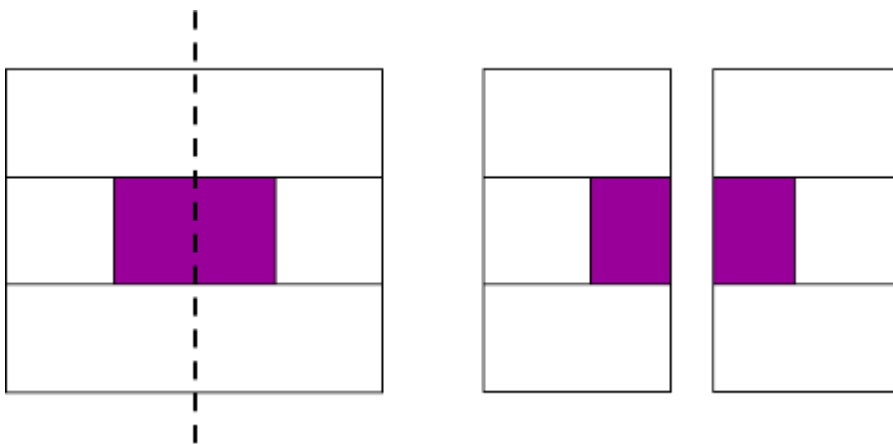
Repeat the process for the 4 corners of the large Print A square.



Step 2. Sew a background square to each end of both Print B rectangles. Press towards the print. Sew a background rectangle to the top and bottom of this unit. Press towards the background.



Step 3. Measure from 3.5" from one side and cut both units from Step 2 in half.



Step 4. Arrange all units to create the Magic 8 Ball quilt block. Sew together in rows, pressing seams in alternate directions. Sew the rows

together and press seams open. Block will measure 12.5" x 12.5".



Calendar of Events from the editor

PA National Quilt Extravaganza, September 15-18, 2016, Oaks, PA, www.quiltfest.com.

Boyertown Area Historical Society Quilt Show and Sale, September 16-18, 2016, www.boyertownhistory.org.

Country Quilters Quilt Show, Pine Bush, NY, September 24-25, 2016, www.countryquilters.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.

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.

Guild Calendar from the editor

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - **Board Meeting** at the home of Karen Hartzell, 6pm.

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

Guild Officers

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