



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Valerie Johnson

September signals the beginning of another exciting year in our guild and I am happy to take on the role of President. I have to admit it wasn't something on my "to do list". When the nominating committee contacted me I was hesitant, but after I had a bit of time to think about it, I realized that it's my obligation as an active member of the guild to step up when called upon. Thanks to everyone who has offered their service over the years. If we all take a turn or two serving the membership our guild will continue to grow and thrive. Our guild offers great programs and workshops, and as Kathie Laposata reported at the August meeting, we help to improve the greater community with all of our service projects. With our common bond of a love all things related to quilting, our guild provides a place for us to share ideas, share our talents and form friendships.

I moved to the Lehigh Valley ten years ago when my husband took a new job in the area. If you have ever relocated you may know it can be hard to find new friends, especially if you don't have the connection of kids in school or co-workers. Lucky for me I had a realtor who was truly "full service". She helped us find a new house and introduced me to a few new friends, helping make the Lehigh Valley our new home.

As I mentioned, one of the things our guild offers is an opportunity to form friendships. With that in mind, Jane Merkel is introducing a new initiative to help us get to know one another better. Look for her new column "*Getting to Know You*" in this newsletter. If you would be willing to be interviewed for an upcoming edition let Jane know. As your president, I am always open to new ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me any time. The better connected we are, the stronger and more vibrant our guild will be!

Best always,  
Val

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM  
except November at  
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
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## Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson  
Vice-President: Jane Merkel  
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson  
Treasurer: Kathy Moore  
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino  
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

## Guild Calendar

Sept 3 - **Guild Meeting**, 7pm, Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA

Sept 21 - **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 - 3 or 4, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

October 30 - November 3, **International Quilt Show Trip**, Houston, TX



## Programs and Workshops

Nicole Folino

For September we welcome Rachel Rossi and her lecture "Bringing Quilting to the next Generation" Rachel is from Lancaster, PA and is passionate about passing her love of quilting onto the next generation. <https://www.rachelrossi.design>

## Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, September 21st, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.

## Raffle Quilt Marketing

Sue Marin

Our journey to another Raffle Quilt Marketing year has begun. I have secured several of the favorite venues from past years, and will continue to look for others in the future. It will be a busy fall! Volunteers will be needed at all of these events, so please consider sharing your time at one or more of them.

Here are the events that have been confirmed.

- ❖ **Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza: September 12 -15, 2019** at the Convention Center in Oak, PA. Volunteers are needed to man the raffle table **and** to serve as White Glovers.
- ❖ **Lehigh Valley Fiber Fest: September 21 – 22, 2019** at Memorial Park in Macungie, PA.
- ❖ **Lancaster Modern: September 28, 2019**
- ❖ **IndieMade at Starlight Ballroom, Fearless Fire Co., 1221 S. Front Street, Allentown: December 7, 2019**
- ❖ **Allentown Fiber Festival: TBA**

Sign up sheets will be available at our meeting on September 3.

I would like to thank all the members who volunteered at the drop off table at the Allentown Fair on 8/22 and 8/23 as well as those who joined me at the Community Table on 8/27. You were all great ambassadors of the guild. Thanks for laying the foundation for our raffle ticket sales next year. I would not be surprised if those members who submitted entries earn ribbons!

## Community Service

Kathie Laposata

I always like to give you a summary of all that you accomplished for the guild's community service projects each year. For the 2018-2019 year, you made:

Breast cancer pillows	366
Placemats for Meals on Wheels	513
Pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles	320
Camp Erin quilts	10
Veteran quilts	6
Preemie bears	55
Preemie quilts	59
California house blocks	16
Total	1,345



**Thanks, thanks, thanks!**

For the 2019-2020 year, some members have already made a huge number of breast cancer pillows – 248 to be exact. Judy Walker, her sister Linda D'Angelo, Helen Hanton, Lizzie Riccaboni and former member Laurie Murray were very busy cutting, sewing and stuffing. Therefore, I'm going to hold off asking for more breast cancer pillows until spring.

## **Show and Tell**

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on August 6, 2019:

Roberta Aeschliman, Nancy Dunham, Karen Hartzell [3], Kathie Laposata [3], Pat Piasecki, Elizabeth Riccaboni, Judy Walker, Linda Wojciechowski, and Sharon Yurkanin.

## **Hospitality**

Diana DeFanti

Many thanks to the members who provided ice cream toppings and drinks for our August meeting. They were Judy Walker, Patty Feninez, Lois Drendall, Diane Pesola and Samantha Cetrulo.

Volunteers for the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting are Pradnya Bal, Kathy Moore, Nancy Scholz, Kathie Laposata and Nancy Skok. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.

## **Quilters Studio**

Julie Borden

We will not be having quilters studio in September. Plan to attend in October. Topic to be determined. Please send any ideas you would like to see at an upcoming quilters studio to Julie Borden.

## **Optical Illusion Quilt Challenge January 2020**

Samantha Cetrulo

Pledge sheets are coming at the next meeting for the Optical Illusion Challenge! I hope everyone has made some progress on their challenge piece and found some inspiration.

## **The Quilt Retreat for 2019**

Sandy O'Connor

WHERE: At The Blue Lake House in Denver, PA. It's located about three miles from Burkholder's fabric shop.

DATE: November 8, 9, 10 -arrive Friday, depart Sunday; quilting all night and day. Bring your own projects to work on.

MEALS: We split into 4 groups and make the meals for the weekend - Friday dinner, Saturday brunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch. We play games, shop for fabric at Burkholder's and have show & tell. We also get to see what other people are working on and share patterns if you wish.

PRICE: Around \$120.00 for the weekend, room for 20 participants to sign up. Must bring your own sheets, pillow and blanket.

If you're interested call / text Sandy O'Connor.



## Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel

(A new column sharing member stories and interests)

Ruth Skinner lives in the west end of Allentown and has belonged to Crazy Quilters for over 15 years. She has enjoyed sewing since she was a teenager but has only quilted in the last 10 or so years. Her favorite sewing machine is her Brother, but she also owns (and uses) 4 sergers, 5 sewing machines, and an embroidery machine. She loves handwork and can always be seen with busy hands at our meetings (more on that later).



When asked what she most enjoys about Crazy Quilters, she answered charity work and camaraderie among the members. So, let me tell you a little bit about Ruth and her charities. Each month members are allowed to bring their leftovers of fabric, yarns, notions, patterns, books. All are placed on the community table for anyone to take. IF NOT TAKEN AT THE END OF THE EVENING, Ruth asked for permission to take them and she shares them with two sewing groups and another quilt guild. She loves to design and make placemats (donated 160 this year) and create colorful pillowcases. She makes dog beds for the animal shelter. She has made laundry bags for foster children, huge Christmas stockings (78) for veterans, knits lap robes (37) for veterans, shawls and fleece robes for nursing home patients. Do you now understand why her hands are never idle. Everything gets repurposed. Nothing is wasted. All her time is well spent. And she uses a lot of her own fabric as well. Ruth is an amazingly accomplished lady who now finds great pleasure in seeing that those less fortunate have a "present" at special times of the year. It makes her heart happy! This is a beautiful living legacy that quietly brings her great joy.

And as a footnote: She loves to travel and shop!!!!

## Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Our August meeting brought together 47 members and welcomed one guest visitor, Jean Nelson. Jean attended the Emmaus Library Presentation and was interested in meeting our group and attending a meeting.

Our membership total remains at 83, including 3 charter members. Renewing membership for 2019-2020 is now open, and will continue by mail to Janet Yandrisevits, or at the September 3rd meeting. Dues are \$45 for the 2019-2020 year, September 2019 - August 2020. New Membership cards will be distributed at the September meeting.

Kathie Laposata was one of 26 members who wore a name tag at the meeting and so had an opportunity to win our prize of a fat quarter. Congratulations Kathie!

Renewal for membership for the 2019-2020 year is now open, with dues remaining at \$45.00 for the year. You may send your payment along with the membership renewal form to Janet Yandrisevits, or bring it to our meeting in September and in months ahead. New Membership cards will be distributed at the September meeting.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

September Birthdays

- 2 Sharon Yurkanin
- 10 Carole Whaling
- 12 Karen Rush
- 13 Agnes Rayome
- 20 Tami Jones
- 22 Julia Davidovich
- 29 Linda Anderson

## Member News and Requests

### Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

### Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. Her email is [rjaartdealer@gmail.com](mailto:rjaartdealer@gmail.com).

### Stamps for the V.A.

Mercedes Gurniak

Please bring cancelled stamps, **with ¼ inch of the envelope remaining around the stamp**, for the V.A. The stamps are used to decoupage items for sale in the gift shop.

### Yarn for Cedarbrook

Ruth Skinner

I am still accepting yarn of all size skeins or balls to make shawls for Cedar Brook Nursing Home residents.

If you bring items that are placed on the table in the back of our meeting room for others to take home, please remember to take away with you anything you brought that has not been claimed by another guild member.



### Committee Chairs

**Challenge:** Sam Cetrulo

**Community Service:** Kathie Laposata

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:** Rhonda Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

**Modern Bee:** Nicole Folino

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Quilt Raffle Marketing:** Sue Marin

**Raffle Quilt Creation:** Jane Merkel

**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Sandra Mugridge

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

## Events

Sept 7-8, Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Spectacular, Walk in Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA, email [lvto sew4@gmail.com](mailto:lvto sew4@gmail.com).

Sept 12-15, PA National Quilt Extravaganza, The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

Sept 21-22, Lehigh Valley Fiber Fest, Macungie Memorial Park <http://www.lvfiberfest.com/>

Sept 21, Hope Township celebrating 250 years. Over 30 antique quilts on display. St. John's Methodist Church, High Street, Hope, NJ, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sept 28, Lancaster Modern, Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

October 11 -12, Keystone Quilters, 2019 Quilt Show "Beauty and the Batik, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Zeigler Rd, Pennsburg, PA, 10 a.m. [www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org).

Nov 8-9, Lebanon Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Lebanon Area Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. <https://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>

Dec 7, IndieMade at Starlight Ballroom, Fearless Fire Co., 1221 S. Front Street, Allentown, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. <https://www.indiemadecraftmarket.com/>

### **Open Call for Entries**

The organizers of Art Quilt Elements in Wayne, PA, are currently accepting quilt entries for their show that runs from March 29 – May 2, 2020. The event will be held at the Wayne Arts Center in Wayne, PA. Entries must be received by October 13, 2019. An entry fee of \$45 is required. This is a juried show and all items must be eligible for sale. For more information, visit [www.artquilelements.org](http://www.artquilelements.org).



The deadline for the October newsletter is **Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**.