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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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Outgoing President's Message

Donna Gasser

It has been my pleasure to lead Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild for the past two years. A great big thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support. Literally I could not have done it without you all pitching in when asked and offering suggestions when they were needed. We accomplished a lot in the last two years. The new officers will also need your support and suggestions. Keep up your great work!!

Incoming President's Message

Jessica Dayon

I am very excited to be the next Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild President! I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself.

I live with my 4 children (7, 9, 12, and 13), my husband, and our 2 cats. I have a degree in Biology and Biochemistry and I worked as a scientist for years before I started staying home with my kids. I started quilting, in 2007, on a whim. I immediately fell in love with it and started writing quilt patterns. I have written 3 quilt books- Season to Taste: Quilts to Warm Your Home All Year Long and Precut Parade: Quilts to Make from Strips, Squares, and Fat Quarters (both with Martingale) and A Year on Solids (with Riley Blake Designs). Currently, I work with lots of different fabric and sewing related companies and I sell my quilt patterns in my Etsy shop. I also have a YouTube channel (though I've been taking a break from it for the summer). Quilting is truly my passion.

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, Sept 3rd 7 p.m.

Sit & Sew: Saturday, September 21st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

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I don't need it.
When I need it,
I can't find it.*



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From the President – Continued

Therefore, it's an honor to be a member of a group with quilting at the heart! Programming has planned a fantastic year for us. In addition to our regular meetings and planned workshops, we have our Sit & Sews, our Community Service Sewing days, our October 2025 Fundraiser to prepare for, and so much more. We also have some new things to look forward to! See below for a new Monthly Challenge and also new Instructional Time at Sit & Sews! If you have any ideas or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me!

President's Monthly Challenge

I am beginning a new monthly challenge for the guild! This is voluntary and you can choose to participate each, individual month or choose to sit that month out. However, I would encourage you all to take a chance and try to participate in each of the challenges.

The point of these challenges is to stretch your quilting skills and perhaps to learn something new! Every time that I have done a quilting challenge, I have found it extremely beneficial. Even if my project didn't turn out as planned, I have always learned something valuable during the challenge. This is exactly why I would like to extend a monthly challenge to our guild. It is good to learn new things and push ourselves out of our creative comfort zone. Each month, I will give a challenge topic. You can make anything that fits into that topic and then we will show our project at the following month's meeting.

For the month of September, our challenge is to make "something that has flying geese". You will have from the September meeting until the October meeting to make your item. Then, at the October meeting, we will share what we made and also, if desired, you can share something you learned from the challenge. We can talk more at the September meeting, and I can answer any questions that you have. As a note though, the item you make can be a single block (not quilted or finished into anything), mini quilt, pin cushion, placemat or table runner, bag, quilt, or anything that contains at least one flying geese unit.

Guild Quilt

At the August Guild meeting, I had block kits available for those interested in making a block for the guild quilt. I thank the members who volunteered to make a block and took a kit (or two) but I still have quite a few kits that need making. I would encourage members to make a block for this quilt if possible. I will have kits to hand out at the September meeting. Please come and see me to sign up for a kit and make a block.

I have had a few members express concern that their sewing may not be up to Kutztown Fair standards. If you are concerned, there are measurements in the pattern included with the block kit. You can practice making the block with scraps and then, once you feel ready, you can make the block with the fabric included in the block kit.

If you took a block kit in August, please return the completed block at the September meeting. Thank you for your help!

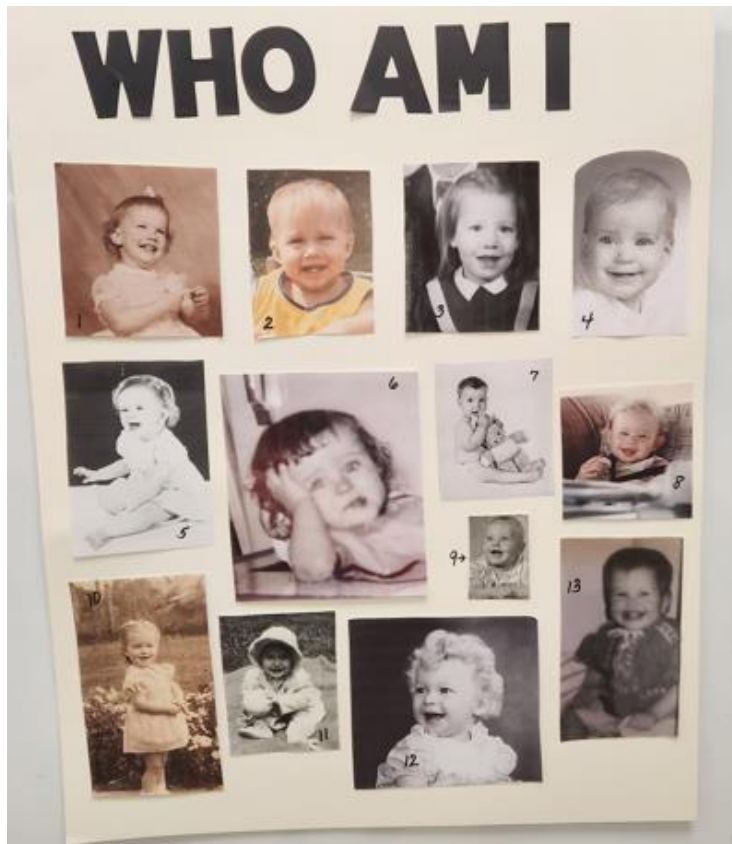
Instructional Sit 'n Sews

As mentioned briefly at the August meeting, I am working on starting optional instructional time at the Sit & Sew events. There will still be the regular free sewing time for the whole length of the Sit & Sew event but, in addition, at certain Sit & Sews, there will be optional instructional time as well.

Donna did a survey a few months ago and many members of the guild expressed interest in having more learning/workshop-type events. So, I am working on building the calendar for that now.

If you would like to share your talent and teach a certain topic, please send me an email so that we can find a date for you and go over the details for you to teach. Likewise, if there is a topic (or more than one) that you would like to learn more about, please send me an email and let me know that as well!

Photos from the August – A Very Merry Unbirthday!



- Answer Key:
1. Karen Rush
 2. Dawn Dengler
 3. Sandy O'Connor
 4. Kim Carlo
 5. Diana Campbell
 6. Julie McDonell
 7. Karen Hartzell
 8. Sam Cetrulo
 9. Diana DeFanti
 10. Diane Pesola
 11. Mercedes Gurniak
 12. Pat Piasecki
 13. Katrina Idleman

Programs and Workshops for 2024-2025

September 3rd -- **RazBeca** is an artist, quilter, and storyteller. She has created a world of colorful snazzy jazzy birds using a fusible raw-edge applique technique. She'll be introducing her technique and a cheerful cast of avian characters in person on September 3rd. In addition to the lecture there will be a pop-up shop with patterns and other items for sale. For a preview of RazBeca's birds visit her Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/rebecca.penniston.3?mibextid=ZbWKwL>



September 28 and 29, 2024 – **Global Quilt Connection’s Sampler Platter** via **Zoom** only. Eighteen amazing teachers will demonstrate a new technique or creative tip with you, all in the comfort of your own home. Demonstrations run each day from 3:00 – 6:00 PM EST. A link to this FREE event and the materials lists will be forwarded to you after the September meeting. This is for Crazy Quilters only and the information may not be shared or distributed outside the Guild.

October 1, 2024 – **David Sirota, aka Quilt Maven Dave**, will present “What Makes a Quilter Tick: A Fun-Filled Look in the Mirror.”



October 2, 2024 – **David Sirota** returns to teach his “No More Tears” method of paper piecing using his “Scrapy Chevron Star...Or Not” pattern. Class runs from 10 AM – 4 PM with one hour for lunch. Registration is \$35 for class. Please make registration checks payable to Crazy Quilters’ Quilt Guild. A \$5 kit fee is required the day of class. Dave asks that you pay in cash or by check made payable to him. Doors will open at 9:00 AM to allow time for everyone to set up their sewing machine and get materials ready. Extension cords are highly recommended. Bring your lunch and don’t forget the dental floss!

November 5, 2024 – **Lyric Montgomery Kinard**, artist and co-founder of the Global Quilt Connection will share “Living Lyrically: Be Inspired, Create Beauty, Find Joy” via **Zoom**. (It’s election night and Calvary is not available as a meeting site.) Lyric will share her “circuitous and unexpected path towards life as a quilt artist.” She is sure to make us laugh as she juggles family and fabric while dealing with duties and dreams. But the lecture is mostly about YOU. Where you are right now is the best place to start. In the end, you’ll be better equipped to create your own beauty.

December 3, 2024 – Our **Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner**. This one is always a big hit. This year will not only be a feast for your tummy but will also feature a **Round Robin** event featuring the work (not necessarily quilt related) of five members. There are a few spots remaining, so if you’d like to share a special technique, collection, or hobby, please contact Sue Marin by September 15, 2024.

January 7, 2025 – **Quilt Challenge at Faith Presbyterian**, North 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA. For this year’s theme and categories, please refer to the full article in the newsletter.

February 4, 2025 – **Cyndi Grisdella** shares “The Anatomy of An Improv Quilt.”

March 4, 2025 – **Nancy Weston**, local resident and member of the Colonial Quilters, will present “HERStory Through Quilting: African American Quilting. Nancy believes the women quilters are HERstorians. Spanning Black History Month (February) and Women’s History month (March), this presentation introduces us to exhibits from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY, as well as Gee’s Bend Quilting Collective in Alabama, John Lewis quilts, Bisa Butler and other modern Black quilters, and The Social Justice Sewing Academy.

April 1, 2025 – **Janellea Macbeth** presents “ScrapStashtic Quilts: Organizing Your Scrap Fabric Stash and ACTUALLY USING IT.”

May 6, 2025 – **Rachel Rossi** shares tips on “Bringing Quilting to the Next Generation.” Come and learn some tips to keep our unique art form flourishing far into the future,

June 3, 2025 – Best known for her Americana Quilt Series of watercolor paintings, **Diane Phalen**, local artist, shop owner, and writer, shares “Quilting with My Paintbrush.” Many of you may have seen her work in the Quilt Barn at the Kutztown Folk Festival. Want to see more of her work? Visit her studio at 3335 Union Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

July 1, 2025 – Guild President and well-known blogger, **Jessica Dayon**, will share a topic yet TBD with us this evening.

August 5, 2025 - **Summer Social** – end the year with fun and fellowship. Sue and Katrina are accepting theme ideas.

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our August meeting, 49 members attended in-person, 3 members attended on zoom, and 1 visitor for a total of 53 in attendance. Our total paid guild membership remains steady for 2024 at 93.

We accepted 19 early membership renewals at the August general meeting. Dues for the year are \$45.00 and are due by the September meeting. Please make your checks payable to 'Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild' or pay in cash, with exact amount of \$45.00. You can always mail a check to either of the Membership Officers.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

The library sale begins in September! Patchwork is our first theme, and we will have a table in the back. Books will be \$3/book or two books for \$5.

I would like to ask the guild members to NOT bring books to the free table for the months we have our sale. Remember the sale benefits the guild!

See you at the sale!

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O’Connor

Many thanks to the members who provided a luscious food table for our Unbirthday party. They were Quinn Pagano, Jessica Dayon, Irene Madalena, Diane Pesola, Dawn Dengler, Diana Campbell, Jane Merkel, Linda Griest, and Sharon Yurkanin. The storm loomed around us but those who made the trip arrived safely and were thankful upon arrival. We missed those who felt the storm directly and could not venture out. However, we all left the meeting happy, full of food and laughing until we felt the rain on our heads as we departed.

September members who signed up to bring a food item for our table are Cathy Schadler, Gail Shearer, Kathie Laposata, Nancy Skok, and Nancy Shannon. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting for September 3rd.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

You should have received a separate email regarding the status of the Quilters Studio. If in the event you missed it, here it is again.

As we move into this next year, it was discussed to move Quilters Studio to a lesson during the Saturday Sit 'n Sew events.

We could also continue to have sessions prior to our monthly meetings at 5:45. Your input is needed as to how to move forward.

**Would you like quilters studio to continue before our monthly meetings?
Would you like quilters studio to be only during the Sit and Sew Saturdays?
Or would you like both to happen.**

What topics are you interested in learning more about?

Please let Jessica and I know your preference. You are the members, and this is a program to benefit all members.

Last year we worked on EPP for many sessions, it was suggested to demo the different ways to make half square triangles.

We will move into October before we have any Quilters Studio sessions....As our meeting falls during my first week of school.

Please share your input regarding the future of Quilters Studio.

Reply to myself and Jessisca Dayon with your thoughts.

Quilt Challenge 2024

Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The challenge this year will be "Quilts in Movies/Literature". This can be an actual quilt seen in a movie or mentioned in a piece of literature or a quilt inspired by either of these. All entries should have a little write up that can be posted with their quilt telling what the inspiration was for the entry. Entries due by December 28th.

Four Categories:

Large (over 40x40)

Small (less than 40x40)

Other (garments, placemats, bags, etc.)

Original (items that were not created using a pattern created by someone other than the maker)

Any questions, feel free to contact me (Irene).



Mark your calendar for **Saturday Sept 21st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. The Sit 'n Sews will be on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month unless notified otherwise. In case you want to mark your calendars, the rest of the dates for 2024 are Oct 5, Oct 19, Nov 2 & Nov 16, none in December.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies and your lunch. 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 at 610-360-8693 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!

Photos from our last Sit & Sew at Lindberg Park. It was a cool day in August!



Oregon's Legendary Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show 2024-49th Annual

Thank you to Ruth Skinner for sending a link to this YouTube video. I don't know about you, but the Sisters Show is on my bucket list! Click [**HERE**](#) for the link. (You may need to do cntnl + click to open the link.)

Crazy Quilt Retreat

Sandy O'Connor

Get ready! It's time for the Crazy Quilt Retreat!!!

Just as the last several years, the retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House in Denver, PA. This beautiful, spacious house is just 3 miles from Burkholder's Fabric (in case you forget something or just want to partake in a little shopping therapy). At the request of last years' participants, we are adding a day. The dates for this Sew/Vacation are Wednesday, November 6th, to Sunday, November 10th.

Set up your sewing machine for the 5 day sew! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

The Lebanon Quilt Show is being held November 8th & 9th. We can carpool to the Show which is a short 16 miles away.

Wednesday & Thursday morning meals are on your own.

Group dinner on Thursday evening will be at the K-ville Hotel & Tavern and you will pay your own check.

The remaining meals; Friday dinner, Saturday brunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch, will be split up into groups for meal preparation.

The cost for all four nights is \$245.00 per person.

We can take 15 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Currently there is room for two more.

In September information will be sent to those who have signed up.

If you're interested in the retreat, please text / Call 484-225-7864 or email.



Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

A Back-to-School atmosphere is beginning everywhere, bringing anticipation of change and the chance for a new start. We will also bring a new idea to your efforts to participate in Community Service in the upcoming year. Rather than keeping a paper list of your donation each month, we will supply tickets that you will simply write your name on and then drop into the big jar. This will be done on a honor system. At the June 2025 meeting, we will pick a ticket out of the jar, and the lucky person will be awarded their membership dues paid for the next year! We hope this will encourage more members to participate in donating their talents to the many worthy opportunities that we will offer for you.

We acknowledge Lizzie Riccaboni, Michelle McLaughlin and others (I asked for names but did not receive more) who took the initiative to donate a quilt to a family in Alburty whose home and lives were damaged by fire. This is a wonderful example of the generosity of Crazy Quilters' members!

Our next Community Sewocial will be October 26th. Mark your calendars!





Birthday wishes for September go out to members:

Sharon Yurkanin - September 2
Carol Sigmund - September 3
Carole Whaling - September 10
Karen Rush - September 12
Vicki Pede - September 15
Irene Oehmke - September 16
Dawn Dengler - September 16
Tami Jones - September 20
Carol Shade - September 28
Linda Anderson - September 29

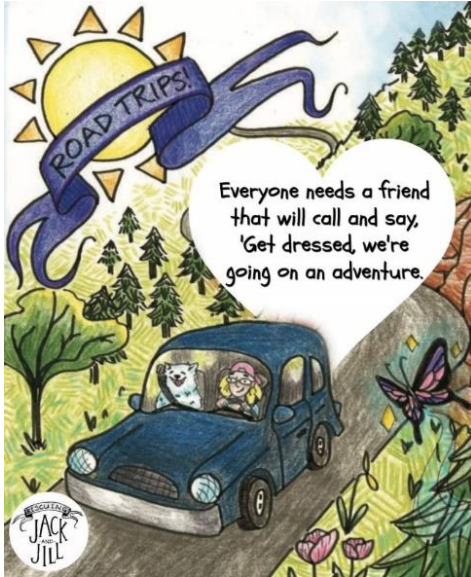
Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick
Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak
Fundraising & Ways & Means: Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer, Sue Marin
Guild Quilt Construction: Jessica Dayon
Historical: Kathy Moore
Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor
Library: Michele McLaughlin
Newsletter: Karen Rush
Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski
Quilters Studio: Julie Borden
Retreat: Sandy O'Conner
Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Judy Walker
Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski
Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel
Website: Nancy Scholz

**Deadline for the next newsletter is September 21st.
Please mark your calendars!**

Upcoming Events



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 6th St, Weatherly, PA

September 28 – [Quilt Fest](#), Garden Spot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Rd., New Holland, PA, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

October 2 -- [David Sirota's Scrappy Chevron Star Workshop](#)

October 4 & 5 – [Berks Quilters Guild 2024 Quilt Show, Quilts from the Heart of Berks](#), Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.

October 11 & 12 – [Keystone Quilters Quilt Show](#) "Star Struck", Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073

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 – 15th -- Biennial Lebanon Quilters Guild Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon EXPO Center.

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March 7 & 8 – [Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild](#) "Valley in Bloom". Warrior Run Area Fire Dept, 1st Street, Allenwood, PA.

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to Karen.