

# Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild

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## From the President      Karen Hartzell

Hello Crazy Quilters and Welcome Spring!

I spotted my first crocus blooming in the garden the end of February and flocks of robins in Trexler Park, where you will find me most days walking with my sweet dog Abbey, a Brittany Spaniel/Border Collie mix.

Many thanks to Michele McLaughlin with her wonderful display of garden flower quilts at last month's membership meeting. It was a breath of fresh air to see the colorful array of quilts depicting many different types of flowers in her "Harvest of Quilts" trunk show.

I was very pleased to see our challenge quilts at the New Jersey show. These exceptional entries revealed the fine workmanship of our members. I heard several comments commending us for a job well done. I'm glad we had this opportunity to share our work publicly. Next up is the Hershey show, so mark your calendars for July 21-24.

As I transition into the office of president I want to thank each one of you who help make this organization run smoothly. Thanks to all the officers and committee chairs and to those who serve on those committees, as well as those who bake, sell raffle tickets, and sew pillowcases, preemie quilts, placemats and other items. We all share in making our guild fun and rewarding.

As we move forward in our guild, I thank God for his strength to help me and thank each of you for your enthusiasm and willingness to help keep our guild strong. You are a special group of ladies and I hope I can get to know each of you better.

When life hands you pieces -- make a quilt.

**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  
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7:00pm  
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## Raffle Quilt Marketing      Jackie Leipert

Thank you to all of the volunteers who sold raffle tickets and did white glove duty at the NJ Show. A special thanks to those of you who did double duty. The total receipts from the NJ Show came to \$698.00, which brings our total of sales from outside venues (The Oaks and The Quilted Crow Day) to \$1480.00. So far our members have returned \$1338.00 from their own ticket sales. Approximately 3/4 of our members have not yet sold their tickets. I will be available at every meeting to accept your payment and ticket stubs. You cannot win nor have top-notch programs unless you return your tickets.

## Community Service      Kathie Laposata

The final count for pillowcases made both at our February meeting and by members at home is a wonderful 245. There are all sorts of fabrics and color combinations, so the children and teenagers will have no problem choosing something that just suits their style.

April is a collection month for preemie flannel quilts and for veteran's quilts. Julie Borden will collect the preemie quilts and members of the community service committee will collect the veteran's quilts after your show and tell. I look forward to seeing the veteran's quilt pictures on the website since I will not be at the April meeting. Our last project of the year is the Camp Erin quilts in May. You always come up with such cheerful quilts for these kids suffering from bereavement. Thanks in advance.

## Programs and Workshops

Barb Kissell and Sharon Schaffer

April 5, 2016

Linda J. Hahn "NY Beauty State of Mind"

Linda, the author of two award - winning books, New York Beauty Simplified and New York Beauty Diversified, has had articles and designs published in many quilting magazines. She also has designed quilt patterns for RJR Fabrics and Northcott silk.

April 6, 2015

Workshop: "New York Beauty Simplified" 9-3PM

Join us and learn Linda's ONE PIN technique for making New York Beauty blocks. With Linda's method, the blocks come out perfectly the first time!! The workshop fee is \$30 this includes the kit with foundation paper, paper-piecing stencils & custom acrylic templates. We still have room for a few more students to join us for the workshop.



May 3, 2016

Suzi Parron "Barn Quilts"

Suzi will take you on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art. Suzi's presentation features over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes.

June 7, 2016

Merry May "What Was She Thinking?"

A unique Show N Tell of UFOs from the studio of noted (or notorious, depending upon your point of view!) quilter Merry May. Other quilters show you their best work; this is – well, somewhat different. Some are samples of designs in progress, others are samples that were made for local quilt shops, and still others must have been from drug-induced moments (post-surgery, of course!), because Merry has no recollection of how they came to be included in her UFO "collection". Still others were given to her (no, really!) or followed her home from various shopping excursions to antique shops and such. Everything has a story, though, so you can be assured of some entertainment along the way!

June 8, 2016

Workshop: Groovy Quilt 9-3PM

Make this cool, modern quilt top with only two template pieces, eight fabrics, and big, easy curves. It is not nearly as difficult as it looks! We work with oversized curved units, and then trim them down to the exact size they need to be. Merry's organized chart helps you keep track of which fabrics go where, too. Workshop fee \$25, limit 20.



**Honey Bees**

**Jackie Leipter**

The honey bees will be hibernating this winter. We will keep you posted when it is time to return to buzzing.

**Blocks and Swaps**

**Kathie Laposata**

The April 2016 block is a Long Shoo Fly in the colors of the Caribbean on a white background. The instructions are follow..

**Quilters on the Move - Houston International Quilt Festival**      **Jane Merkel**

Reminder: please register for the trip to the Houston International Quilt Festival. We currently have only 15 signed up, so if you are considering going contact me. I will open trip up to others so please share this with other quilters.

At this time, the estimated cost is a maximum of \$850 with the minimum being \$808. Flight reservations are being held, and the hotel is Drury Inn at Hobby Airport. Bus transportation is by Perkiomen, and transportation in Houston is by Sam's. Hopefully, dinner will be at Maggiano's in Little Italy. Drury Inn offers a generous breakfast (free) and a kick back supper (free).

I am looking for a maximum of 40 participants. If you have any questions, please call me NOW. Ask away and feel comfortable about your decisions. You will reserve a space by sending me your \$100 (nonrefundable) deposit. You will lose your money if a replacement cannot be found for your reserved spot. I gave a deadline to participate as May 1, but in rethinking that date, I would prefer a deadline of April 1. (If I need to go outside the guild, this gives everyone more time.) Thanks!

## Library

Michele McLaughlin

This is a reminder for **Laurie Murray** who **has** volunteered to donate the raffle gift for the April 2015 meeting.

## Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thank you volunteers for the providing refreshments for the March meeting. Those volunteers were Lorraine Bujnowski, Sandra Mugridge, Linda Finkelstein, Nancy Dunham and Sharon Pieller.

April volunteers are Donna Gasser, Barb Kissell, Janet Yandrisevits, Nancy Skok, Dawn Martrich, and Janet Rigge. You will be contacted and reminded prior to the next meeting. Thank you all for providing an enjoyable evening with your donations of luscious desserts.

## Quilter's Studio

Julie Borden

Our April Quilter's Studio will be mitered corners on bindings and borders. If you will be attending please contact Julie Borden. Please bring questions and tips to share.

## Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Karen Hartzell

Congratulations to Karen Hartzell who is now our CQ President! Karen, thank you also for your involvement with membership until Roberta returns from Florida mid-April.

And thank you to our 41 members who attended the March meeting, where there were also five paid guests who have been extended invitations to join our guild: Sallie Astheimor, Kay Bachkai, Kathy Moore, Christine A. Watt [guest of Laurie Murray], and Kathleen Wydrynski.

Janet Rigge won the name tag gift of a handcrafted pencil holder, which was a memento from our 20th anniversary celebration. Total name tags worn: 35.

Membership updates:

Maxine and Allen Bernstein have relocated and are now settled in their new home. Their phone number and email address remain the same.

## April Birthdays: Enjoy your special day!

April 7 Helen Hanton  
April 8 Diane Pesola  
April 13 Jackie Lukity  
April 16 Betsy Golden  
April 22 Janet Rigge  
April 27 Linda Wojciechowski

## Mark Your Calendars

Tami Jones

Becky Goldsmith from Piece O' Cake Designs will be visiting our Guild on August 9 & 10, 2016. As soon as the decision is made on the workshops, information will be posted.

## Long Shoo Fly – 9 x 12 inch finished size

**Color theme:** The fabric below shows the color theme for your fabric selection for the Shoo Fly. It reminds me of the color of Caribbean waters. I've shown 5 fabrics I picked from my stash to make blocks for this month. You can use solids, tone-on-tone, prints, stripes, plaids, etc. The background color should be white or white-on-white fabric.





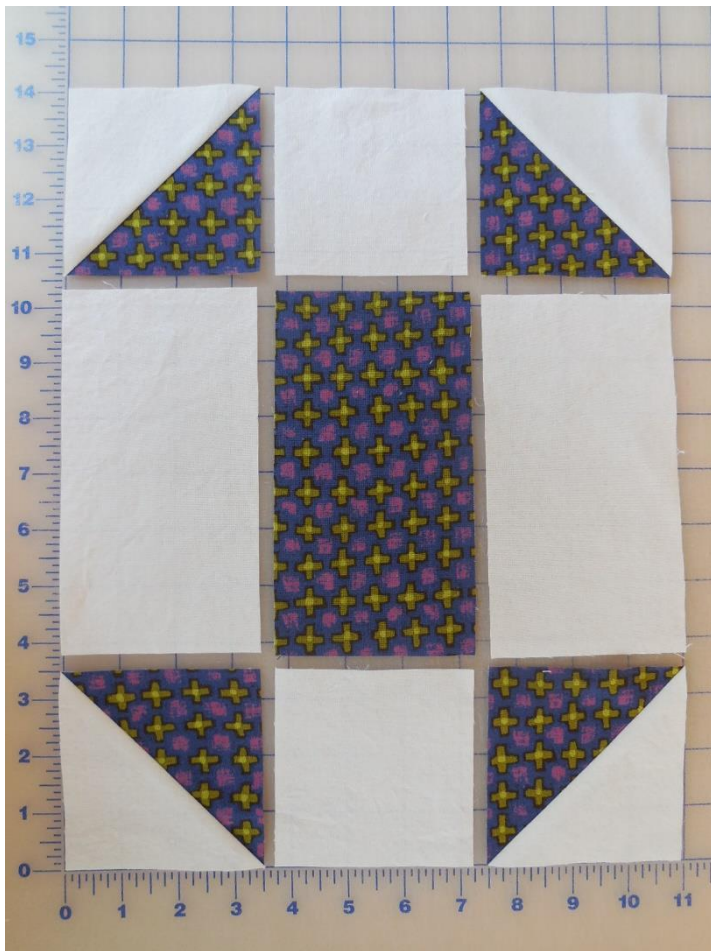
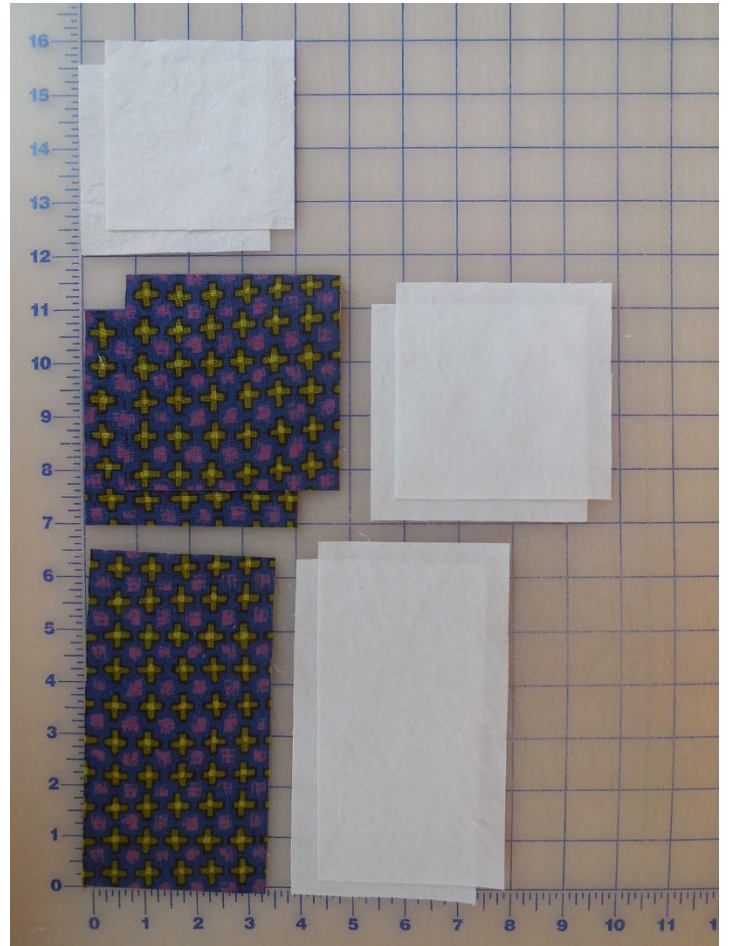
**Fabric requirements:**

White background:

- Two 3-1/2 by 3-1/2 inch squares.
- Two 4 by 4 inch squares.
- Two 3-1/2 by 6-1/2 inch rectangles.

Shoo Fly:

- Two 4 by 4 inch squares.
- One 3-1/2 by 6-1/2 inch rectangle.



**Construction:**

Step 1 – To make the 4 half square triangle (HST) parts of the block, pair each 4 inch white square with a Shoo Fly square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line, and sew one-quarter inch on either side of the line. Cut on the drawn line. Press toward the white fabric and square up to 3-1/2 inch half square triangles. You will have 4 HSTs.

Step 2 - Lay out the HSTs and remaining squares and rectangles as shown to the left, and sew together. The block should measure 9-1/2 x 12-1/2 inches at this point, so that it will finish at 9 x 12 inches.

## Calendar of Events from the editor

American Quilter's Society Show, Mar. 16 – 19, 2016, Lancaster, PA, [www.americanquilter.com/shows](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows).

Brooklyn Quilts! April 2-3, 2016, Brooklyn Quilters Guild, [www.quiltbrooklyn.org](http://www.quiltbrooklyn.org).

Garden of my Dreams Quilt Show & Sale, Beachplum Quilters of Jersey Shore, April 9-10, 2016, [www.beachquilters.org](http://www.beachquilters.org).

Berry Basket Quilters Show, April 16-17, 2016, Medford, NJ, [www.berrybasketquilters.com](http://www.berrybasketquilters.com).

American Quilter's Society Show, April 17 - 23, 2016, Paducah, KY. [www.americanquilter.com/shows](http://www.americanquilter.com/shows).

Quiltfest 2016, April 30-May 1, Palmer Township, PA, [www.colonialquilters.org](http://www.colonialquilters.org).

Penn Dry Goods Market Antique and Vintage Textiles, May 13-14, 2016, [www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com).

York Quilters' Guild Celebration of Quilts, May 20-21, 2016, [www.celebrationofquilts.com](http://www.celebrationofquilts.com).

Quilts by the Bay, June 11-12, 2016, Annapolis, MD, [www.annapolisquiltguild.org](http://www.annapolisquiltguild.org).

Kutztown Folk Festival, July 2-10, 2016, [www.kutztownfestival.com](http://www.kutztownfestival.com).

Quilt Odyssey 2016, July 21-24, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA, [www.quiltodyssey.com](http://www.quiltodyssey.com).

Quilts in the Mill, Stockton, NJ, September 30-October 2, 2016, [www.courthousequilters.org](http://www.courthousequilters.org).

Berks Quilters Guild Quilt Shoe 2016, October 14-15, [www.berksquiltersguild.org](http://www.berksquiltersguild.org).

Lebanon Quilters Guild 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Nov. 11-13, 2016, [www.lebanonquiltersguild.com](http://www.lebanonquiltersguild.com).

## Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 - **Guild Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., LCHS.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – **New York Beauty Simplified Workshop**, 9am -3pm, LCHS.

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## Guild Officers

**President:** Karen Hartzell and Roberta Whitcomb

**First Vice-President (Programs):** Barb Kissell

**Second Vice-President (Membership):** Roberta Whitcomb & Karen Hartzell

**Secretary:** Ann Lineberger

**Treasurer:** Sharon Pieller



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## Committees

**Blocks/Swaps:** Kathie Laposata

**Challenge:** Carole Whaling

**Community Service:** Kathie Laposata (Chr.),

Sally Waggoner, Ann Lineberger, Sharon Schaffer, Lorraine Bujnowski, Betsy Golden, Pat Piasecki

**Historical:** Marlene Dorman

**Honey Bees:** Jackie Leipter

**Hospitality:** Diana Defanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Barb Seely

**Newsletter:** Kathy Schuessler

**Phone Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Programs/Workshops:** Barb Kissell/Sharon Schaffer

**Publicity:** Kathy Schuessler

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Raffle Quilt Marketing 2015:** Jackie Leipter

**Show and Tell:** Diane Pesola

**Sunshine and Shadow:** Sandra Mugridge

**Twenty-fifth Anniversary:** Tami Jones

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

