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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

It is officially spring and hopefully the weather will warm up now! I hope you have all adjusted to daylight savings. I have the hardest time adjusting to it, but I think I'm finally getting there.

We have two workshops coming up. Please see the Programming section below for the details. I will have sign-ups for both workshops at the April meeting.

I hope you are all excited about the Guild Challenge for this year and are brainstorming your ideas for your project! I know I am! I'm also really looking forward to participating in Better Done Than Perfect. April is the deadline for getting your UFO list into Kim Carlo, the chair of this committee.

We are looking for volunteers to fill the board of our guild. I have volunteered to be the Programming Chair. As such, if you have any programming ideas, please email me with them. Phillis Walden is the chair of the Nominating Committee. She will be contacting members of the guild to see if they are willing to hold officer positions. If you are interested in a specific position, please contact Phillis.

Just so you know, I will be away for the May meeting and workshop, and Donna will be filling in for me at both the meeting and workshop. I will be showing my new fabric collection (called Celeste) at h+h americas, which is a business to business trade show in Chicago.

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: Jessica Dayon

Vice-President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

Programming Officer: Cassandra Kriley

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 7 p.m.

Quilters Studio starts at 5:45 p.m.,

Sit 'n Sews: In-person, April 18th, Virtual, April 8th & 22nd

Quilting: where math, magic, and mild cussing meet



President's Message – Continued

I am equal parts nervous and excited- maybe more nervous- and I'm sorry to be missing our meeting and workshop!

QUILTERS' STUDIO

The April Quilters' Studio will start at 5:45 on April 7th (before our monthly meeting). I will be showing how to piece the two types of house blocks in the Village quilt. This quilt is a free pattern and is attached to this email.

There will be no Quilters' Studio in May since I will be away.

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The President's monthly challenge for the month of March challenge was to make a project using the string block technique. Bring your project to show at the April meeting if you participated.

The President's monthly challenge for the month of April is to make a house block- any pattern, any project, as long as it has at least one house block in it.

If you have any ideas or would like to teach at a Quilters' Studio, please let me know.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

At the April meeting, we will show Lesson 8. In April, we will be working on Lesson 9 and will share that at the May meeting. The schedule is below for your reference.



| America the Quilt Along Schedule | | | |
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| Working Period | Assignment | Blocks to Make | When to Share |
| August | Purchase pattern & gather fabric | None | None |
| September | Lesson 2- Strip Piecing & Chain Piecing | 1 Long Checkerboard, 1 Short Checkerboard, 2 Short Fence Blocks, and 1 Long Fence Block | At the October Meeting |
| October | Lesson 3- Stitch & Flip | 9 Snowball Tree Blocks 4" x 8" | At the December Meeting (November is a Zoom only meeting) |
| November | Lesson 4- Flying Geese | 5 Flying Geese Tree Blocks & Flag Block | At the December Meeting |
| December | Lesson 5- Pieced Squares | 4 Mosaic Blocks & 78 Border Half Square Triangles | At the January Meeting |
| January | Lesson 6- Making & Using Templates | 8 Template Tree Blocks | At the March Meeting (February is a Zoom only meeting) |
| February | Lesson 7- Arranging Patches | 4 House Blocks | At the March Meeting |
| March | Lesson 8- Half- and Quarter-Square Triangles | 1 Fields Block, 1 Mountains Block, 1 Shining Sun Block | At the April Meeting |
| April | Lesson 9- Pressing Tips & Strategies | 3 Bounty Blocks | At the May Meeting |
| May | Lesson 10- Fabric Considerations | 1 Church Block, 1 Schoolhouse Block, 1 Barn Block | At the June Meeting |
| June | Lesson 11- Applique | Applique stars | At the July Meeting |
| July | Lesson 12- Assembly, Quilting, Binding | Assembly | At the August Meeting |

April 7, 2026- Jamie Davis- Loopy Tulip Designs- "History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts"



The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War. Discover how the industrial revolution, the struggle over slavery and the social and moral climate of the time contributed to this beautiful art form. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilts leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them, and find out how a pregnancy, a Christmas gift and a quilt class gone horribly wrong helps to explain the mystery behind why these quilts disappeared almost overnight. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures.

May 5, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts.... Folklore & Superstitions"

"Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts – Folklore & Superstitions" provides quilts that represent some of the most colorful Pennsylvania quilts made in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's. Their unique designs and quilting patterns have created the "Dutch" folk art that is collected today. Discussion will include the connection of "quilts", "hex signs" and the world of "folklore and superstitions."



WORKSHOP -- May 6, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Armenian Love"



The "Armenian Love" design was inspired by a doll quilt in the Christ Collection dated circa 1840. This design is often referred to as a "Pomegranate" or "Love Apple." According to Armenian mythology the pomegranate symbolizes fertility, abundance, and good fortune. This workshop will teach you the "prepared edge" technique. You will learn how to create smooth curves...beautiful points and bias stems. The shell of the pomegranate with the large number of seeds can also symbolize the universe with its stars and planets. Applique can bring you endless rewards as you take one step at a time. The world of applique will take you on a trip that goes beyond infinity.

Time: Doors open at 8:00am. Workshop runs from 9:00am- 4:00pm with a break from 12:00-1:00 for lunch. Cost for guild members: \$35 for workshop + \$20 pattern **Deadline to sign up is April 17th.**

June 2, 2026 - Elizabeth DeCroos – Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells my journey from Canada to Korea and back again. While in Korea, I studied the ancient art of Pojagi, Korean patchwork. Back in Canada, however, the Korean materials are more difficult to find, so I adapted pojagi techniques to readily-available western materials with some great results.





ZOOM WORKSHOP -- June 6, 2026- Elizabeth DeCroos - Korean Reversible Patchwork: Pojagi Improv Window Hanging

Use fat quarters or 8" x 10" pieces of batik to create a one-of-a-kind pojagi project. In this class you will learn two different methods of pojagi seams and when to use them. If you struggle with getting started with improv piecing, working in a group will get you going, Once you start, you won't be able to make just one – you will want to experiment with different colours and arrangements. Finished size: 20" x 30", but can be easily personalized.

This workshop is a 5 hour, Zoom workshop that you can participate in from the comfort of your home.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm, with a 30 minute lunch break from 12-12:30

Cost for guild members: The cost for this workshop is a flat fee so it decreases per person the more people that we have signed up. If we have 15 people sign up, it is \$45 per person. If we have 20 people (the maximum allowed) sign up, it is \$35 per person. **Class Registrations closes May 7th.**

July 7, 2026 – Teresa Duryea Wong - "Sewing and Survival" Native American Quilts from 1880 – 2022"

This lecture covers a tumultuous period in Native American culture beginning in 1880, when Native lands were taken away, buffalo herds were decimated, forced relocations were happening all over North America, and the educational system changed dramatically. Indigenous American spent the 1880s and the next few decades learning to adapt. As Western missionary women made their way into the loves of American Indigenous communities, they introduced quilt making skills and provided fabric and supplies. Native American women with adept needle skills adopted Western patchwork quilts and eventually made quilts that reflected their own cultural heritage.



August 4, 2026 – Annual Social- Live Event Only

This year our social will be Ice Cream Parlor themed.

We will enjoy games and snacks (more info on both of those to come) as well as a mini quilt challenge!

Here are the details of the mini quilt challenge:

Quilts must measure between 12" and 24", no larger or smaller

The design must be ice cream or popsicle themed

Only one entry per person

First-, second-, and third- place ribbons will be awarded.



2026 Challenge

Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin, Quinn Pagano

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's quilt challenge. This year's challenge will be a little different because there will be two main categories: Upcycled/Recycled and America 250.



For Upcycled/Recycled, make a quilt or other item using repurposed fabric from old clothes or an old quilt. You will be asked to provide a photo of the recycled items used and a description.

For America 250, create something to celebrate America's 250th birthday.



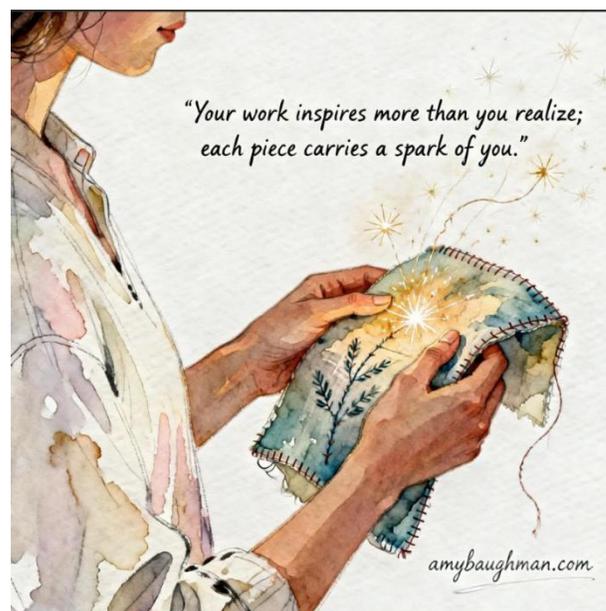
For both of these options, we will have the following categories:

- Large Quilt (40" X 40" or larger)
- Small Quilt (less than 40" X 40")
- Other (placemats, totes, garments. Wearable art, etc.)
- Original (any product, quilt or otherwise, that was not a purchased pattern created by someone else. This must come out of your own imagination. If your product was inspired by another creator, please give them credit).

In addition, we will have some other special awards:

- Best Quilt that falls into both categories
- Best Use of Color
- Best Workmanship
- I Wish I Made That

We hope you will consider joining in the fun this year! All entries will be displayed and voted on at our January 2027 meeting. If you have any questions, contact Quinn Pagano, Deb Goodwin or Kim Carlo.



Better Done Than Perfect is Back!

Kim Carlo

Do you have a pile of old projects lying around that you have been meaning to finish but never seem to get to? Then this challenge is for you.

Here's how it works:



- Create a list of projects that you would like to complete
- Bring your list to the next guild meeting and give to Kim Carlo. For each item on your list, place a quarter in the “pot”. So, for example, if you have a list of 12 projects that you want to finish, place \$3.00 in the collection box. All lists are due by the April meeting (4/7/26).
- We will run this program for one year until April 6, 2027. Throughout the year, if you finish a project on your list, bring it to the guild meeting. We will have a special show and tell for these projects. For each project you complete, your name will go into a drawing. The more projects you finish (from your list), the more times your name will go into the drawing. Note: The quilt must be totally finished, not just a top. It must be quilted and bound.
- At the end of the drawing, we will draw a name and that person will win the money collected at the start of this challenge in 2026.

Contact Kim Carlo with any questions.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the members who provided the refreshments for the March meeting. They were Lori Smith, Irene Oehmke, Nancy Snyder, and Linda Griest. Also, thank you to the members who just brought a dessert to add to our refreshment table. It is always appreciated.

Members who signed up for April are Jane Rossetti, Carol Willis, Pat Vaccaro, Karen Rush and Quinn Pagano. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Decaf coffee and tea are always available during the evening.

Quiltfolk

Karen Hartzell

Two Quiltfolk calendars were given to Pat Vaccaro & Doreen Gramling.

Guild History

Karen Hartzell

A gem from the first Crazy Quilter's newsletter – The speaker's topic for the meeting was “Template Free Quilting.” We've come so far since those days of templates. I'm glad our quilting journey is constantly improving and evolving

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick



The in-person Sit 'n Sew will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 10:15 – 4 pm**. Bring your project or work on Community Service projects.

The virtual Sit 'n Sews in February will be:

- **Wednesday April 8th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday April 22nd from 1:30 – 4 pm**

Our first **Community Service Sewcial** of 2026 will be **Thursday, April 30th, 10 am - 3 pm**, then clean-up, at the **Emmaus branch of New Tripoli Bank, 4892 Buckeye Rd.**

Pull up to the entrance temporarily to unload equipment, but park in the last row, by the grass. Go through the first door on the right inside the entrance and take the elevator to the well-lit basement.

You can just show up, period, without bringing any supplies. However, it will help us to plan and set up if you RSVP to Dawn Dengler &/or Pat Piasecki, especially if you will bring a machine, so we reserve a spot near an outlet. Please bring your own refreshments (NO alcohol permitted). You can come and go as you like and stay for as little or much of the time as you like. Some people indicated they'd like a weekday option. So, we hope we get a good turnout.

We'll also have a **Saturday Sewcial, May 30th**, at **Parkland Community Library in the Zirkel Room from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.**

We plan to have a variety of precut kits available near the sign-in table at the April 7th monthly meeting at Calvary Baptist and again at the April 18th Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian. Members can take kits to sew at home or can sew them onsite at the Sit and Sew.

Also, at the April 18th Sit and Sew, we'll bring donated red, white and blue fabric for people to cut and/or sew Echoes Blocks to donate to the Quilts of Valor® Foundation's 2026 National Block

Drive <https://www.qovf.org/national-block-drive/>. Every year the Quilt Block Drive collects individual blocks that others across the nation incorporate into Quilts of Valor® that are given to Service Members and Veterans who've been affected by war. So, you don't need to be able to assemble an entire quilt. You can contribute even by helping to make just one block.

At the March monthly meeting, we collected:

600 precut fabric sets for making chemo port pillows!

6 wheelchair blankets for Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation

30 kennel pads, 12 of which were delivered to Forgotten Felines and

Fidos, <https://www.facebook.com/forgottenfelinesnew> and 18 of which went to Peaceable

Kingdom, <https://www.facebook.com/people/Peaceable-Kingdom-Inc/100064856641308/#>

68 cancer comfort pillows that were delivered to The CHEMO Bag organization to be included in the Bag of Hope totes that they distribute to area infusion centers, <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>

23 premie blankets for LVHN NICU babies

22 placemats to add to our annual autumn donation for clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://mowglv.org/>

9 pillowcases for hospitalized kids to be distributed by the Lehigh Valley-Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles, <https://www.facebook.com/people/Case-for-Smiles-Lehigh-Valley-Berks-Chapter/61587626488524/>

Also, 8 previously collected quilted baby blankets went to Cay Galgon Life

House, <https://www.facebook.com/caygalgonlifehouse>

Thank you all for your inspiring support of these community service projects!

This short video from Moda fabrics shows some of the fabric mill books that they have collected and use currently to produce fabric lines. They also show how they are documenting the fabric lines that they produce.

[Behind the Seams: Moda's Antique Mill Books with Mark Dunn & Jamie Chupik](#)

Show & Tell – March

Anna Blanchette



Diana Campbell



Deb Veshinsky



Irene Oehmke



Rae Wong



Jane Rossetti



Karen Rush



Pat Piasecki



Laurie Murray



Linda Wojciechowski



Lori Maurer



Ruth Smith



Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

There were 62 members present at our March meeting; 1 visitor, and 1 new member.

Nancy Sheffield is our new member. She is married, with 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Nancy likes to bike and hike and likes to ride tandem bicycle with her husband. She is passionate about sewing and quilting.



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| CARLO (BRINGHURST) | KIM | 2-Apr |
| HANTON | HELEN | 7-Apr |
| MABERRY | ANNE | 7-Apr |
| PESOLA | DIANE | 8-Apr |
| SHAFFER | KAREN | 14-Apr |
| YORK | LYNDA | 14-Apr |
| WOJCIECHOWSKI | LINDA | 27-Apr |

Committees

Challenge: Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer, Sue Marin

Historical: Karen Hartzell

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Newsletter & Communications: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Connor

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Lori Maurer

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski (In-Person) & Cathleen Kilpatrick (Virtual)

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

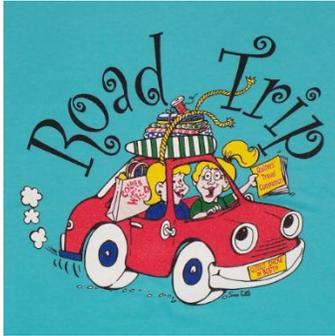
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz



**Reminder: Newsletter Deadline is always the 21st of the Month
Mark your calendars!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

April 8-11 – AQS Quilt Week, Hartford, CT [New England 2026 - American Quilter's Society](#)

April 10-12 – [Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show](#) presents “A Kaleidoscope of Color”. Clarke County Parks & Rec Center, Berryville, Virginia

April 26 -- Group Port Pillow Making at Union UCC, Neffs. Noon to 3 pm
Help provide some comfort to cancer patients in our area. Join our seated "assembly line" to make chemo port-protecting pillows. If you will bring a sewing machine, please let Dawn Dengler know ahead of time. Otherwise, you can just show up and take turns prepping materials, sewing, stuffing &/or bagging. Stay as much or as little of the time as you're able.

April 30 -- CQQG Community Service Sewcial at Emmaus Branch of New Tripoli Bank, 4892 Buckeye Rd. 10 am - 3pm See Community Service section for details. Contact Dawn Dengler or Pat Piasecki with questions.

May 2 – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Palmerton & Palmerton High School

May 6 – Workshop – Arlan & Pat Christ, "Armenian Love"

May 15-16 – [Four Country Quilters Quilt Show](#), “When Life Gives You Scraps, Make a Quilt”. Frederick Event Center, 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

May 29-31 – Brandywine Valley Quilt Show, “1776-2026 Evolution & Revolution”. Neumann University Mirenda Center, 501 Convent Drive, Aston, PA [2026 Quilt Show - Brandywine Valley Quilters](#)

May 30 -- CQQG Community Service Sewcial at Parkland Community Library, 4422 Walbert Ave. just off Rte 309 12:30-4:30 p.m.

June 6 -- ZOOM WORKSHOP -- June 6, 2026- Elizabeth DeCroos - Korean Reversible Patchwork: Pojagi Improv Window Hanging

June 18-20 – A Quilter’s Destination Quilt Show, Burlington, Vermont [Vermont Show Info | A Quilter's Destination](#)

June 19-20 – Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show. Central Columbia High School, 4777 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, PA.

July 23-25 – A Quilters Destination, NE Ohio Guild show, Ashland, Ohio [Ashland, OH | AQuiltersDestination](#)

Sept 17-20 – Pennsylvania National Quilt Show Extravaganza, Oaks, PA [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#)

October 2-3 – Berks Quilters Guild quilt show, “Quilts From the Heart of Berks”, Leesport Farmers Market, 312 Gernants Church Road, Leesport, PA.

October 9-10 – Keystone Quilters Quilt Show, “Freedom of Expression”, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA. [Keystone Quilters](#)

November 6-8 – Fall Harvest of Quilts, Pleasant Valley Community Firehall in Westminster, MD

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send