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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Happy August! This is the last month of our quilt guild's year and I love that we end the year with a social! Our August meeting is looking like it'll be so much fun. When you enter, the mini quilts for the Ice Cream themed quilt challenge will be set up on display and each member will get to vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We will have banana splits and root beer floats as well as a couple of games. We will have time to sit and chat with each other and then we will have our business meeting plus our Show & Tell.

Please take a look at the Programming section below. We have a lovely in person workshop scheduled for September 8th on block at a time quilting. We currently need more people to sign up to be able to run the workshop. Please email me or sign up at the August meeting at the Membership table.

Lastly, this is my final month writing to you as President. I have truly enjoyed my time as President, getting to know each of you and sharing with you every month. Katrina Idleman will be the next President and she will be a fantastic one!

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no regular quilters' studio in August due to setting up for the social.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

Guild Officers

President: Jessica Dayon

Vice-President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

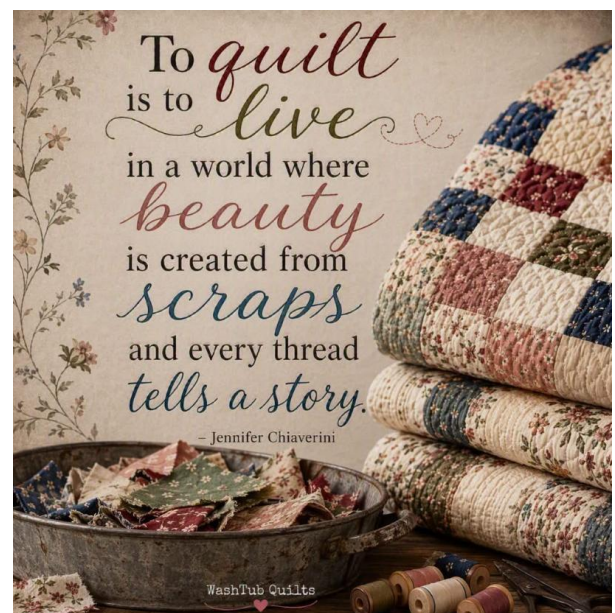
Programming Officer: Cassandra Kriley & Jessica Dayon

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, August 4th

Sit 'n Sews: In-person, Aug 15th ; Virtual, Aug 26th



President's Message – Continued

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

This is the final month! If you have your quilt top together, please bring it in to show our guild.

For Further Reading -- Submitted by Sue Marin

If you enjoyed Teresa Dureya Wong's lecture and want to read more about how the American government tried to acclimate the Indians into Western society, you might enjoy the following books.

Caleb's Crossing by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks. This historical novel is set in the 1600's in Martha's Vineyard, MA. It chronicles the journey of a young Wampanoag man, who is raised with an English family, who becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College.

One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus. Also historical fiction, this first book in a trilogy explores a different way the American government tries to acclimate our Native American brothers and sisters to the Western way of life in the late 1800's.. Although the request for these women came from a Cheyenne Indian Chief, one thousand white women, some of them chosen from prisons and mental health institutions, are sent out west as part of President Grant's BFI (Brides for Indians) program. Upon arrival in Cheyenne Territory, the women are traded for horses and then selected as wives by the braves. The program was meant to help acclimate the Indians, but in the process, these women must first acclimate themselves to the Indian culture and a nomadic lifestyle.

Programs

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

August 4, 2026 – Annual Social- Live Event Only

This year our social will be Ice Cream Parlor themed. We will enjoy banana splits, root beer floats, a few games and a mini quilt challenge!



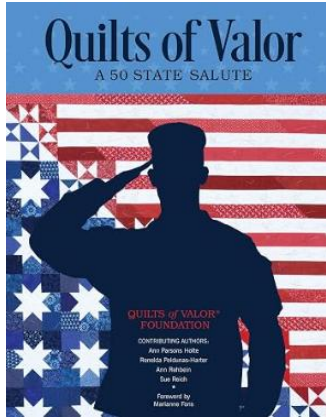
September 1, 2026 – Ann Parsons Holte - Quilts for a Cause



Since there have been quilters, we have been making quilts for causes. The cause might be something small and personal such as raising money for a family in need. The cause might be national and urgent such as calling attention to the issue of the abolition of slavery. Since the Civil War, quilts have been made to support and memorialize soldiers. This lecture focuses on these kinds of quilts and introduces a technique for making quilts completely on a home sewing machine.

IN PERSON WORKSHOP -- September 8, 2026- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine

This variation on the quilt-as-you-go technique was developed in order to help quilters who want to make quilts for the Quilts of Valor project. With this technique, an individual quilter or a group can complete a quilt on home machines without the backlog of waiting for a longarm to become available. Of course, the technique can be adapted to many quilt patterns.



The “quilt as you go” idea is not new, but this technique will allow you to attach blocks with almost any width of sashing on the front of the quilt – a problem that has plagued this technique for years. In this workshop, Ann will teach you to adapt the BAT Quilting technique to quilts of many different sizes of blocks and sashing while you complete a quilt that is about 54” square.

This workshop is a 6 hour, in-person workshop. Prep work required for this class. The prep work handout will be available to read with the sign-up folder at monthly meetings and will be emailed to you upon signing up.

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 9am to 4pm, with a 1hr minute lunch break from 12-1; doors open at 8am for set up

Location: Calvary Baptist Church

Cost for guild members: \$45 per person

Class Registrations closes August 24th.

[Link to an AQS video featuring Anne and this process.](#)

October 6, 2026 – Lilo Bowman- Love Where You Create: It’s Not a One Size Fits Solution

Our studios are deeply personal spaces—filled with the tools, materials, and ideas we love. But when things start piling up, even the most beloved studio can become overwhelming, frustrating, or simply unusable. If you find yourself spending less time creating because your space no longer supports how you work, it may be time for a thoughtful refresh. In this lecture, Lilo Bowman shares practical, realistic approaches to shaping a creative space that fits your life right now—your space, your budget, and your working style. Drawing on real artist studios and lived experience, she offers adaptable ideas rather than rigid rules. Participants leave with renewed confidence, fresh perspective, and actionable ideas they can apply immediately to create a studio that feels supportive, functional, and inviting again.



November 6, 2026 – Patricia Belyea- Indigo Adventures in Japan

Join Patricia as she takes your guild to Japan for insider experiences to meet indigo masters, visit dyeing studios, tour an indigo farm, and more. Patricia finishes with a display of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

December 1, 2026 – Holiday Potluck

January 5, 2026 – Annual Guild Challenge Meeting



On view from **Saturday, July 11 through Saturday, August 8**, the exhibition is titled ***Ten Years of Threads: The Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild's Journey Through Fabric and History***. This exhibition showcases the work of the Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild, an organization dedicated to honoring and advancing the rich traditions of African American quilting through contemporary design and storytelling. Through an array of quilts and textile works, *Ten Years of Threads* traces the guild's evolution over the past decade while highlighting the historical, cultural, and personal narratives stitched into each piece. Visitors will experience works that blend modern quilting techniques with African and diasporic fabrics, celebrating heritage, creativity, and the enduring power of storytelling through cloth.

[Ten Years of Threads: The Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild's Journey Through Fabric and History - Arts Council of Princeton](#)

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. The idea is to take something old such as fabric from an old garment or an old quilt and make something new. You can use leftover fabric from a quilt project to make something different, but don't just remake the same over again. You can also take an item of clothing and transform it. (Remember the examples that Bethanne showed us?)

For America 250, create something to celebrate America's 250th birthday. It can be red, white, and blue or it can feature something that is all American.

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

Better Done Than Perfect

Kim Carlo



Remember to sign in at the membership desk with the name of the project from the list you submitted. You will show your finished projects during Show 'N Tell section at the monthly meetings.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick

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

Virtual Sit n Sews from May through October will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The time will alternate between evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and afternoon (1:30 – 4 PM). The virtual Sit n Sew in July will be **Wednesday August 26th, 1:30 – 4 p.m.**



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thanks to the members who provided refreshments for the July meeting. They were Lori Smith, Dawn Dengler, Linda Wojciechowski, Nancy Ayers and Deb Goodwin.



August is the annual ice cream social. Ice cream provided by hospitality. Coffee, tea and water will not be available that night. Please bring your own water bottle.

Members who signed up to bring a topping are: Janet Yandrisevits, Lori Maurer, Lori Smith, Nancy Shannon, Donna Gasser, Linda Greist, Pat Piasecki, Irene Oehmke, and Linda Anderson. A reminder of what you signed up for will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Attendance for our July meeting was 61 members, and 7 guests.



GURNIAK	MERCEDAS	15-Aug
JOHNSTON	LINDA	16-Aug
FETHEROLF	LISA	17-Aug
GILLIGAN	GEORGINE	22-Aug
LANDIS	KAREN	22-Aug
IDLEMAN	KATRINA	24-Aug
MARTIN	DIANE	26-Aug
KILPATRICK	CATHLEEN	27-Aug

Over the next couple of months, we encourage everyone to sew at least one cheerful pillowcase for a hospitalized kid as part of Ryan's Case for Smiles' upcoming Miles of Pillowcase Smiles (MOPS) Campaign.

And/or we hope everyone will sew at least one quilted placemat for our annual donation for the 800+ clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley (MOWGLV).

We'll have kits of both of these and other community service projects near the sign-in table at the August 4th monthly meeting.

And at the August 15th Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian, Emmaus, we'll be preparing more kits of both projects that you can either sew onsite or pickup to sew at home.

Since the last newsletter, CQQG members donated:

41 breast cancer comfort pillows that will be distributed to local patients by The CHEMO Bag, <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>

1 quilted baby blanket for the Cay Galgon Life House <https://www.facebook.com/caygalgonlifehouse>

6 preemie prone bears for LVHN NICU babies

2 teddy bears for EMTs to give to kids in trauma

99 placemats to add to our annual autumn donation for clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://www.facebook.com/MOWGLV/>

17 pillowcases for kids, to be distributed to local hospitals 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/>

3 wheelchair blankets for local nursing homes

1 quilted blanket for The Kindness Project <https://www.facebook.com/My.T.K.P/>



Remember, we have Hobbs Bonded Fibers Heirloom Premium 80/20 Blend Quilt Batting available for Community Service Charity Quilts. Please let Dawn Dengler know the size(s) you want brought to the meeting. (First requested, first served; we still have yards of 96" wide batting.)

Thank you all for providing much needed comfort and cheer to some of our neighbors!



Show & Tell & Better Done Than Perfect – July

Ann Lineberger...



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Jessica Dayon...



Anna Blanchette...



Anna Blanchette...



Anna Blanchette...



Debbie Goodwin...



Debbie Heeps...



Pat Richardson...





Doreen Gramling...



Doreen Gramling...



Lori Smith...



Irene Oehmke...



Irene Oehmke...



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Sandy OConnor...



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Cathleen Kilpatrick...



Jessica Dayon...



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Sue Marin



Committees



Challenge: Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

Fundraising & Ways & Means: TBD

Historical: Karen Hartzell

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Newsletter & Communications: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

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, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz

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

Message from your Newsletter Editor:

Well, my time as newsletter editor has come to an end. After 7 years, this will be my last newsletter. I have truly enjoyed each edition and appreciate all the positive comments I have received over the years.

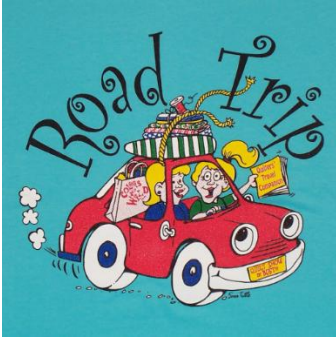
As I assume the role as Vice President, Sue Marin will take over as editor. I'm excited to see how Sue will put her own style to the newsletter.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Karen Rush



UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

July 5-Nov 5 -- Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center presents a quilt exhibit by Jamee Pemberton, *From Gifts of Love to Finding My Artistic Voice* [Changing Exhibits — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#)

July 11-Aug 8 -- Ten Years of Threads: The Princeton Sankofa Stitchers Modern Quilt Guild's Journey Through Fabric and History, [Taplin Gallery – Arts Council of Princeton](#)

Sept 8 -- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine

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

Sept 18 – Quilters Yard Sale, MCC Material Resources Center, 517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA 8 am – 4 pm

Sept 19 – Airing of the Quilts and Quilt Fest, Gardenspot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Ave, New Holland, PA 17557. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Feature: Illustrated Lecture by local Art Historian Gloria Mast entitled “Crazy Quilts & Scrap Boxes” [Airing of the Quilts & Quilt Fest - Garden Spot Village](#)

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](#)

October 17 & 18 – Warwick Valley Quilter’s Guild 2026 Show, Stars of the Valley, featuring Paula Nadelstern, Sanfordville Elementary School, 144 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY

October 17 & 18 -- Courthouse Quilters Guild is proud to present the 2026 **Quilts in the Mill** Show, Prallsville Mills, Route 29, Stockton, NJ [courthousequilters.org - Quilt Show](#)

October 22-24 – [Faithful Circle Quilters’ Guild](#) 2026 Quilt Show, Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md, 21045

October 23-24 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild Show](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA

October 23 – Nov 7 – 23rd Eastern PA Shop Hop. “Harvest Beauty” by Kansas Studio. [Facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop](#)

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.