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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Donna Gasser

As I write this, I am still a bit saddened that we are without a volunteer to take over the Presidency of this fine guild. Should anyone be considering volunteering, I can be emailed, called, or texted to answer any questions. Voting will take place at our June meeting. If no one steps up, the incoming executive board (Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership and Programming chairs) get to designate a President to serve the term. So, it really is in the guild's best interest to have someone step up now.

On a brighter note, the guild quilt will be awesome! We will be doing a pattern pictured elsewhere in the newsletter and collecting reproduction fabric from the guild members to make an Amish style scrappy quilt. Fabric will be cut and organized into kits with directions for the two types of blocks. Members will then sew them, bringing back the finished blocks for assembly. Jessica Dayon is organizing this endeavor. We will be looking for one of our long-armers to quilt when finished and then in 2025 this quilt will be entered into the Kutztown Folk Festival for sale and/or auction.

On a final note, all committee chairs should submit any considerations for changes to our budget to Pat Wolfe as soon as possible. Our budget meeting will be held on July 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Any members with any questions or suggestions or a wish to attend should contact the chairs with suggestions or me for an invitation.

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, June 4<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

June 13<sup>th</sup> Noon to 6 p.m., Lindberg Park, Allentown

*Remember, people will see your  
quilts long after you are gone...*



*not your housework.*

## **From the President – Continued**

On my list already is increasing the budget line for Programming and Workshops. Plus, we are hoping to purchase our own web camera and possibly increase the budget line for our Web Page.

The survey taken is also published elsewhere in this newsletter. Please look it over. I found the results interesting. I hope you will also.

## **Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild Board Survey - 2024 Results**

Donna Gasser

We received a total of 45 responses. I have noted with each question how many answered the question or skipped it. The number of responses for each choice is also given, note that some responses had multiple answers. I hope you find these results as interesting as I did. I thank those that responded as it gives this board, and the next one, an idea of what you want the future of our guild to look like.



**1. Would you be interested in attending a regularly scheduled meeting (NOT at the same time as a regular Tuesday night Guild Meeting) on one or more of the following topics? Choose all that are of interest.**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 12

12 English Paper Piecing, 15 Modern Quilts, 14 Applique, 11 Historical Quilts

**2. Which location would you prefer for one of these special interest meetings?**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 12

10 Faith Church during Sit & Sew sessions (cost \$7 per session), 3 Member's home, 23 Either of these locations is fine with me

**3. How far would you be willing to travel to attend these special interest sessions?**

Answered: 34 Skipped: 11

4 Under 5 miles, 14 6-10 miles, 2 11-15 miles, 15 Distance is not an issue for me

**4. Would you be in favor of starting guild meetings at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm?**

Answered: 45 Skipped: 0

20 Yes, 9 No, 17 Either time works for me

**5. The Ways and Means Committee is considering a number of different fundraisers for 2025.**

**Please select which fundraisers you would be willing to participate in:**

Answered: 40 Skipped: 5

24 Quilt Bingo, 11 Tour de Quilts, 10 Members' quilts on display at a site with entrance fee and Tricky Trays, 15 Garage sale of quilting items

**6. The Board is considering donating a portion of funds raised by the guild to support a charity chosen by the guild.**

Answered: 42 Skipped: 3

27 Yes, 15 No

1 survey indicated that member would be in favor of donating to our host church.

**7. There is the potential to post a listing of people who offer services of interest to guild members (for example, make T-shirt quilts, long-arm quilting) on the guild website. Would you be in favor of posting this list?**

Answered: 44 Skipped: 1

42 Yes, 2 No

## Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

**June 4, 2024** – Lisa Shepard Stewart – Sewing with African Fabrics. Live lecture, truck show and “retail therapy” opportunity.



Lisa Shepard Stewart loves African fabrics with every fiber of her being. She is a multi-talented creator who first discovered African textiles in 1986, during a trip to Senegal, West Africa. Lisa has shared her passion through her three books, most recently *Accents On The Go! Designing Accessories with Cultural Style*, and her publication *FABRIGASM Magazine, for Lovers of African Textiles*. A graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) in New York, Lisa has demonstrated projects on HGTV, DIY, Discovery Channel, and PBS. She was featured in Issue 29 of *Quiltfolk* magazine. Her Cultured

Expressions Quilting & Sewing Studio is located in Rahway, NJ. It is a great source for fabrics, kits, and classes.

I am so excited that Lisa will be joining us in person on June 4 to share her passion! Her talk “Sewing with African Fabrics” will provide inspiration. Lisa will also provide a trunk show and offer an opportunity for retail therapy after her talk. We won’t have to wait to get started on our own African fabric projects!

**July 2, 2024** - LIVE lecture with Brita Nelson as she shares her “Now You See It, Now You Don’t: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” program. After retiring in 2017, Brita decided to share her love of quilting with others by offering classes. While practicing her potholder design for beginners, she asked herself what type of batting would be best to use. A name brand and a passion were born!



**July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - Making Magic: A Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt Workshop



Brita returns on Saturday, July 20, for a full-day, LIVE workshop at Calvary Baptist Church. Registration is now open. The cost of the workshop is \$35/student. There is a limit of 20 students. Jane Merkel will be accepting registrations at our June and July meetings. Please make checks payable to Crazy Quilters’ Quilt Guild. There will be a \$10 pattern fee which can be purchased online, or at our regular meeting on July 2. Class begins at 10:00 AM and runs until 4:30 PM with a half-hour lunch break. Doors will open at 9:00 to give you time to set up your machine and other equipment. Once you have paid for your registration, Jane will give you a handout with the class requirements and directions for the day. Have fun making magic!



## August 6, 2024 – A Very Merry Unbirthday!

This birthday is for EVERYONE – including YOU! We will play different types of games, have a contest or two and of course, serve ice cream, cake, and tea! Hone up on your *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* knowledge, as well as proper manners when attending a tea. You may also want to research some facts about tea itself. An article on tea manners is included in this newsletter to get you started. Some of the games will take some preparation on your part. Look for an asterisk\*.

In honor of the Mad Hatter, we will have a hat decorating contest!\* Choose your style and an assortment of embellishments and come prepare to “strut your stuff.”

In Chapter V of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice encounters the Caterpillar who asks her, “Who are you?” What better way to get to know someone than to introduce yourself to someone new to Guild or to someone you don't know well than to eat with them? Members will be asked to sit with those who share the same birth month. If your birthday is in January, you'll sit with others whose birthday is in January. If your birthday is in February, you'll sit at the February table, and so on for each month of the year.

In Lewis Carroll's second book, *Through the Looking Glass*\*, Alice finds many curious people and things. Our matching game is based more on the title than what lies on the other side of the mirror. Members are asked to submit their baby picture to Sue Marin no later than July 2, 2024. They will be displayed for everyone to see; members will have to match the baby with the current version of yourself.

Please join us for the best unbirthday party ever!

Barn Quilt Workshop, April 26, 2024 – Heather Blokzyl, Instructor





**Guild Quilt**

Jessica Dayon

We have decided to proceed with the guild quilt. The current proposed destination for the guild quilt is to enter it into the 2025 Kutztown Folk Festival.

The quilt is composed of two blocks. We are asking for the guild's help in donating fabric for these blocks and making the blocks as well.

We are asking for civil war reproduction fabrics to be donated by guild members. Please bring any civil war reproduction fabric that you would like to donate to the June meeting and you can hand it to me (Jessica Dayon). I'll be sitting by the table flag named 'Guild Quilt'.

Once I receive the fabric donations, I will prewash the fabric (one of the requirements of the Kutztown Folk Festival). If you have already prewashed your fabric, please let me know when you drop it off with me. After that, the Guild Quilt Committee will be working to cut the fabric and to make kits for each block. The kits will then be handed out to those interested in making a block for the quilt.

If you have any questions, please just let me know at the June meeting.



## Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

In May, we had 64 in attendance with one on zoom for a total of 65.

We welcomed one new member.

Linda Schwartz is recently retired. She has worked on paper piecing, appliqué, hand & machine quilting. Currently she is working on a queen size scrap quilt.

A vote was taken to reduce membership dues to \$35.00 per year did not pass. The vote was Yes-37 and No-24. Two thirds needed to change.

## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Some pillowcases have been delivered to Ryan's Cases for Smiles and I have a collection of quilts that will soon be given to Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley. Thank you for your generosity! And mark your calendars with the date of **October 26, 2024** for our next Community Service Sewcial at Calvary Baptist Church.

## Tea Manners

*Don't forget to bring your manners with you to our tea party! The following list was taken directly from **Come to Tea** by Stephanie Dunnwind.*

- 1. Don't start serving until everyone is seated.*
- 2. At a formal tea, the hostess pours the tea for everyone. At an informal gathering, set out a couple of teapots and let guests help themselves.*
- 3. When you are done stirring, place your teaspoon on your saucer.*
- 4. Put your napkin on your lap. Blot or pat your lips, rather than wiping your napkin across your mouth. Don't drink if your mouth has food in it.*
- 5. Remember to say "please" and thank you" when asking others to pass you dishes. At the table, pass dishes to your right.*
- 6. Sit up straight and don't tip the chair.*



*Do you know how many times a day and when tea is served?  
What does one do with their pinkie finger while sipping tea?*

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday June 15th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$7 donation for the church. 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 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!

## Summer Sit 'n Sews at Lindberg Park

Jane Merkel

We will meet all three times at Lindberg Park in Allentown from noon until 6 or whenever. Thursday, June 13, Tuesday, July 30, Tuesday, Aug, 20.



## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Many thanks to the members who provided the refreshment for the May meeting. It was enjoyed by all.

June members who have signed up to bring an item are Lori Stein, Karen Hartzell, Dawn Dengler and Michele McLaughlin. You will be sent a reminder prior to the meeting. Social hour is so important for us to introduce ourselves to new members and converse with our long-time members. Enjoy the conversation and snacks.

The 2024 Quilt Challenge is 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. For instance, in the picture of Kacey Musgraves that I have here she's wearing a Polo Ralph Lauren quilted coat (that cost over \$1000!) and sings "Deeper Well". You could make a quilt or coat based on the coat or make an item based on the song. Same with Jane's quilts in "Lucky Louie". You could make Jane's quilts or one inspired by the movie. In the novel "The Color Purple" Celie makes a sister's choice quilt. You could make that quilt or a quilt inspired by the novel.

All entries should have a little write up that can be posted with their quilt telling what the inspiration was for the entry.

There will be 4 categories: large ( over 40X40, Small (less than 40X40), Other (garments, placemats, bags, etc), and Original ( items that were not created using a pattern created by someone other than the maker.). The 2024 Challenge will be held at our regular meeting on January 7th. Entries will be due to me (Irene Oehmke) by December 28th. Any questions feel free to contact me.



**June Birthdays:**

- Lori Smith 6/15
- Adele Bush 6/16
- Gail Shearer 6/23
- Ruth Smith 6/24
- Anna Blanchette 6/28
- Carol Willis 6/30





## Committees

**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

**Fundraising & Ways & Means:** Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel

**Guild Quilt Construction:** Jessica Dayon

**Historical:** Kathy Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:**

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

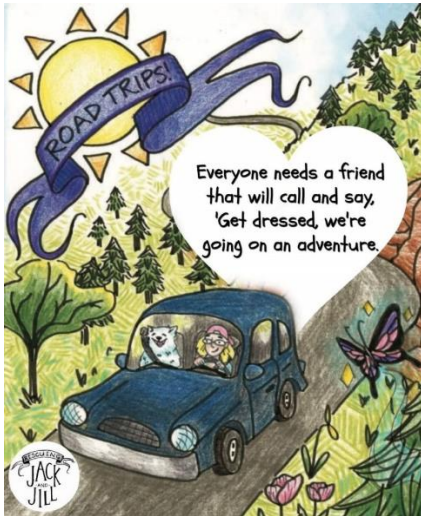
**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



**Deadline for the next newsletter is June 21st.**

# Upcoming Events



**May 31 – June 1** -- [Penn Dry Goods Market, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center](#), 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. A textile-focused antiques and vintage show. Includes a textile history lecture series during the antiques show and features 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history.

**June 7 & 8** – [York Quilters Guild](#), Celebration of Quilts, Grumbacher Sports & Fitness Ctr, 899 S. Richland Ave, York, PA

June 8 & 9 – Quilts in the Vineyard – Flight & Charcuterie Board, [Brook Hollow Winery](#), 594 State Route 94, Columbia NJ, Noon – 6,

**June 14 & 15** – [Quilters in Bloom](#), Central Columbia High School, 4777 Old Berwick Rd., Bloomsburg, PA

**June 15** – [Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure Sale](#), 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA

**June 21-23** – [Brandywine Valley Quilters](#) – Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show, Neumann University, Aston, PA

**June 29 – July 7** – [Kutztown Folk Festival](#), Quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale.

**July 20 - WORKSHOP** - Brita Nelson – The Disappearing Block Sampler. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> St, Weatherly, PA

**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 – 15<sup>th</sup>** -- Biennial Lebanon Quilters Guild Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon EXPO Center.  
[LQG QUILT SHOWS – 2024 – Lebanon Quilters Guild](#)

**Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.**

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