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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Well, it is already June! I'm not sure how time goes so fast these days. I feel like yesterday we were trudging through a cold winter and now school is getting out for the summer! I hope you are all staying cool and enjoying the warm weather while we have it.

I'm working on planning the August social. This year our theme is an ice cream parlor. I'm looking forward to banana splits and root beer floats! We are also going to be having a mini quilt challenge (like we did last year). I will have a sign up at the June meeting if you'd like to enter. The mini quilts must measure between 12" and 24", no larger or smaller. The design must be ice cream or popsicle themed- this can be in the fabric, the actual block patterns, or the quilting. Only one entry per person. First-, second-, and third-place ribbons will be awarded. I hope you join me in making a mini quilt! These are a fun and fast project.

QUILTERS' STUDIO

The quilters' studio in June will start at 5:30 (directly before our monthly meeting). I will be showing how to make a popsicle quilt block. An example of this block is below.



The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown
info@crazyquilters.org
www.facebook.com/crazyquiltersquiltguildemmauspa

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, June 2nd
Quilters' Studio at 5:30 pm, Meeting at 7 pm
Sit 'n Sew: In-person, June 20th; Virtual, June 24th

There are nights when the sewing room is quiet, but the love being stitched into the fabric is louder than any words.



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President's Message – Continued

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The President's monthly challenge for May, June, and July is to work on the mini quilt challenge for the August meeting. Details for that challenge below in the Programming section.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

At the June meeting, we will show Lesson 10. The schedule is below for your reference.

America the Quilt Along Schedule			
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

I tell myself 'I'm not gonna buy
any more fabric.

I don't need any more fabric."

And then I laugh because it's
good to tell yourself funny
jokes.



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Nominating Committee Report for 2026-2027

Thanks to all members who have agreed to be candidates for office for 2026-2027.

The Officers of The Guild are stated in Article 5 of the By-Laws as indicated below.

Report of the Nominating Committee is to be made at the May meeting.

Nominating Committee report shall appear in the June Newsletter.

Before the election in June, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

“Article 6. Duties of Officers / Executive Board – The Executive Board shall appoint the chairs of the Standing Committees and reappoint those seeking to continue chair positions...”

Members who have agreed to be candidates for each office:

President – Katrina Idleman

Vice President – Karen Rush

Secretary – Janie Rossetti

Treasurer – Kathy Moore

Membership Officer(s) - Nancy Snyder and Irene Oehmke

Program Officer – Jessica Dayon

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee –
Phillis R. Walden – Chair
Lorraine Bujnowski – Member
Laurie Murray - Member

Programs

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

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.

Please sign up at the monthly meetings to participate in the 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.](#)

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, June 20, 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 June will be **Wednesday June 24, 1:30-4 PM**.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the members who provided the refreshments for the May meeting. They were Cathy Schadler, Kathie Laposata, Linda Johnston, Kathy Moore, and Suzanne Nelson. Also, to the members who brought extra items. It is always appreciated.



Members who signed up for the June meeting are Carol Siegmund, Karen Hartzell, Laurie Murray, Kim Orndorf, Nancy Skok and Lori Maurer. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Decaf coffee and tea are always available during the evening.

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Attendance at the May meeting: 56 in person, and 8 on Zoom (64 total)
We had 3 visitors.



SMITH	LORI	15-Jun
BUSH	ADELE	16-Jun
SHEARER	GAIL	23-Jun
SMITH	RUTH	24-Jun
BLANCHETTE	ANNA	28-Jun
NOVAK	DENISE	28-Jun
WILLIS	CAROL	30-Jun

Community Service

Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

Join us for a Community Service Sewcial at Parkland Community Library, 4422 Walbert Avenue!
Saturday, May 30th, 12:30-4:30 pm in the Zirkel Room

We'll need a few people to bring machines, etc., but most people can just show up, period, without bringing any supplies because we will work together in a seated "assembly line" to make chemo port-protecting pillows. To help us plan and set-up, please RSVP to Dawn Dengler &/or Pat Piasecki, especially if you will bring a machine, so that we know to reserve a spot for you 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.

On April 30th, we had a great experience at the Emmaus branch of New Tripoli Bank. A dozen people participated in the Sewcial that we held in the bank's free meeting room. We plan to schedule more Sewcials there. Watch for dates in future newsletters!



At both the **June 2nd** monthly meeting at Calvary Baptist and again at the in-person June Sit and Sew(s), we plan to have a variety of precut kits available for members to sew at home or onsite at the Sit and Sew. Also, if you'd like some Hobbs Bonded Fibers Heirloom Premium 80/20 Blend Quilt Batting for Community Service Charity Quilt(s), please let Dawn Dengler know the size(s). (First requested, first served; we still have yards of 96".)

Since the May newsletter, we collected:

1 wheelchair blanket for Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation

6 non-NICU baby and child blankets

29 premie blankets and **2 premie prone bears** for LVHN NICU babies

35 cancer comfort pillows and **35 chemo port-protecting pillows** that were delivered to The CHEMO Bag organization and included in the Bag of Hope totes that they distribute to area infusion centers. <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>

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

27 pillowcases for hospitalized kids to be distributed by the Lehigh Valley-Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles who just delivered 400 pillowcases to Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital in May. <https://www.facebook.com/people/Case-for-Smiles-Lehigh-Valley-Berks-Chapter/61587626488524/>



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR GREAT WORK!!

Show & Tell & Better Done Than Perfect – May

Anna Blanchette



Debbie Heeps



Kim Carlo



Lori Smith



Nancy Sheffield



Rae Consigli



Debra Goodwin



Diana DeFanti



Pat Piasecki



Pat Richardson



Suzanne Nelson



I found this story very interesting. I'm sure most of us have or have had a Singer. It's probably the brand you learned to sew on. Enjoy!

[From America's No.1 Sewing Machine Empire to Ruins: Singer Factory, New Jersey](#)

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'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Lori Maurer

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

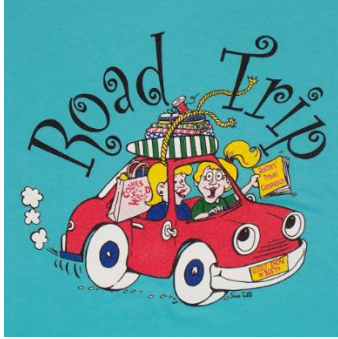
Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

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

Website: Nancy Scholz

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

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 in the Zirkel Room, 4422 Walbert Ave. just east of the Rte 309 intersection 12:30-4:30 p.m.

We'll be making chemo port-protecting pillows assembly line style. See Community Service section for details.

June 5-6 -- [A Celebration of Quilts](#), Presented by the York Quilters Guild at the York College of Pennsylvania, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center, 899 South Richland Ave, York, PA. Please enter from Richland Avenue onto West Campus Drive to parking lot.

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

June 8-15 – [Quilters Paradise Summit](#). This is a free online, week-long event featuring over 25+ workshops focusing on techniques from foundation skills to advanced quilting. The next event will be held on June 8-15, 2026.

June 13 – [Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure](#), 10am -1 pm. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA 19333

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](#)

Sunday, July 26 -- Group Chemo Port Pillow Making at Union UCC, 5550 Rte 873, Neffs, PA Noon to 3 p.m. Stay as much or as little of the time as you're able. If you're bringing a sewing machine, please let Dawn Dengler know ahead of time. Otherwise, you can just show up and take turns prepping materials, sewing on someone else's machine, stuffing &/or bagging.

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](#)

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 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](https://www.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 to Karen Rush.