



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

I can't believe it's already almost July! Even with the pandemic and stay at home orders I feel like I have been busier than ever. I guess that's what happens when you feel like you should have lots of time...you fill it doing things that you normally wouldn't.

Like many people I know, I have been trying to clean out closets and organize some of the piles that seem to collect in the corners of my house. I don't feel like I've made a ton of progress on that so far. I'm easily distracted.

I have been spending more time in my yard tending to my flowers and weeds. The weeds are thriving. The flowers are fighting a hard battle with the deer who seem to find them irresistible.

I have been attending Zoom meetings for the various groups that I'm a part of. The Crazy Quilter's Board held its first on-line meeting this past month. It went really well and lots of ideas for how to have meetings when we can't meet in person were shared.

At this point Holy Spirit Church is still closed to outside groups. With that in mind we are planning The First Zoom Meeting for the Crazy Quilter's Quilt Guild to be held on July 7. Helen Hanton has included a link to a "How to Zoom" tutorial in this newsletter. The meeting will be a Member Show and Tell with BYO Ice Cream. Tell us all about the quilting projects you have completed since we last met in March. Depending on how many members sign in and how productive we have all been, you may be limited to two items. Keep that in mind when deciding which projects you would like to feature. The August and September meetings will most likely also be via zoom. More information on those meetings will follow.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA

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Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson
Vice-President: Jane Merkel
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson
Treasurer: Kathy Moore
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meetings:

July 7, 6:30-8 p.m. (to be held via Zoom)
August 4, 6:30-8 p.m. (to be held via Zoom)
September 1, 6:30-8:00 (details of location TBD)



From the President Continued

Lastly, I have been taking some time to read. Watching the recent events involving police officers using unnecessary force against people of color made me aware of a need to educate myself. My usual approach to learning is to read and so, with recommendations from my daughter and from the many book lists out there I began on my journey, starting with "How To Be An Anti-racist by Ibram X. Kendi. This is my journey and it might not be the right path for everyone. I do highly recommend taking some time to absorb what's going on all around us. Take a moment and decide how you want to move forward.

I look forward to the day when we can meet again in person!

Best always,

Val

Thanks...but we still Need Help!

Thanks to Karen Rush we were able to complete our election of officers for the next year and almost all of the Committee Chairs have been filled. They will all take over their respective duties in September. Thanks everyone who offered to serve in these positions!

There is still one open Committee Chair position. Kathie Laposata, after years of serving as our Community Service Chair has taken the position of Treasurer. So, we need someone to fill in the spot she is vacating. According to Kathie it is a very rewarding job and she very much enjoyed the time she served as chair.

If you are willing to serve as Community Service Chair for the next year, please contact Jane Merkel.



Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin



Just two more months remain until we pick the winning ticket! Thank you to everyone who sent your money and ticket stubs to me in June. Every ticket sale helps. **Please remember that I need your money and ticket stubs no later than August 15.** Since we will most likely not be meeting in person before the raffle takes place on September 1, it is imperative that I have everything on hand before that date. We most likely will not be able to meet inside Holy Spirit, but we will conduct the raffle there. We hope to have some small surprises for everyone to celebrate and kickoff our 30th Anniversary Year. Check the upcoming newsletters and emails from me with more details.

I'm pleased to confirm that we will be showing the quilt at the Leesport Farmers Market on Saturday, July 11, 2020 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The event has been rebranded a bit and now goes under the name Artisans and Eateries. We will be under cover, so we don't need to worry about inclement weather or setting up a tent. While attendance may not be at pre-pandemic levels, I do expect a great turnout.

The Farmers Market always draws a large crowd. If you are willing and able to volunteer a few hours that day, your help will be greatly appreciated. Shifts will be broken down into two-hour slots from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please let me know via text or email if you can help out.

I'd also like everyone who displayed a quilt on a quilt stand at the Challenge event in January 2020 to check your quilt frames to make sure you have the correct one. The one I purchased for the Guild was a Craftgard brand. That was not one of the ones that was returned to me. If you find it, contact me and we'll make arrangements to make the switch

JULY MEETING...ZOOMING ALONG

Until we are able to meet in person, we will be meeting via Zoom, an online video conferencing tool.

Thank you to Helen Hanton for compiling the following information for Zoom meetings.

- Zoom is **FREE**. You do not need the paid version to attend a meeting to which you are invited.
- Most people will be able to download, and use Zoom easily.
- Zoom meeting invitations usually arrive via email.
- **Zoom should be installed on your device prior to attending a Zoom meeting.** Otherwise, Zoom will download when you try to join your first meeting, which doesn't take long, but may delay you a bit.
 - Computers – download Zoom from **Zoom.us** using a browser like Google Chrome
 - Tablets/iPads/phones – download **Zoom app from your app store**. Look for the icon of a little white camera on a light blue background like this



To Join a Meeting from the email invitation:

- Close any programs you were using with the camera
- Open the email invitation
- Click on the link next to Join Zoom Meeting
- Use the Meeting ID and password included in the meeting invitation email
- Agree to using camera and audio
- If you have trouble with the camera or audio, chances are good that settings are off for privacy and you will have to modify the settings.
 - For example, on a Microsoft Windows 10 computer:
 - Click on Windows icon (4 boxes on the main menu bar)
 - Click on the Settings icon (gear)
 - In the Search box, type in Microphone
 - Select Microphone privacy settings from the list and make any necessary changes. Be sure to scroll down and read all of the choices. You may need to Allow Desktop Apps to access your microphone.
 - Repeat for Camera, if necessary
 - Should take effect immediately. If not, reboot computer.

Many Zoom meetings will have you enter a waiting room until the person running the meeting admits you. This is for security and prevents uninvited people from crashing the meeting.

Meeting best practices:

- Microphones pick up every little noise, including the click of the keyboard, throat clearing, etc. Most people mute themselves when not speaking to minimize background noise. This is especially important with lots of attendees.
- To Mute and Unmute yourself, click on the microphone icon at the bottom of your screen. You may need to move the mouse down there for the microphone icon to show up. Video works the same way.
- You can set your Zoom screen to show the person speaking by selecting that option from the upper right side of the screen.

See you on Zoom!

Topic for July Meeting

The topic for the July meeting is "Show & Tell". If you would like to share what you have been working on, please send 2-3 photos of each quilt (limit 3 quilts per person) and include the name of the quilt, maker and quilter to Nicole Folino, nicole@1choice4quilting.com Put "Show and Tell Quilts" in the subject. Nicole will consolidate the photos into a shareable document that can be shared on Facebook and the Crazy Quilter web page.

Deadline for submitting photos is July 5th at 5 p.m.

Flying Geese Challenge for January 2021

Judy Walker

How many ways have you found to make flying geese? There are plenty of You Tube and Pinterest videos to help. You can finish a project you started previously that had flying geese in it and it can be entered in the challenge if you finished it this year-2020.

There will be two categories for the challenge. Small - 30" per side or no more than 120" total. Large - any entry larger than 120" total. Clothing and/or bags will be entered in the Small category. You may enter one item in each category - Large and/or Small. There will be prizes for each category.

Here is a sample of how you could vary your flying geese.



Community Service

Kathie Laposata

While Camp Erin is still postponed for 2020, our local chapter of Project Linus will again start accepting quilts, blankets and afghans on July 6. They will be given to children in hospitals, shelters and social service agencies. The size requirements are very flexible and not limited to the 50 x 70 inch size that is preferred for Camp Erin. If you've made a child's quilt that you would like to donate, you can either drop it off with me or drop it off yourself at the Joann's store in Quakertown. Mark it clearly for delivery to the Project Linus coordinator. If you deliver it yourself to Joann's, let me know so that I have a count of our donations. You can check out the Project Linus website at: <https://www.projectlinus.org/>



I've been working on placemats this past week by using up some orphan blocks. I checked with Meals on Wheels and they will be glad to get our placemats. Because they serve people of all faiths, they ask that the placemats don't have a religious or Christmas theme. They plan to take time to disinfect them and let them sit for a bit before distributing them. Therefore, we'll have to get the placemats to them in early November rather than early December.

Thanks for your contributions to both of these efforts. If you enjoy the satisfaction of helping others, there is still an opening for the chairperson for community service. Give it some thought.

The East Penn Press covered news about the guild's mask-making efforts in an article published April 15, headlined CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD: Answering the Call with Needle and Thread.

Thanks to Kathie Laposata and Bethanne Nemesh who consented to being interviewed by April Peterson of the Press for this article. If you have difficulty reading the article printed below, it will be added to the Crazy Quilter web site.

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CRAZY QUILTERS' QUILT GUILD Answering the call with needle and thread

BY APRIL PETERSON
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Members of the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild have joined the fight to protect and serve health care workers in the Lehigh Valley.

Starting March 21 members began cutting, sewing and finishing pleated cloth mask covers to fit N95 masks, described by manufacturer Honeywell as "filtering facepiece respirators" on the corporation's website.

A physician friend of Bethanne Nemesh, a quilting teacher and quilt book author who is a member of Crazy Quilters, responded positively when Nemesh asked if mask covers were needed.

The Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild now makes covers to help medical professionals at Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network.

The COVID-19 pandemic quickly depleted supplies of the masks, which has meant careful use of existing masks. Covers can help extend mask life.

Kathie Laposata, of Lower Macungie Township, community service chairperson of Crazy Quilters, makes 10 masks at a time, creating an assembly line by cutting, pinning, sewing, ironing, pleating and finishing the masks in about one hour.

"It's easier to do several at once rather than go back and do steps one at a time," Laposata said in a telephone interview April 12.

In an explanation of specifications on its website, 3M™, another manufacturer of the masks, provides the following details about the mask. N is shorthand for non-oil. The masks offer "95 percent filtration efficiency against certain non-oil based particles" such as those produced by sanding, grinding, sawing and sweeping. "This respirator can also help reduce inhalation exposures to certain airborne biological particles and also offer protection," according to 3M™.

The masks are designed to be disposable, however.

That's where the covers come in.

Members of the Crazy Quilters make masks following a design featuring two layers of cotton. Lightweight fabric with a tight weave such as that used for shirts or sheets is best suited for the mask covers, Nemesh said.

"We're renowned for having stashes of fabric," Laposata said of her quilting colleagues.

Covers must be washed after each use with hot water and laundry detergent. Covers made by the Crazy Quilters are cotton and can be washed in the same manner as an item of cotton clothing.

Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild members use a design provided by medical professionals and distilled into a tutorial video created by Nemesh and available on YouTube and through various social media. The tutorial is just under three minutes long.

"It needed to be short and sweet," Nemesh said.

By her last count, the tutorial had been viewed more than 100,000 times, Nemesh said by telephone April 12.

A novice sewer can master the process.

"How awesome is it for everyone with the most basic skills to legitimately contribute to society?" Nemesh added.

Quilt guilds throughout the Valley also are making masks, Laposata and Nemesh agreed. Guilds, hobbyists, crafters and others are donating masks to a variety of organizations in need including nursing facilities, fire departments and other first responders. Some guild members are making masks for their families and neighbors.

"I didn't expect to be told sewing was my superpower," Nemesh said. "It's a legitimate superpower."

In a survey of members taken overnight April 12, Laposata calculated more than 2,600 mask covers have been made by the guild, she wrote in an email dated April 13.

Nemesh likened the effort to being an ant in a large ant army.

"We can be a really powerful force working toward a common goal."

Members of the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild often use their skills to help others. The list of projects includes creating quilts for premature babies, place mats for Meals on Wheels recipients and pillows for breast cancer patients. The mask covers are an addition to a legacy of community service.

"We're kind of a stop gap until manufacturers can ramp up and get enough to meet the need out there," Laposata said.

The Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild meets monthly at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 3461 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Emmaus. Due to COVID-19, meetings are currently suspended.

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson



July

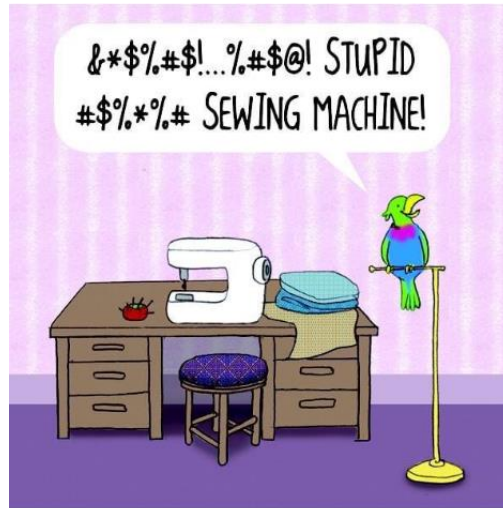
Paula	Jacobus	1
Pat	Bedek	3
Nancy	Ayers	9
Samantha	Cetrulo	9
Julie	McDonell	11
Connie	Straccia	16
Cheri	Mochamer	18
Diana	Campbell	21
Kathie	Laposata	21

August

Mercedes	Gurniak	15
Karen	Landis	22
Diane	Martin	26

Our favorite quilt shops are beginning to open!





Quilter's parrot

Committee Chairs

Challenge: Judy Walker

Community Service: Kathie Laposata

Communication Chain: Diane Pesola

Historical: Rhonda Moore

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti

Library: Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

Modern Bee: Nicole Folino

Newsletter: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Julie Borden

Quilt Raffle Marketing: Sue Marin

Raffle Quilt Creation: Jane Merkel

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert

Website: Nancy Scholz

Advertising

Members wishing to post items for sale or services in this newsletter can do so for a fee of \$5 per month as outlined in the Bylaws. Submit your payment to the Treasurer and listing of the item for sale or service to the newsletter editor by the deadline date.

Please do not sent out separate emails of articles for sale to members.

Deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, July 20th.

Events

* Indicates locations the raffle quilt will be displayed

July 11*

Artisans & Eateries Festival
Leesport Farmers Market
312 Gernants Church Road
Leesport, PA
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Oct 30-Nov 14

CANCELLED

Eastern PA Shop Hop

~~Nov 7-8~~

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Colonial Quilters Guild: Quiltfest 2020
Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer Township
<http://www.colonialquilters.org/2020-quilt-show>