

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy about Quilting

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From The President Julie McDonell

Once again it's time for the Lancaster quilt shows! I love wandering through the huge variety of wonderful quilts, although every now and again, there's a bizarre exhibit that makes me scratch my head. Anyone remember the quilts with soda can pull tabs, or bread bag plastic clips? If I run across those kinds of "quilts", I just chalk it up to humor for the day and then appreciate the gorgeous "normal" quilts all the more.

However, I've come to realize that I should always prepare myself for the quilt show vendors. Shortly before I leave, I need to clean and/or organize my quilting space. That tends to result in remarks such as: "Nope, don't want any more blue fabric! Where did all that orange thread come from? Got plenty of seam rippers! WHY in the world did I buy this?" My end game is to hopefully end up with "Oh, if I can find ... I can complete this project."

By shopping for two or three specific items or fabrics, I apparently distract myself from being tempted willy-nilly by all the wonderful things I see. (Well, make that MOST of the things - not all.) Then I end up feeling like I've accomplished something when I track down what I "need", AND I seem to spend more time enjoying the quilts.

I guess my distraction technique is similar to setting my watch a few minutes fast. Even though I know the "real" time, it somehow seems to help keep me on track. I can understand if you can't relate to this. You're probably like the wise five-year-old who once told me "You're lyin' to yourself Aunt Julie!" I say, whatever works for you!

"I will not buy any more fabric until I use my fabric stash at home," I said.

Then I laughed and laughed.



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The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of every month
except November at
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA 18049
7:00pm

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Community Service Kathie Laposata

There are several project deadlines for April, so **please remember to bring these items** or contact me to arrange delivery.

The collection of pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles will wrap up at the April meeting. Hand in any you've made on your own or any made at the February meeting that you took home to launder. Thanks so much for truly bringing smiles to hospitalized kids. I look forward to giving you the final count next month.

The April meeting is the last call for any small baby or child quilts you may have made to send to a church in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We'll be sending them out shortly after the meeting.

I've made several Classic Elements blocks for the veteran's quilt project. I hope you have too. Bring them to the April meeting so that we can start assembling a quilt.

There was a March 8 email to the Guild about a collection of sewing notions for a woman in Ghana (threads, good scissors, Vogue patterns, brightly colored zippers). Those should be delivered to Lorraine Bujnowski at the April meeting.

Looking forward, Camp Erin quilts (about 50 x 70 inches), for kids attending a bereavement camp this summer, will be collected at the May meeting. Lorraine Bujnowski will bring Project Linus labels to the meeting. Please take one to sew onto the back of your Camp Erin Quilt.



Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

COMING Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** guest speaker Jessica Skultety from the Quilty Habit presents **Modern Quilting - What's All the Hubbub?**

Jessica will treat us to a trunk show of modern/modern traditional quilts. She'll explore many elements of modern quilting (with her take on each one) and discuss ways to modernize any quilt. Plus, we'll aim to define "modern" on our own terms by the end of the 1 hour lecture including Q&A.

COMING Tuesday, May 1, 2018 - 7 pm at **Holy Spirit** - member **Michele McLaughlin** presents **Designs STILL Worth Doing: A Celebration of Ruby Short McKim**

This trunk show focuses on Ruby Short McKim, one of the most innovative and diverse quilt designers of the 20th century. Not only will the program feature vintage quilts she designed but examples will also be provided on how her patterns can be incorporated in to 21st century projects. Over 30 pieces are featured in the trunk show.



Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton

No sit and sew this month.



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

No quilters studio this month.

 Membership

Judy Walker

April Birthdays

- 7 Helen Hanton
- 8 Diane Pesola
- 13 Jackie Lukety
- 16 Betsy Golden
- 27 Linda Wojciechowski



 Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Nicole Folino has volunteered to bring in the library raffle gift in April.

 Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you hospitality volunteers who had signed up to bring a refreshment for the March meeting and it was cancelled. I hope you were able to consume it at home.

April volunteers are Linda Schmoyer, Nicole Folino, Linda Anderson, Lois Drendall, Ann Lineberger and Ronnie Moore. You will be sent a reminder prior to the meeting.

 Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The Modern Bee meets once a month, the last Wednesday of the month, alternating mornings and evenings to accommodate all of our members who are interested in attending. You may attend some, any, or all of the meetings, mornings and/or evenings at your convenience. Locations will be announced in the newsletter.

We will have Show and Tell, talk modern quilt aesthetics of design and color, etc., sew, snack, and converse. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish.

The modern bee will not meet in March due to a family medical issue. Please keep working on those modern awesome log cabin minis to present at the April meeting. We will regroup for April and meet at Roberta's home at 9:30am.

| <u>9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. Odd Months</u> | <u>6-9 p.m. Even Months</u> |
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| May 30, 2018 | April 25, 2018 |
| July 25, 2018 | June 27, 2018 |
| | August 29, 2018 |



Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

We have two big shows for the raffle quilt in April. They are the **Steel City Fiber Fest** - April 14 - 15 at Merchant Square Mall (some shifts still available), and the **The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ**, Edison, NJ, April 26-29.

We need one more shift for the white gloving for the NJ show. We also need lots of help on Sunday for the NJ Quilt Show, and on Thursday from 3 - 5 pm!

There are a few wristbands for the NJ show left. Email me if you want one..



Challenge

Jane Merkel

Look for the story board that Julie McDonnell has graciously agreed to bring to the meeting on my behalf. It illustrates IDEAS that you might find inspiring regarding using fabric panels. (I now see panels everywhere!) Also, if you have been rooting through your stash and found panels to share with others, bring them along to give away. I hope this challenge will be FUN for you. A new story board will be coming each month. ENJOY!!

CRAZY QUILTERS 2018 CHALLENGE

“PANEL” PLAY

- 1. USING A FABRIC PANEL CREATE A QUILT OR A QUILTED ITEM.**
- 2. THERE IS NO SIZE RESTRICTION, BUT KEEP IN MIND WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH DISPLAYING A LARGER QUILT (BUT WE WILL MAKE IT WORK).THERE WILL BE TWO CATEGORIES, QUILT AND/NON- QUILT. BOTH CATEGORIES MUST USE THE PANEL IN A QUILTED FORM. QUILT CATEGORY MIGHT INCLUDE WALL QUILTS, TABLERUNNERS, AND BED QUILTS. NON- QUILT ITEMS MIGHT INCLUDE TOTE BAGS, PURSES, PILLOWS, OR QUILTED CLOTHING.**
- 3. YOU MAY ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES, AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE.**
- 4. YOU MAY DONATE PANELS FOR OTHERS TO TAKE AND UTILIZE. JUST BRING THEM TO A MEETING, PLACE THEM ON THE BACK TABLE AND PUT A NOTE ON THAT IT IS FOR THE 2018 CHALLENGE.**
- 5. THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.**
- 6. PRIZES AWARDED IN BOTH CATEGORIES.**
- 7. QUESTIONS: CONTACT Jane Merkel.**
- 8. THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.**

Classic Element Block – 12 inch finished size

Please consider contributing a block or two for a veteran's quilt this year.





Fabric requirements:

White or white on white – Six 2-1/2 inch squares.

Red (solids or prints) – One each of:

2-1/2 x 2-1/2 inch square

2-1/2 x 4-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 6-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 10-1/2 inch rectangle

Blue (solids or prints) – Same as reds

Step 1 – Lay out your squares and rectangles as shown in the picture and sew each column. Press the seams away from the white squares.



Step 2 – Sew the columns together. It's that simple. Your block should measure 12-1/2 x 12-1/2 inches.

Calendar of Events

from the editor

March 21-24, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA,
www.quiltweek.com.

March 21-24, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltweek.com.

April 7-6, Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA,
www.PAreliefsale.org.

April 14-15, Country Line Quilters, Path Around the Garden Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, Jamison, PA, for directions see www.saint-cyril.com.

April 14-15, 2018, Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchant Square Mall, Allentown, PA.

April 26-29, 2018, The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ,
www.quiltfest.com.

May 4-5, 2018, A World of Quilts Quilt Show, Calico Cutters Quilt Guild, The Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA, www.calicocutters.com.

May 5-6, 2018, 10am-4pm, Quiltfest 2018, Colonial Quilters Guild, Charles Chrin Community Center, Palmer, PA, \$8, www.colonialquilters.org.

May 18-19, 2018, Celebration of Quilts 2018, York Quilters Guild, York College of PA,
www.celebrationofquilts.com.

May 19-20, 2018, Garden State Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2018, Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ,
www.gardenstatequilters.com.

September 13-16, 2018, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA. www.quiltfest.com.

Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, April 3, 2017 - Guild Meeting, 7pm., The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

April 14-15, Raffle ticket sales at the Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchant Square Mall

April 26—29, Raffle ticket sales and white gloving at the Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, Edison, NJ

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