



Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

Hello Crazy Quilters. I'm writing this month from my sewing room. It's my happy place and I've been in here sewing more than usual this month because all of the other things that I had on my calendar for the past two weeks have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus and Covid-19. I did get in a last minute trip in to visit my two little grand daughters in Minneapolis earlier in the month. The trip home on March 14 was a bit surreal. Absolutely no line at check-in and security in Minneapolis and about 10 people on my flight from Detroit to Allentown. I was definitely glad to be back home!

As I'm sure all of you are adjusting to a different routine I'm doing the same. My husband is working from home in the office on the first floor. My daughter who lives in NYC along with her dog and cat have all come to stay for an unknown length of time. She is working from home from our tv room upstairs. My two cats are locked in our bedroom to avoid unpleasant interactions with the visiting animals and only fighting with each other occasionally. I get it, I'm a little stressed too.

I'm trying to stay out of the way in my sewing room. I've been working on Camp Erin quilts. I found two charm packs I had purchased at a quilt show, maybe last year...or was it two years ago? Hard to know exactly. They were in a pile of fabric I was sorting through while tidying up. It's been a great exercise in using what you have. For the most part putting the top together wasn't too difficult. As I said I had the charm packs so I just needed some sashing and corner blocks. To make the recommended 50"x70" size I need to add 6" borders. That was a little trickier but alas, my stash came through. I figured I had enough batting but not one piece big enough. I was glad that I had popped in to last month's Quilter's Studio long enough to hear Carole Whaling talk about how to piece batting and use up scraps. This was very useful information and I now have fewer batting scraps clogging up my closet. They have found a

The Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild

meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

Guild Calendar

April meeting and Sit & Sew are Cancelled

Please pay attention to the website and notices in the newsletter for updates.

From the President – continued

useful home in a quilt...just like I planned when I saved all of them! It's amazing what you can do when you can't go to the store for more.

So, what have you all been doing? I know that some of you have been asking about sewing face masks for medical personnel. You will find some information in the newsletter with instructions for construction and drop off for LVHN as well as St. Luke's. Thanks to Bethanne Nemesh and Julie Borden for passing along this useful information. I had another friend reach out about making bag lunches for kids who usually get meals at school. It really is sobering to think that this kind of help is needed but I'm glad that people know if they ask, people will step up and help out where they can. I would like to also mention that if any of you need help getting supplies or food or anything else please feel free to reach out and let me or Karen Rush know. We can contact guild members who can help.

At this point I am canceling our April meeting. Keep a look out on the website for other updates. We may also use the phone chain to notify members of other cancellations. In the mean time, practice social distancing, wash your hands often and don't forget to moisturize. I don't know about you all of the washing and hand sanitizing has left my hands a little raw. Stay healthy and be safe. Hope to see you all in person sometime soon!

Best always, Val

Programs and Workshops

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

April: Ergonomic Hand Stretches with Sue Marin – **will be rescheduled**

Programs

Nicole Folino

April: Ergonomics for Quilters, Dr. Leo McCormick of McCormick Chiropractic -- -- **will be rescheduled**

Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In -- **On Hold**

Rae Wong

The Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In has been put on hold.

QUILT CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY 2021

Judy Walker



I hope you all are interested in starting a new quilt challenge. The rules and guidelines for this challenge will be finalized in the next month but for those who want to know what the design or quilt block will be, it will be FLYING GEESE. I also want to bring in the fact that it is the Guild's 30th anniversary and therefore you must have at least 30 flying geese in the quilt. You may have more than 30 but you need a minimum of 30 flying geese. The size of each flying geese block is up to you. Also, the challenge quilt must be a new quilt finished in this year, 2020.

Karen Hartzell and Ann Lineberger have volunteered to help on this committee, and we will keep you all informed as the details are finalized.

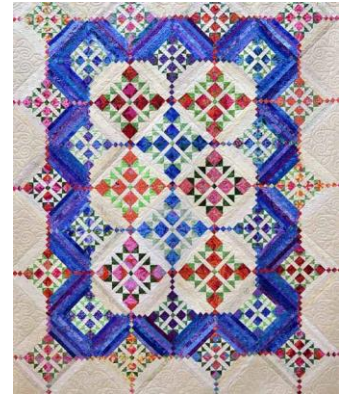
Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin

The month of March certainly had its share of madness, didn't it? I hope the forced downtime that COVID-19 caused proved productive for all of you and that you were able to get lots of quilting done. Despite the cancellation of two shows (AQS Lancaster-Downtown and the Allentown Fiber Fest), I'm pleased to inform you that I was able to get us into the AQS Lancaster - The Nook Show in August. The event runs from August 5-7 (Wednesday to Friday), so please check your calendars to see if you can volunteer a few hours on any of those days. This event venue is new to AQS staff, vendors and visitors, so please come out and support them as well as our efforts in selling raffle tickets for our "Confetti Garden." The Nook, also known as Spooky Nook, is located at 95 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA 17545. It is the nation's largest indoor sports complex, with plenty of room for small or large events, including quilt shows. The Warehouse Hotel is onsite, and a full-service restaurant is also available. Check their website for directions, hotel accommodations and other places of interest.

The other shows scheduled for May, June and July are still on. In addition to needing volunteers for all of them, the event on May 16, "Nick's Heart of Gold Foundation," is asking all vendors to donate an item worth \$25 for their raffle. If anyone would like to donate something handmade for their cause (pediatric cancer), please contact me.

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who have picked up your raffle tickets. Please return your money and ticket stubs to me as soon as possible. I am requesting that all members' ticket sales be turned in no later than our August meeting. The drawing will be held on September 1, 2020. What a way to kick off our 30-year celebration!



Sit & Sew

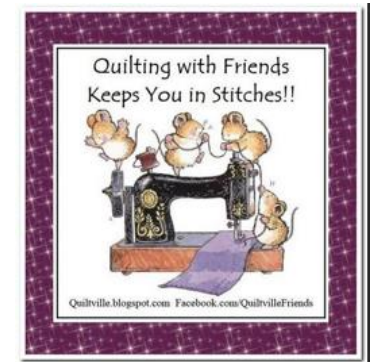
Helen Hanton

The Sit & Sew for April is cancelled. The next date is May 9th.

Spring Retreat

Sandy O'Conner

Hey Crazy Quilters! Are we so crazy about this coronavirus 19! Well the Retreat is still on! If you want to get away from it all! So far there's eight people on the list. We can take up to 18 so give me a call and let me know. If things continue to worsen, we can cancel on April 24. Pretty much last minute. Burkeholder's said the house we'll be there for us. I figure will have a small group. We'll cook our meals there and we can just have fun together. You can cancel at any time with full refund. I just need to give them one check and we need to know who's cooking what meal. The price is \$120.00 for the weekend. If the group is smaller than 9 it will be no more than \$10.00 extra because of their cleaning fee. Give me a text, call or email.



Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our March meeting: Lorraine Bujnowski, Nancy Ayers, Ann Lineberger, Kathy Schuessler, Kathie LaPosata, Sandra Mugridge, Carole Whaling, Judy Davidovich and Sarah Joy.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

The March basket was donated by Connia Straccia and won by our guest, Alena Gardner. The lucky winner of the 50/50 was Nancy Ayers.

COVID-19 ADDENDUM

With a national emergency now upon us, be prepared for changes to our usual routines. There is a chance that Camp Erin will be cancelled or postponed. I hope you'll finish any Camp Erin quilt you may be making, and while it may not be used until next year, life will get back to normal sometime.

You may have read about the shortage of protective face masks for our health care workers. Lehigh Valley Hospital Network has a specific request. You'll be receiving a separate email with the details. Thanks to Bethanne Nemesh for organizing. There is also a request from St. Luke's Hospital where a mask shortage also exists.

Medical Mask Covers

Crazy Quilters are known to step up when a need arises that can use our sewing and quilting skills. We've provided comfort to sites of natural disasters and mass shootings. Now the disaster is right here in our backyard. As we all shelter in place, consider using some of your time, talent and fabric to fill a need at our local hospital.

The director of Supply Chain Management for the Lehigh Valley Health Network has reached out to ask us to make N95 mask covers out of high quality, tightly woven fabric. It is the intent of the network to use these as covers to extend the life of their limited supply of N95 masks as per the CDC guidelines. The network anticipates increasing demand over the coming weeks and are taking steps to ration masks immediately and need all area sewers help.

The medical Mask drive is a new and developing request from LVHN. Three days ago, they had only barely begun to swing into action, contacting Bethanne via a "google search", providing her with the only pattern, at that time, their Director of Infectious Diseases had approved. They have gotten more organized today, and have published additional mask patterns, opportunities for simple fabric donations and a drop-off location.

Here is the link to the new official LVHN website on masks:

https://news.lvhn.org/to-sew-or-not-to-sew-you-can-help-supply-face-masks-and-other-ppe-to-lvhn/?fbclid=IwAR2JZ9EftGdEexeophzMXpgycPUf_KKDE2ObglhWkMI1SW0qg6HHgppUPNs

One of our members, Julie Borden, has a daughter who is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital. They also have a great need for masks. Information for St. Luke's is below.

The written pattern with **critical sanitization steps** can be found on the Crazy Quilter's web page.

Bethanne Nemesh has created a short video if you need visual reinforcement.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TldLnTRrA&t=12s>

If this link does not work, visit her blog at www.whitearborquilting.com for a link.

The masks can be made with 1/4" elastic ear pieces, or, more likely due to shortages, fabric ties. Please make as many masks as you feel you can.

Masks for LVH can be delivered to Bethanne Nemesh. You may do so by mail, or drop them off in a baggie to her front porch, then text her to be sure she knows they are there. Her cell is 610-574-1644. Her address is 5515 Sequoia Trail, Allentown, PA 18104. You may also drop them at the home of Kathie Laposata at 1013 Treeline Drive, Allentown, PA 18103. Call her at 610-336-8533 to let her know of your dropoff. If you want to marshal your friends and family to help, please share the instructions with them and deliver their masks along with yours to either Bethanne Nemesh (first choice) or Kathie Laposata.

If you prefer, **you may deliver directly to 2024 Lehigh St , Allentown Pa from 9 - 3.** Please keep a count of the amount of masks you independently drop off and text Bethanne so she can keep a count. This type of information helps with our non-profit tax status.

Masks for St Luke's Care can be dropped at the following locations:

Care Now Drop off	Address
Allentown	501 Cetronia Road, Allentown, PA 18104
Whitehall	2402 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA 18052
Quakertown	157 West End Blvd, Quakertown, PA 18951
Hamburg	9 Dave's Way, Hamburg, PA 19526
Lehighton	575 S. 9th St., Lehighton, PA 18235, Suite 7
Bethlehem	153 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Wind Gap	487 East Moorestown Rd., Wind Gap, PA 18091
Brodheadsville	111 Route 715, Brodheadsville, PA 18322
Phillipsburg	200 Stryker's Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Mailing Address:

1650 Race Street
Allentown PA 18109

Please fill out the donation form prior to mailing or dropping off and tape to the package. A blank form will be provided at the Care Now if you are unable do this at home.

"Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove

*a stabilizer in time of
perplexity or distress.*

Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle - a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever its form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course."

- First Lady Grace Coolidge





Linda Wojciechowski is a relatively new member of Crazy Quilters having joined the guild about four years ago, shortly after retirement from an editorial position with Press Weekly Newspapers. She willingly volunteered to do publicity for the guild and we are fortunate to have her in this role. We all know it is not easy to be new and step up when an opportunity arises. But Linda very much knows her capabilities and has a sincere desire to help the guild. The guild is lucky to have her in the fold.

Linda raised five children and then returned to college to pursue and receive a degree in journalism. Working for a weekly newspaper keeps you on your toes and teaches you discipline and deadline management (very much like working through a quilting project). She has happily participated in the last two guild challenges and she is an automatic winner because she went out of her comfort zone and completed two quilts she might not have tackled otherwise. Linda has found another "home" in our guild by attending the Sit and Sew Saturdays. It is a wonderful, casual opportunity to learn and share.

Quilting is just one of Linda's passions. Another is music! She is a member of Lehigh Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines for almost 20 years. In this group she also shares and gives back to others by performances opportunities.

No one in Linda's family quilts, and she particularly likes piecing. She owns 3 machines and an accuquilt cutter. This allows her to maintain accuracy of cutting and save her hand strength for other quilting jobs.

Between Linda and her husband there are ten children, so she is never at a loss for a quilt to begin or a deadline to complete.

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Forty-nine (49) members attended the March 3rd meeting, including new member Pat Bedek of Macungie, who learned about our guild from our webpage. We had four visitors this month who also enjoyed the "By the Chimney No More" program: Peggy Keiffer (former member), Alenda Gardner (who came with Ann Lineberger), Jodi Mentzell (came with Karen Hartzell, and Yetiva Allen (came with Sarah Jay).

Please remember to stop by the sign-in table every month so we can get an accurate count, especially if you arrive before the sign-in sheet does.

We now have 77 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year (plus the 3 charter members for 80 total). Membership renewals and new memberships will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.

The 31 members who wore a name tag this month were entered into a raffle; Lorraine Bujnowski was this month's winner of a fat quarter prize. We encourage all members to wear a name tag so newer members can introduce themselves.



April

- 2 - Kim Bringhurst
- 7 - Helen Hanton
- 8 - Diane Pesola
- 13 - Jackie Lukity
- 15 - Mercedes Gurniak
- 16 - Betsy Golden
- 22 - Karen Landis
- 26 - Diane Martin
- 27 - Linda Wojciechoski

Hospitality

Jackie Leipert for Diana DeFanti

Thank you Liz Riccaboni, Nancy Skok, Diane Pesola, Ruth Hoffman, Linda Green, Karen Hartzell, Kim Bringhurst and Julie Borden for providing refreshments for the March meeting.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

B positive. That is my blood type. When I first donated blood many years ago and discovered what my blood type was I took it as a sign. Pessimist was my middle name. I decided at that point to remember my blood type when life situations were challenging. As life got busy there was no time for philosophical reflection. But now it is important again. As these next few weeks and months progress I will again be aware of my blood type as we all take measures to protect ourselves, family and friends from the COVID-19.

One of our positive, effervescent members, Ruth Skinner, received a get-well card from us in February. When we corresponded by email she was doing well and as upbeat as ever.

If you have any Sunshine and Shadows news to share email me at jackie.leipert@gmail.com or call me at 610-398-2173.

Sew away the shadows on beautiful fabric and Be positive.



Member News and Requests

Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

Toiletries for Allentown School District Homeless Project

Marsha Heimann

Spring and Summer are coming soon and as we travel, I want to remind you to collect the small hotel toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Project. Again, this year the ASD has over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time they look forward to the little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics filled with products the children so desperately need. Many times, this is the only gift they receive. I have begun making the bags and collecting Christmas Fabrics as they are beginning to appear in the fabric stores. I will make as many as I can. But I also need your help. If you have small travel size toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or anything small tucked away from your hotel stays or pick up a few small hygiene items in the travel section at your grocery store or Target please consider bringing them to a guild meeting.



This project started years ago with the women who attended the Guild Retreat and has grown tremendously – our first year we made and filled 20 bags. Last year with your donations I was able to fill 250 bags which were so gratefully appreciated. Please take a look in your linen closet, bathroom drawers or even your suitcases and see if you don't have some small bottles tucked away but nothing previously used please. Bring your items to a guild meeting between now and November and we will see how many bags we can provide for the kids this year. Thank you for your support.

Support Your Small Local Quilt Shops

After I highlighted Family Farm Fabrics under our "Favorite Quilt Shop" section last month, I received notification that they are going out of business. So many of our small shops are closing their doors. With the shut down due to the COVID-19 virus, small business owners are being hit harder than ever.

I only searched a few, but I know Wooden Bridge, Ladyfingers, Old Country Store, Zooks (I know there are more) are taking orders for you to either pickup or have shipped. Check with your local quilt shop, I know they would really appreciate your business right now.

Sam found a virtual shop hop exploring online designers and shops. <https://pattispatchwork-blog.com/>
The list of 9-10 designers will change every couple days.

A lot of us are either on-line quilting shoppers (or will be soon). What are your go-to on-line fabric or thread sites?

Fabric.com

[Connecting Threads](#) (warehouse closed until further notice)

[Sew For Less](#)

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Editor Disclaimer: I am not promoting any sites, only listing a few I know about.

Committee Chairs

Challenge: Sam Cetrulo

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.

The deadline for the April newsletter is Monday, April 27th.

Events – Asterick indicates venues for the raffle quilt.

- March 29-May 2** **Art Quilt Elements**
Wayne Art Center
413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne PA
- Art Quilt Elements 2020 is the 14th exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show, unique for its professional presentation of contemporary fine art quilts. The exhibition has been widely praised by reviewers and artists not only for the presentation of the work but also for the commitment to promoting the art quilt as a fine art form.
- <http://www.artquilelements.org/>
- May 2** **Craft Show and Quilt Sale**
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
3355 Mac Arthur Road
Whitehall, PA 18052-2903
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- May 2-3** **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>
- May 16*** **Nicky's Heart of Gold Foundation**
Keystone Fire Company
240 Walnut Street
Boyertown, PA
Fundraiser to support families dealing with pediatric cancer.
- May 29-30** **York Quilters Guild: Celebration of Quilts 2020: A Quilter's Journey Then & Now**
York College, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center
899 S. Richland Ave, York
<http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>
- June 13-14** **Annapolis Quilt Guild's Quilts by the Bay**
Annapolis Senior High School
2700 Riva Road, Annapolis MD
<http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>
- June 21*** **Home Sewing Center - Merchants Square Mall**
1901 S. 12th Street
AllentownPA
In conjunction with the Quilts for Kids event

July 11*

Leesport Farmers Market Mid-Summer Craft Fair

312 Gernants Church Road

Leesport, PA

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<https://leesportmarket.com/events/event/mid-summer-craft-fair/>

Aug 5-7*

AQS Quilt Week - Lancaster-The Nook

The Nook Sports and Events Center

75 Champ Blvd., Manheim

<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/>

Oct 30-Nov 14

Eastern PA Shop Hop

