



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters,

March Madness is definitely here. Not sure if that means basketball playoffs or attempts to obtain the vaccine appointments. I thought the snow would never melt but it did. Have any bulbs peaked through and bloomed? Dare we even say spring is here. Indeed, we must. It gives us hope.

The constant among all these changes is our quilting. I am ever so thankful for the time I am able to spend at my machine, perusing new patterns, techniques, and fabrics. I am equally grateful for the Crazy Quilters programing and the chance to "see" you once a month. I hope you enjoyed the breakout rooms and we will continue to do that if you join the meeting at 6:35 to 6:50.

I welcomed our March program with Toni Smith. She came to us from Canada and was a lively and informative presenter. Without Zoom, this would not have been impossible. I plan to take her workshop and do a pixel of my grandson's cat; or, if I get more daring, a character from FortNight that he likes.

I hope you joined us for National Quilting Day, March 20! And are also looking forward to the Global Quilt Connections offering we are hoping to secure for May 22 and May 23, 3 to 6.

Until we see you on Zoom in April,  
Happy Quilting, Jane

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom until further notice

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## Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel  
Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo  
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson  
Treasurer: Kathie Laposata  
Programing Officer: Sue Marin  
Membership Officers: Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore

## Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: **April 6th, 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom**

**My friend composes  
songs about sewing  
machines.  
He's a Singer  
songwriter or sew it  
seams.**

## 2021 Program Updates

Sue Marin

**March 2, 2021:** – We welcomed Toni Smith (AKA Quiltoni) for a lively presentation and introduction to the Pixel Revolution! Toni will offer her workshop entitled “Creating Your Own Pixelated Pattern” on Saturday, April 10 and Saturday April 17. Both sessions will be held from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Members who registered for class will receive a Zoom invitation a few days prior to the first class. Toni is also offering **every guild member** a 10% discount on everything in her store. Our code word is “CRAZY”. In addition, she will also offer free shipping on orders of at least \$125. Log on to [www.quiltoni.com](http://www.quiltoni.com) to see her full selection.

Our first National Quilting Day **Zoom and Sew** session on March 20 went well. Approximately 17 members gathered to sew, share tips and just talk with each other. We hope you’ll join us in May!

**April 2021:** – **PROGRAM CHANGE:** Due to unforeseen issues with Dr. McCormick’s health, I am saddened to report that his program, “Ergonomics for Quilters” is canceled for April 6. We will, however, have a video presentation prepared by the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. In honor of spring and our Crazy Quilter gardeners, we will explore “Cultivating Culture: Botany, Gardening, and Nineteenth Century American Quilts.” Since this program is only 30 minutes long, there will be time for me to share some easy hand and neck exercises Dr. McCormick taught me to help relieve the stresses encountered while quilting.



**May 2021:** – Heather Kojan returns and will share her tips for deciphering Quilt Math.

**Another Zoom and Sew session is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. This one will have a workshop feel to it as we will offer the opportunity for all attendees to learn how to make fabric/quilted postcards. Yes, they will go through the USPS mail system! A materials list will be provided beforehand, but you probably have most of the materials on hand. This is a great way to use up your stash!**

**Mark your calendars for a special, FREE Guild sponsored two-day special event on May 22 and 23, 2021. Check the announcement included in this newsletter for more details about the Global Quilt Connection’s “All Star Virtual Sampler Platter.”**

**June 2021:** - Mary Fons (of Fons and Porter) will do a trunk show and share her experience as editor of *Quiltfolk* Magazine.

**July 2021:** – Cindy Orvacez, author of *Into the Garden: Realistic Three Dimensional Flowers Faster by the Strip* will talk to us about using embellishments in our designs.

**August 2021:** – Special **two-hour** presentation with Emily Taylor who will teach us the basics of collage quilting.

**September 2021-** Meg Cox will offer her thoughts on “Making Meaning.”

**October 2021:** - Robin Long of Robin Ruth Designs will do a program on creating the Mariner’s Star Compass using her strip piecing method.

**November 2021:** Lilo Bowman - “Adapting for Change.”

All program information is listed on our website. Please check the Meetings and Events page each month for updates, details of the various programs and important messages.

Sue Marin  
Programming Chair

NEWS FLASH: Former presenter Amy Friend took a first-place award at the QuiltCon this spring. Congratulations, Amy!

**CRAZY QUILTERS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRING A GUEST TO A ZOOM MEETING?**

Sue Marin, program chairperson, has lined up an amazing array of well- known speakers from across the country. Please refer to the Crazy Quilter [website](#) for the most up-to-date offerings. If you have a friend that you would like to invite to a zoom meeting to enjoy any of these speakers, please follow these guidelines.

1. A guest may attend only two meetings. Thereafter, membership is suggested.
2. The fee is \$10.00 when we have a guest speaker, payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild and sent to our treasurer, Kathy Laposata. (art. III, section 5). Please include the name of the guest, their e-mail address and phone number. Once payment is received, the information will be forwarded to Kathy Moore, membership chairperson.
3. Kathy Moore will keep a record of all guests and forward the guest e-mail to Karen Rush to receive the zoom invitation, and to the president, vice president, and program chairperson, so that admittance to our meeting may go smoothly.

## **ALL STAR VIRTUAL SAMPLER PLATTER**

Saturday May 22nd, 3-6pm EST  
Sunday May 23rd, 3-6pm EST

Come enjoy a fantastic zoom classroom experience!  
Learn lots of quilting techniques from some of the best teachers around!  
Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like!



This jam-packed and exciting virtual event is sure to be a rollicking good time for everyone! Experience some of the best teachers the virtual world has to offer in this live zoom meeting offered by the Global Quilt Connection. An All-Star cast of 18 quilt teachers will demonstrate some of their favorite quilting techniques, showcasing a wide variety of styles and techniques. You'll see everything from traditional to modern and art quilting techniques.

Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like, grab a cuppa and join the fun. Between each 15 minute demo we will offer short and entertaining zoom tutorials that will help you get the most out of a zoom workshop.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to experience a live zoom class, this is your perfect risk-free opportunity to check it out. Each teacher will demonstrate her Zoomin'-awesome teaching style so you can get a good feel of how wonderful virtual classes can be.



# ALL STAR VIRTUAL SAMPLER PLATTER

## May 22, 3-6pm EST

- Catherine Redford** Walking Foot Quilting Beyond the Ditch  
**Trudy Cleveland** Photograph Your Quilt with a Smartphone  
**Natalya Khorover** Hand Stitching on Single-use Plastic  
**Ashli Montgomery** Storytelling Tees, pair T-shirts with Blocks  
**Dana Jones** Demystifying Design for Foundation Piecing  
**Kelly Ashton** Calculations, Cutting, and Why it Matters  
**Margarita Koriath** Dimensional Designs with Light Modeling Paste  
**Nina Clotfelter** Ruler Work on Your Domestic Machine  
**Sheila Frampton-Cooper** Curved Piecing and Using Monofilament Thread

## May 23, 3-6pm EST

- Sandy Fitzpatrick** Fusible Appliqué with Decorative Machine Stitching  
**Andi Stanfield** Building a Monochromatic Color Palette  
**Sue Sherman** Needle Turn Appliqué for Hawaiian Quilting  
**Ellen Lindner** How to Finish Your Quilt with a Facing  
**Karen Miller** Curled Feather Quilting on a Home Machine  
**Joyce Hughes** Thread Painting, Before and After  
**Lisa Shepard Stewart** Ankara Folded Hexie Blocks and Projects  
**Ana Buzzalino** Paintstiks on Fabric with Stencils and Rubbing Plates  
**Brenda Gael Smith** Piecing Freeform Banded Triangles

You will receive a zoom link and a PDF from your guild, the week before the Sampler that includes written instructions to go along with each teacher's demonstration, as well as a page with tips for making the most of live zoom workshops. If you have signed up as an individual quilter you will get the same link and PDF.

The live zoom meetings will have a 300 person access limit at any one time but not to worry! If the meeting is full when you log in, you will be automatically directed to a youtube livestream and won't miss a thing! We will have moderators on board to make sure the viewer experience is as smooth as possible.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB – (BOM) (Questions:  
Contact Phillis Walden

We added 3 new members to the club and lost one – so we now have a total of 18 members:  
Linda Bieber, Kim Bringhurst, Sam Cetrulo, Linda Green, Helen Hanton, Karen Hartzell, Deb Heeps, Doris Horwath, Sarah Jay, Ann Lineberger, Jane Merkel, Kathy Moore, Suzanne Nelson, Vicki Pede, Lizzie Riccaboni, Phillis Walden, Judy Walker, Linda Wojciechowski.

Pattern for Block #2 will be posted on the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild website by the 1st of April.  
Note that there are TWO parts to the directions for this block.



Cutting instructions are correct. There are misprints in both Part 1 and Part 2. Diagram in instructions on p5 of Part 1 incorrectly identifies as color #6 the 4 rectangles that are actually color #8.

In Part 2, the same error noted above (in Part 1) is on both p3 and p4.

Please let me know if you have questions or problems when working on this block.

Happy Sewing! Pattern for Block 3 will be posted on the website by May 1.



**A BED WITHOUT A  
QUILT IS LIKE A SKY  
WITHOUT STARS**

PICTUREQUOTES.COM

## Playful Spirit Raffle Quilt Update

Linda Anderson and Suzanne Nelson

We put out the call for fabric, and the Crazy Quilters responded! The drive-by drop off in the Target parking lot was a rousing success. We received fabric donations from 12 members, all carefully cut into strips. We have gone through all the lovely blues, whites, and creams and have created kits for the volunteers who have offered to sew. It takes a village to make a raffle quilt and we are so grateful to everyone who has offered up their fabric and their time. We want to specifically thank Jane Merkel and Helen Hanton for referring patterns to us for consideration. And to all the fabric fairy godmothers, thank you thank you thank you for all the strip cutting: Viki Pede, Phillis Walden, Mercedes Gurniak, Diana Campbell, Lorraine Bujnowski, Jane Merkel, Dawn Martrich, Sue Marin, Kathy Moore, Judy Walker, Karen Hartzell, and Sharon Yurkanin. Stay tuned for updates as the sewing team gets to work.



## Quilt Challenge for January 2022

Linda Green

**The Brighter the Better**  
**It's time to crank up your color!!**



The challenge: to go beyond your comfort zone and make a quilt out of those bright fabrics you tend to shy away from. How bright can you go???

Category 1: Large Quilt Division (larger than 40x40)

Category 2: Mini Quilt Division (smaller than 40x40)

Such as wall hangings, table runners, etc.

Category 3: Non -"Quilt" Division

Items other than quilts but that are quilted such as a jacket, purse, or pillow.

You may enter as many categories as you choose.

The big showing of how **"bright can we go"** will be at our January 2022 meeting.

There will be prizes for all categories!!

Questions: Contact Linda Green. Karen Hartzell will also be helping on the committee and can answer questions.

## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

The onset of Spring and lightness brings along a renewed sense of community all around us. With that in mind, I am happy to deliver **346 completed pillowcases** to Ryan's Case for Smiles, and to pick up additional kits. Some fabrics will be available for placemat kits as well.



I have arranged for another pick up/drop off day to be held on Saturday, April 10th from 1000-1100 in the parking lot of Holy Spirit Church in Emmaus. I look forward to being available to you as we continue our efforts to share our creativity and talents with the Community around us.

Here are two members quilt journeys. Thank you for sending them this month. I hope to receive two every month to include. Please send your quilt journey to Sam Cetrulo.

**Betsy Golden**

Length of Quilt Journey: 40+ years

**How did you learn how to sew?**

My mother taught me to sew simple clothing for myself when I was about 12. I still sew on her featherweight.

**How would you describe your quilting style?**

Eclectic

**Has it changed over time?**

When I was a teen, I started saving squares of fabrics from everything I sewed for a quilt I would someday make. I had an interest in weaving, knitting, macrame, and various types of embroidery, basically anything textile-related. I first learned how to quilt using cardboard templates at a class at the Y. We made Eleanor Burn's sampler quilt. I taught myself rotary cutting with a book by Nancy Johnson Srebro. Around this time I met a guild member at a medical appointment, where I was carrying a quilting book, and she invited me to a Crazy Quilter's meeting at the Senior Center in Allentown. By then I was on my 2nd bed size quilt. I learned so much from programs, workshops, and other guild members. I also learned appliqué from Julie at Julie's Sewing Basket, which some may remember in Emmaus. Since then I have explored quilt history, appraisal and fabric dating through study groups and classes, which gave me an interest and appreciation for antique and reproduction quilts.

More recently I am into stash busting, scrap quilts, batiks and, with 7 grandchildren, kids quilts.

I am not much for following a pattern. I like to adapt an idea to suit my taste and supplies. For me, that's where the fun is- creating something unique, whether it's traditional, or more contemporary.

**Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?**

I have a weakness for William Morris designs. They are the only fabrics that I tend to buy just because I need to have them!

**Do you pick fabric or pattern first?**

It depends. Most of the time I have an intended recipient for a quilt, and I try to choose something for their interests or color scheme. Occasionally I see a picture and know I want to make that design.

**What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?**

The many ways I can make a quilt my own creation. I enjoy the challenge.

Also, I want to add, teaching family members to sew their own quilts has given me a lot of joy.

**What is your least favorite part and why?**

Pinning the layers together, especially since back surgery. Because I pin on the floor!

**What other things do you sew?**

Doll Clothes, toddler clothes, curtains.

**What is your favorite sewing saying?**

Mistakes are creative opportunities.

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?**

Gardening, long walks with my dog, knitting, baking, reading/listening to audiobooks.

## Diana Campbell

**Length of Quilt Journey:** I seriously started quilting in the mid-1980's, so I have been a quilter for at least 36 years.

### How did you learn to sew?

I started making doll clothes between 6-7 years old. At age 9, my mother taught me how to sew on her Singer machine. I made my first dress, a "shift," at age 10. From then-on I kept advancing, making clothes for myself, all the way through high school, college, and my adult life. Everything I wore I made, including my wedding gown. I also made clothes for my two daughters, and I taught both of them to sew, too.

### How would you describe your quilting style?

That is hard to say. I guess when I first started quilting, I was pretty traditional. I was just learning about what the possibilities were and finding my way. Now, I am very detail-oriented and am always creating a new approach to quilt design.

### Has it changed over time?

Absolutely! I came into quilting as a garment maker. I started out making a few bed quilts and wall hangings. But I eventually applied quilting techniques, such as applique, crazy quilting, and patchwork to garments. I could fill a closet with all the items I have made for myself and my (then) little girls! While I was doing that, I was also making wall quilts. I did not realize it at the time, but they were actually the beginning of my "art quilt" journey. Now, I am totally immersed in creating art quilts from our travels both here and abroad.

### Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

I can't say that I have a favorite. When I am shopping for fabric, I am totally focused on color and textures. Batiks are my favorite for my quilts.

### Do you pick fabric or pattern first?

I rarely buy patterns. All of my art quilts come from photos my husband has taken on our trips. When I go out shopping, I take a copy of that photo with me, plus a swatch book of what I already have "stashed" at home.

### What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

I guess it would be the "hunt" for the perfect fabric. I also love, love hand applique, and thus all of my quilts are hand appliqued. And I do not mind the "tedium" of hand applique. My last quilt had over 400 hand appliqued pieces.

### What is the least favorite part?

That would be the preparation for a quilt. I make two large vinyl overlays of my subject, one for my design wall and one for my work table. For each piece in the quilt, I make a freezer paper template that goes in the back of the fabric before it is hand appliqued. All of those papers must be removed before I start quilting.

### What other things do you sew?

Not much else. My quilts are my total focus these days.

### What is your favorite sewing saying?

"Sew much fabric, sew little time" and, often, "Haste makes waste!"

### What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Counted cross stitch, needle punch, knitting and crocheting, reading, and studying French.





## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Please submit photos of your quilts for Show & (for the Show & Tell) AND Nancy Scholz (for the website) by **April 4th**.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

A card of sympathy was sent to Steve Chubin of Steve's Sew and Vac and Pottstown Sewing on the death of his wife.

Greetings and Congratulations to all of us for sewing many masks for the community and our families during this past year. We have also brought ourselves sunshine by digging into our fabric, finishing many started projects and working on quilts that we have been planning to make for quite some time. Although we have been saddened by the world's events we are thankful for having a hobby that brings us much joy.

If you have any news that you would like to share email.

## Membership

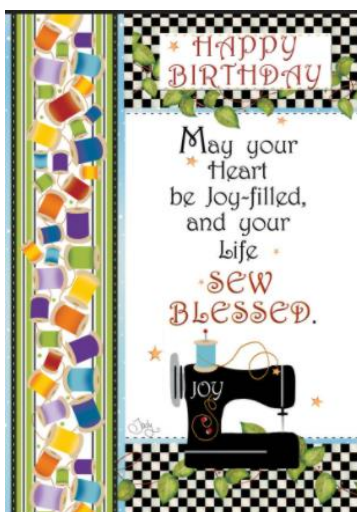
Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We had 49 members attend our zoom March meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership. So far we have had 62 members renew so I'm still looking forward to seeing a few more checks before the end of March.

Dues in the amount of **\$22.50** are due and payable by March 31, 2021. You may send in your renewal at any time. Please mail your check payable to **Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild** to Kathy Moore.

In return I will mail you a new membership card for the period March 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021. Please check the membership list to be sure your address is correct. If address changes need to be made notify Kathy Moore. Please mail your renewal check by **March 31st** as a new membership list will be sent out with the May newsletter, emailed approximately April 23. That will allow plenty of time for your checks to reach me. If you have any questions you can also contact me by email.



### **April**

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- 8 Diane Pesola
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## FaceBook Trading Post Instructions

Karen Hartzell

To begin, you must have a personal FB account.

1. Send friend request to Karen Hartzell or Sarah Jay. You will be invited to join the 'Crazy Quilters Trading Post' group.
2. Go to 'Crazy Quilters Trading Post' page. Click on 'Buy and Sell' button. (Some devices say 'What are you Selling.')
3. Click on the 'Sell Something' button.
4. Click on 'Item For Sale.' (Some devices say just 'Items.')
5. Click on 'Add Photos.' Here you can add your existing photo or take a picture with your camera. Select your option and then click 'Done.'
6. Enter the pertinent information in the boxes provided: Title, Price, Description, Condition. Then click Next.
7. Keep following prompts until the final button to press is 'Publish.'
8. You are all finished.



### **Crazy Quilters Trading Post**

Private group · 24 members

## Hummelstown Quilt Show Celebrating the museum's 50<sup>th</sup> years:

# *Hummelstown Treasure*

Hummelstown Area Historical Society: A 50 Year Treasure

WHAT: The *Hummelstown Historical Society* is having a quilt exhibit

WHEN: **Saturday, February 13th Thru the month of June, 2021**

HOURS: Mondays - 11am to 3pm

Wednesdays – 3pm to 7pm

First Saturday of each month – 11am – 2pm

MORE INFO: Advertising 60 child, infant and doll quilts  
and quilts from 19<sup>th</sup> thru mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.

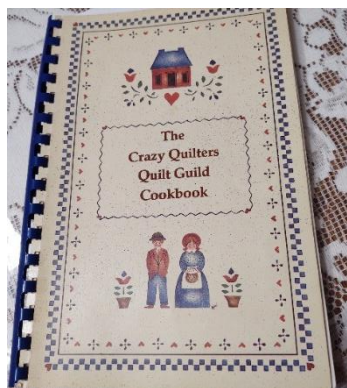
Also theme quilts and a 1939 World's Fair quilt.

Read more here: <https://www.hummelstowntreasure.com/events>

**RECALLING RECIPES: FROM THE CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD COOKBOOK**

Jane Merkel

(Published in 1992) APRIL 2021: SALADS



CARROT AMBROSIA

4 C. SHREDDED CARROTS      ¼ C. LEMON JUICE  
1 C. ORANGE SECTIONS      3 ½ OZ CAN COCONUT  
1 ½ C. MINI MARSHMALLOWS      2 T. HONEY  
½ C. SOUR CREAM      ¼ C. MAYONNAISE

MIX ALL INGREDIENTS AND CHILL.

Submitted by Laura Zumberge

THREE BEAN SALAD

1 CAN KIDNEY BEANS      1 CAN GREEN BEANS  
1 CAN YELLOW WAX BEAN      1 MED. ONION, DICED  
1 GREEN PEPPER, DICED  
½ C. SUGAR      ½ C. OLIVE OIL      ½ C. VINEGAR

SEASON TO TASTE

COMBINE BEANS, ONION, AND PEPPER IN LARGE BOWL.  
ADD SUGAR, OIL, VINEGAR, AND SEASONINGS. MIX WELL AND CHILL SEVERAL HOURS  
BEFORE SERVING.

Submitted by Janet Groh

FIVE CUP SALAD

1 C. SOUR CREAM  
1 C. MINI MARSHMALLOWS  
1 C. MANDARIN ORANGES, DRAINED  
1 C. FRUIT COCKTAIL DRAINED  
1 C. CRUSHED PINEAPPLE

MIX AND SERVE. MARASCHINO CHERRIES, NUTS, OR RAISENS MAY BE ADDED.

Submitted by Tami J. Hoch (Jones)

## **Committee Chairs**

**Challenge:** Linda Green

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

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:** Rhonda Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

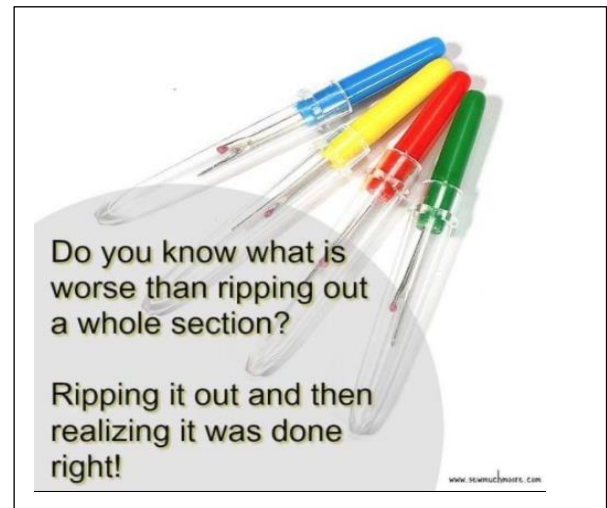
**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



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