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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Donna Gasser

As Spring is trying to make its presence known, I am thinking about a topic our Board did not get much time to discuss at our meeting last week--teaching our craft. Spring signals the start of the small festivals that focus a lot on local craftsmen, farmers, and artists, as well as the food this area is known for. Would anyone be interested in teaching quilting at these events? I'm thinking of using a portable quilt frame (which I have), with sandwiched fabric marked in squares to teach and practice hand-quilting and talk about the history of quilting, quilting bees, quilting guilds and the advent of crazy quilting and modern quilting as you teach. If you are willing to teach at these festivals, please give me a call. Also, I am familiar with the Walnutport Canal Festival taking place in October, but I know there were many other local festivals around that focus on crafts before the Covid shut-down that maybe have resurfaced. If you know of them, please shoot me an email or text with contact information if you have it, so that I can investigate.

Another avenue for education would be doing a few sessions with 4-H groups, scout groups, youth groups, senior citizen groups, church groups, maybe school groups. We could even have a start-up "Learn to Quilt" group, but how do we reach out to get any of this going? We need your input and expertise on this and we also need to know if you are willing to volunteer for group education of this nature.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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## Guild Officers

President: Donna Gasser

Vice-President: Vicki Pede

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Nicole Folino

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, April 4th, 7 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) Allentown

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15th, 10 am – 4:30 pm Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

**Workshop with RaNae Merrill:** Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 (setup) – 5 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church.

*Laughter is the best medicine.*

*Or is it fabric...*

It might be fabric!



## From the President – continued

Our guild workshop on improving your free-motion quilting is scheduled for April 1 at Calvary Church. It still has some openings as of right now (March 18). If you haven't registered and want to, now is the hour. If you have a friend that would love to join you, fee is \$60 for non-members and they need to email Nicole Folino and send a check to our mail. More details were in our last newsletter regarding what you need to bring and the scope of the workshop.

And at the last Board meeting, we spent time on the By-Laws & Guild Policies that should be sent to all. Please, please, please take 15 minutes to read them so that we can vote to approve and check them off our "To Do" list. Julie McDonell and her committee have spent many, many hours on these documents and need you to spend these 15 minutes, so that we answer any questions and take a vote on them.

Enjoy the Spring! Flowers are blooming, critters are coming out of hibernation. My dog is looking for bunnies to appear. I've seen their tracks in the little snow we had, but we haven't spotted any of them on our walks at Jordan Creek Park and the Lehigh Gap Nature Center.

Happy Quilting! Donna Gasser

## Programs

Nicole Folino

**April:** Community service project during the meeting. See Community Service below for more information.

There are still a few spots remaining for the RaNae Merrill **Free Motion Mastery Workshop**. This full day class will take place at Calvary on April 1st from 8:30-4pm. The cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Feel free to invite a friend. RaNae will have fabric kits available for students to purchase if they choose too. The cost of the kit is \$30. The class supply list is attached as a separate document via email. Reach out if you have any questions.



**May 2nd** Lecture is Laura Loewen: **Quilt Photography in Your Pocket**. Don't have a 'fancy' camera but still want quality quilt photos? Learn the best tips and tricks for taking quilt photos on your iPhone. Discover where and when to take photos, how to edit, get app recommendations and demonstrations on how to get the most from your cell phone photos. All guild members welcome. *Laura is the current MQG Modern Monthly photographer and has practiced photography professionally for over 10 years.*

## Better Done than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski



I see that many of you are working towards completing the quilts on your UFO list but many of us are still struggling with finishing those quilts. There is still plenty of time, months that is, to complete many, if not all, of the quilts on your list.

## **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Last week, I delivered 72 pillowcases to our Coordinator Stacey and then was the courier to take 200 pillowcases to Lehigh Valley Hospitals' Pediatric Sleep Disorders Center. Thank you to everyone who continues to brighten the days, and now maybe nights of people in need of a smile to smooth out their day.

We look forward to working with you at the upcoming April Guild meeting, and hope many of you will bring your machines, cutting boards/rulers/rotary cutters. irons and ironing surfaces, and especially your willingness to bring fabric to incorporate into quilts for children in need in our Community. The quilts that are started at the April meeting, and completed by you at your convenience, will be given to Family Promise Lehigh Valley in Allentown and also Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.

Thank you for all that you continue to share with others -- you are truly a gift to our communities.

## **Quilt Bingo**

Vicki Pede

Please mark your calendars for our first Quilt Bingo which will be held at the Fearless Fire Company in Allentown on Sunday, September 10, 2023 beginning at 1:00.

At our January meeting, some ideas of items you can donate were provided. IF you have any kinds of items already, feel free to bring them along to a meeting. Please know that Jane Merkel is heading this portion of the bingo and will accept tricky tray donations. Just seek her out at any meeting! Believe me, the sky's the limit! So many quilts have already been offered to us and we thank you all for your kind donations.

The committee continues to meet each month and brings all of your suggestions to our discussion. We love the idea that Mercedes suggested in making the table toppers as tie breakers or door prizes. Please note that we are more than open to using any of the Simple Whatnots that do not have homes already. In fact, we already have two of these!

Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our next meeting and we will try our best to answer them. Again, since this will be our only fundraiser for 2023, we are hoping that it is really successful for our guild and YOU are the determining factor in that.

## **Outreach to Teach Quilting**

Donna Gasser

Message from Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival Artisan and Demonstrator coordinator, Hedge Becker:

"We are still recovering from the financial issues that COVID brought upon us and we are not offering classes until 2024. This gives us time to rebuild our financial and volunteer base to be sure we can provide the proper advertising and support our instructors deserve.

That being said- I would love to work with you in 2024! Let me know a little more about class sizes, lengths, and requirements (and pricing would be great too).

We would also LOVE to have you come demonstrate in 2023 and build excitement for 2024 classes to return."

## 2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

Rules for the Challenge:

Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.

Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023

The challenge is open to guild members only

There will be four (4) categories:

Large — (40X40 or larger)

Small — (less than 40X40)

Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc

Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.

Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and competition of all completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

### For Your Quilty Inspiration



## Hospitality

Sandy O'Connor

Thanks to all who helped me out with hospitality last month: Pat Piasecki, Katrina Idleman, Nancy Skok, Pat Vaccaro and Janie Rossetti.

Volunteers for April: Karen Rush, Sue Marin, Linda Bieber, Kathy Laposata and Lorraine Bujnowski.

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15th, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$7 donation for the church. And don't forget an extension cord and light. An iron and ironing board are provided, but you may also bring a small iron for use at your station.

**Text or call me by noon the day before to reserve your spot,** and please be prepared to help set up and store tables. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Due to the Community Service meeting in April, the library will not be available and there will not be a 50/50 or basket raffle.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

A card of Congratulations went out to Sam and Dan on the birth of their daughter Alexandra Marie Liston on March 4, 2023. We all send them our best wishes.

If you have any news that you would like to share with the guild email me or call.

## Retreat

Sandy O'Conner

Retreat dates are November 9,10,11,12, 2023 Thursday to Sunday.  
You do not have to sign up for 4 days.  
If you only want to come Friday to Sunday that's fine!!

## Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our March meeting we had 46 members present. On Zoom we had 4 members and we had a new member join giving us a total of 51 members participating that night.

Kirsty Michaelis is our newest member. She has been quilting since 2010 and is self taught. Before moving to PA she taught in several quilt shops, helped out making shop samples and designed blocks for shop hops. Welcome to the guild Kirsty!

A graphic with the words "Happy Birthday" written in a large, red, cursive font. There are three small red stars above the word "Happy".

### *April*

Kim Bringhurst	4/2
Helen Hanson	4/7
Anne Maberry	4/7
Diane Pesola	4/8
Jackie Lukity	4/13
Karen Shafer	4/14
Betsy Golden	4/16
Cherri Hess	4/25
Linda Wojciechowski	4/27

### Committees

**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke

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

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:** Kathy 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:** Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipter

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

**Fundraising & Ways & Means:** Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Phillis Walden



## Upcoming Events:

Celebrating 31 years

March 29-April 1 2023 **NEW LOCATION**

"The Longest Running Quilt Show in Lancaster"

**The Lancaster Quilt Show**

LANCASTER HOST RESORT  
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2300 LINCOLN HWY E  
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April 14-15, 2023  
Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-4

\$8.00 Cash or Check only

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Ocean Waves Quilt Guild  
presents  
Fabric of Life  
Quilt Show




• Thursday April 13, 2023 • 10:00am-5:00pm  
• Friday April 14, 2023 • 10:00am-5:00pm  
Edyta Sitar Lecture 5:30pm. Admission gets you into lecture.  
• Saturday April 15, 2023 - 10:00am-3:00pm

Sussex Academy  
21150 Airport Road • Georgetown, DE 19947  
Admission: \$10 one day • \$15 two days • \$20 three days



Featuring Internationally Recognized Quilter  
Edyta Sitar, Laundry Basket Quilts  
Lecture and Truck Show on  
Friday, April 14, 2023 • 5:30pm

NACQJ Quilt Show Judges • Sandra Dorrbecker and Beth Pauley

- Over 300 Displayed Quilts
- Vendor Mart
- Raffle Baskets - Raffle Quilts
- Second Time Around Shop
- Guild Quilt Challenge
- Quilt Appraisals by Karen Dever
- Quilting Demonstrations
- Community Service Projects Display
- Food Service on-Site
- Free Parking at Sussex Academy

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Quilt BINGO Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild



Sunday May 7, 2023

Doors open at Noon  
Games Start at 1:00  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!  
\$25 in Advance \$30 at the Door  
FOR TICKETS CALL  
Michele 484-894-7128 or Vicki 909-310-3526  
Lunch/Refreshments Available  
American Legion  
2260 Cornier Rd. Easton, PA  
Tricky Tray, too!

20 GAMES!  
5 SPECIALS!

## May 6 & 7, 2023



Our guild will once again be offering the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler events. **The .pdf from each teacher and links to the sessions will be available two weeks before.**



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