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From The President

Donna Gasser

I can't believe that when this is published Easter season will be almost over or already be gone. Spring is certainly popping and I am truly glad for it. As I am writing this there is a big fat robin sitting on a branch right outside my window and I am planning to do some outdoor yard work in a few hours.

Wasn't Dana Jones' documentary on Pagtinabangay interesting? It always amazes me how people pull together to improve things when it is needed. The inspiration to use quilting, something they used to get more use out of scraps, astounds me. Thank you Sue and Katrina for bringing us such an interesting program. It should be equally interesting to see what Patricia Belyae has to present on April 2 regarding Japanese Yukata Quilts! I hope to see you at our meeting for that Zoom presentation.

I asked for volunteers to discuss constructing a quilt from our guild that will be donated or sent to Kutztown Folk Festival. The destination is yet to be determined, although we are aiming for Kutztown Folk Festival quality. That group is meeting at 5:15 on April 2 before our regular meeting to talk about the quilt's destination, design and possibly create a game plan. If you are interested in voicing your thoughts on this project, please join us. If it is not possible for you to join us at that time, please let me know your thoughts and concerns via email or a call.

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 Pedo

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd

5:45 pm - Quilters Studio. Meeting starts at 7 pm

Sit & Sew: Saturday April 6th & 20th 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

A new study shows
that people who have a
ridiculous amount of
quilts and quilting supplies



live longer than those
who point it out.

From the President – Continued

I also asked for volunteers for our Ways and Means Committee to determine our fundraiser in 2025. We need more volunteers for this group to replace those that have stepped down and to co-ordinate our guild members' efforts to support this fund-raiser. I would like this group to meet via Zoom and to pick a day and time that suits everyone involved. Those of you that have volunteered already (I thank you!) and those of you that are interested, please get back to me via email or at our meeting to determine that meeting time and date.

The nominating committee, headed by Kathy Laposata, is diligently working hard to present us with a great slate of officers in May for our June elections. If you get a call, seriously consider serving our guild in some capacity. As I have stated in the last newsletter, I have been blessed during my presidency with advice and help from our guild members whenever it was needed, so please volunteer—you will not regret it.

I hope you all take advantage of the Quilt Connection on April 13-14, 3-6 pm. You should be getting an invitation via email for that soon. Also please join us for a fun Sewical day at Calvary Church as we work on our community service projects, April 20th.

Lastly, A motion was made at the March meeting to reduce the membership dues to \$35 as the motion to reduce membership dues to \$30 did not pass at the March meeting. Discussion of the motion will be at the April meeting and we will take a vote at the May meeting.

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

April 2, 2024 – Patricia Belyae, “The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts” – Hybrid meeting.

Patricia Belyae made her first quilt at age 53 from garments purchased at Goodwill. She felt that she had found a home in quilting. She discovered yukata cottons during travels to Japan. A yukata is a lightweight, informal, Japanese kimono whose name translates to “bathing cloth”. Yukata were historically worn to local bathhouses. Today, yukata are widely worn as casual summer garb. Modern yukata fabrics have strayed from the traditional indigo and white to lively multicolored designs. Patricia’s Zoom lecture will lead us into “The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts.” When not lecturing or teaching workshops, Patricia and her daughter Victoria Stone are the owners of Okan (“mom” in Japanese) Arts. Their West Coast business imports vintage textiles from Japan, runs quilting workshops, leads tours to Japan, and offers quilts by Patricia in its online gallery.



April 27, 2024 - WORKSHOP – Heather Blokzyl will teach Barn Quilt painting at Calvary. Three patterns will be available. \$50/person. All materials included. Live program only. There are only 5 more spaces available for the Barn Quilt Workshop on April 27. Registration deadline is April 2. I will accept guest registrations on a first come, first served basis up to April 15.

May 7, 2024 - Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quilts will do a live lecture and trunk show. Barbara is celebrating her 25th anniversary in the quilting business!

May 8, 2024 - WORKSHOP -- Technique Class - Barbara returns on Wednesday morning to teach the Snail's Trail technique. This live technique class is fun and rewarding. You'll finish a block within the allotted three-hour class.



June 4, 2024 – Lisa Shepard Stewart – Sewing with African Fabrics. Live lecture, truck show and “retail therapy” opportunity.

July 2, 2024 - Brita Nelson, also known as “The Questioning Quilter,” will do a live lecture, “Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks”.

July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP - Brita returns for a live, six-hour workshop – The Disappearing Block Sampler. At the end of the day, you will have completed nine blocks.



August 6, 2024 – End the year with our Crazy Quilters' version of the Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Party. Everyone gets to celebrate! In-person only. "Do you like planning parties? Sue and Katrina are looking for people to help with decorations for our Alice in Wonderland theme, games, prizes, music and/or entertainment and refreshments. If interested, contact Sue Marin or Katrina Idleman."

We hope you will enjoy and support the wide variety of meetings and workshops presented this year.

Save the Date!



The next Global Quilt Connection's sampler platter event will be held on April 13 and 14, 2024.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Will meet again to share EPP projects. If you have an EPP project to share, please come and share your talents. RSVP to Julie if you plan to attend.

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our March meeting, 53 members attended in person, 4 members attended on zoom, and 5 visitors, for a total of 62 in attendance. Six new members joined for a total of 88 paid guild members for 2024.

Welcome new members:

Eileen Burgo is from Emmaus. She learned to quilt at The Quiltery in Nazareth, making a double wedding ring. She enjoys quilting, travel, museums, photography & reading.

Dawn Dengler is member Diane Pesola's daughter. She made her first quilt block at the November retreat. She is taking a Ham radio class and volunteers with many charitable organizations.

Patty Feninez lives in Emmaus and is a former member from the Elm St. location. She studied at the Baum School of Art and volunteers with local charities.

Cassandra Kriley is from Emmaus and loves to quilt and embroider.

Janet Levinson started quilting in 2000 and made 40 quilts during Covid. She lives in Emmaus and does some hand quilting.

Lori Stein lives in Walnutport and is a bus driver for the IU. She loves all crafts.

The proposed change to the membership dues was not approved by a vote of 42 yes & 20 no. A two-thirds majority is required for passage.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

We are looking forward to a day of friendship and working together on sewing projects for Community Service at our Service Sewcial at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20. We will begin at 8:30 and finish about 4:00 pm. Come for any part of the day! Bring your lunch and a drink and anything you might like to share with the group. We will have fabric and batting available, some ready cut and some you can cut to your choosing. We will need your sewing machines and basic sewing supplies, cutting mats and rotary cutters, ironing boards and irons. We will share everything together. Just let us know if you are coming and what you may be bringing to help with the fun.

We hope to see many of you there. Please contact either of us if you have any questions. You may learn something new or can help someone improve their skills and talents. All are welcome!

Better Done Than Perfect Round 2

Lorraine Bujnowski

Since winter seems to be hanging on, let's keep busy finishing up some of your UFO's on your lists. Spring will really be here soon with much to do outside. Keep sewing!



Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday April 6th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. The next Sit 'n Sew date is May 18.

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!

Summer Sit & Sews will be back in June!

Jane Merkel

We will meet all three times at Lindberg Park.

Thursday, June 13 noon to six or whenever

Tuesday, July 30, noon to six or whenever

Tuesday, Aug, 20, noon to six or whenever

Library News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Spring from the librarians! Karen Rush has volunteered to bring the gift basket for the raffle in April.

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

So here we are at the penultimate Simple Whatnots project. There are 18 projects in the book, and we have made our way through, one by one. Well, actually we leapfrogged a couple (looking at you, Autumn Tapestry, with 324 appliquéd circles on 2-inch blocks). But members of our group know that we are always able to circle back and take on those more involved projects at our leisure. I have found that they make very portable projects to take with me when I travel. As I said at the outset of this journey through the book, I find these little quilts to be a fun "snack" to enjoy when I feel the need to quilt but don't want to tackle something more involved. Thirteen members jumped into the fun back when we started, and even though we may not have everyone participating every month, we still have Kim Diehl's book to go back to when we feel in need of a quilt snack or a quick gift.

I won't be at the April meeting, so I'm hoping that one of our Simple Whatnotters can set up the quilts for display before the meeting so people can wander over and enjoy looking up close at the color choices and workmanship. (And please give those members a pat on the back for making the 204 tiny half square triangles in the Making Waves quilt!)

April: In your sewing room: work on October Sunset (pg. 113)

At the meeting: show Making Waves

May: At the meeting: show October Sunset, the grand finale!

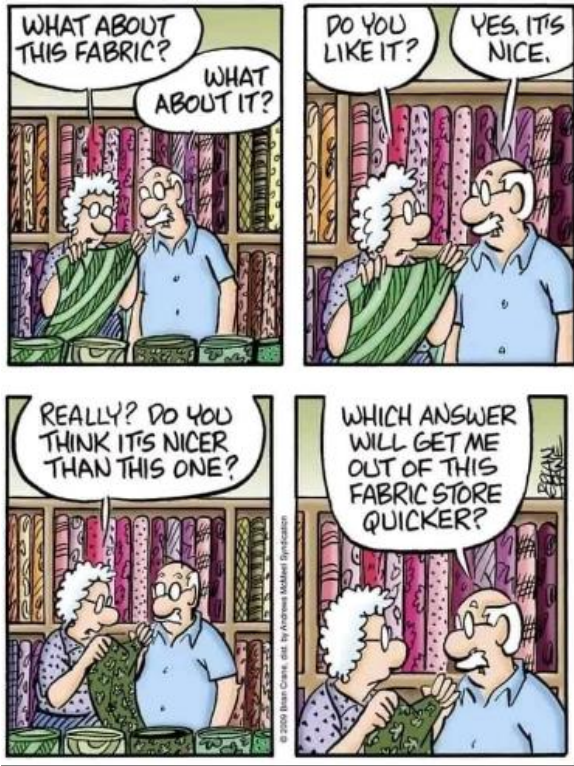
Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the following members for providing desserts and appetizers at the March meeting. They were Carol Siegmund, Linda Anderson, Dawn Martrich, Kathy Moore and Karen Shaffer.

April volunteers are Lori Smith, Pat Plasecki, Katrina Idleman, Nancy Skok, Julie McDonell and Nancy Ayers. You will receive a reminder prior to the April meeting.

Any questions or concerns please contact Sandy



April Birthdays:

KIM CARLO (Bringham) - 4/2
ANNE MABERRY - 4/7
DIANE PESOLA - 4/8
KAREN SHAFER - 4/14
LINDA WOJCIECHOWSKI - 4/27

Committees



Challenge:

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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

Historical: Kathy Moore

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti

Library: Michele McLaughlin

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

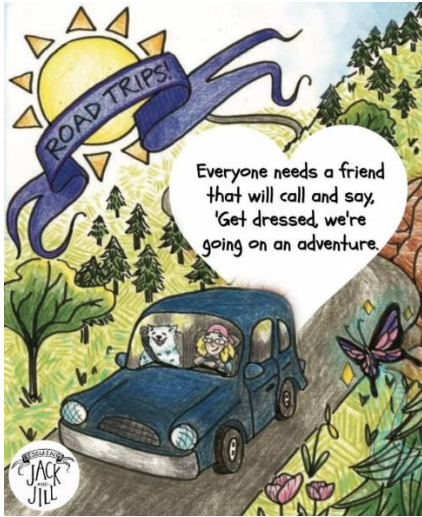
Sunshine and Shadows: Lizzie Riccaboni

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

Website: Nancy Scholz

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

Upcoming Events



2024

March 24 – April 27 -- [Art Quilt Elements 2024](#), Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. Art Quilt Elements 2024 is the 16th biennial exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show, unique for its professional presentation of contemporary fine art quilts.

April 5 – 6 – [2024 Relief Sale](#), Farm Show Complex, Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA. All sale day proceeds benefit the worldwide relief efforts of Mennonite Central Committee which include aid to the victims of poverty and other man-made and natural disasters.

April 6th – Huge Fabric Sale sponsored by the Loose Threads Quilters Guild. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City, PA.

April 10 - 13 – [Lancaster Quilt Show](#), Lebanon Valley Expo Center

April 11 – 13 – [Three Rivers Quilt Show](#), Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, Washington PA

April 13 & 14 – Global Quilt Connection Virtual Sampler. Save the date!

April 20 – **COMMUNITY SERVICE SEWCIAL**. Held at Calvary Baptist Church, 8:30 am to 4 pm

April 27 - WORKSHOP – Heather Blokzyl -- Barn Quilt painting. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

May 4-5 -- Spring Radiance A Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition – County Line Quilters Guild, St Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2024>

May 5th - Quilt Bingo - Presented by Heart in Hand Quilt Guild, American Legion, 2260 Courier Rd, Easton PA. Doors open at noon, Games start at 1:00. Lunch/ Refreshments Available, Tricky Tray too. 20 game, 5 specials, Tickets are limited. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door - For Tickets call Vicki Pedi 908-310-3526

May 8 - WORKSHOP -- Barbara Dann -- Snail's Trail technique. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

May 11 – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA 9 am – 5 pm
Quilts Displayed Across Town. Save the date! <https://www.facebook.com/airingofquiltspalmerton>

May 31 – June 1 -- [Penn Dry Goods Market, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center](#), 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. A textile-focused antiques and vintage show. Includes a textile history lecture series during the antiques show and features 11 nationally and internationally known speakers on many aspects of textile history.

June 15 – Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure Sale, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon, PA

June 21-23 – [Brandywine Valley Quilters](#) – Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show, Neumann University, Aston, PA

June 29 – July 7 – [Kutztown Folk Festival](#), Quilt sale with over 2500 local handmade quilts on display and for sale.

July 20 - WORKSHOP - Brita Nelson – The Disappearing Block Sampler. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

September 11-14 – AQS Quilt Week, Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center, 75 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA 17545
[American Quilter's Society -](#)

September 12-15 – [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#), Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

October 4 & 5 – [Berks Quilters Guild 2024 Quilt Show, Quilts from the Heart of Berks](#), Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.

October 18 & 19 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA

October 25 – November 9 – Eastern PA Shop Hop

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to Karen Rush.

