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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Jane Merkel

Dear Crazy Quilters,

Friendship and Kindness are on my mind today as I think back on the last two years as your president. You have gone above and beyond so many times when ideas were asked for or your participation sought to further a guild activity. You have been patient when needed and always had a friendly smile or comment to share. I am so delighted that I have had this time with all of you. I never could have envisioned any of those things happening when I agreed to "take my turn" to "do my part" for this guild. I have all of you to thank for responding in such a positive way. I am humbled and grateful, and my life is richer for having shared this time with you. Crazy Quilters are the best!

Don't forget to enjoy the Global Quilt Connection the last weekend of July. It is always inspiring to listen to teachers share their passions. Also, hope to see you at Lindberg Park on July 26 after 1:00pm.

In the changing world that has resulted from the pandemic, we, as a guild, must explore new options to raise funds for our programs and activities. We will call for participants in August and your new officers will call for additional members in September to join a task force to brainstorm new ways and means.

And lastly, consider giving four hours to man the raffle ticket table and share a quilting technique at the Allentown Fair, Aug. 31 to Sept 6.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM

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## Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel

Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo

Secretary: Karen Hartzell

Treasurer: Kathie Laposata

Programming Officer: Sue Marin

Membership Officer: Kathy Moore

## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church - Allentown

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Faith Presbyterian Church

**Outdoor Sit and Sew:** Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. at Lindberg Park

*Tomorrow*  
IS NATIONAL STAY AT HOME  
**AND SEW DAY.**

**IT'S NOTHING OFFICIAL,**

*I made it up.*  
**TELL THE OTHERS.**

## A Note from Our Incoming President

Donna Gasser

As the leadership of Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild transfers to myself and Vicki Pede, we need to give heartfelt thanks to Jane Merkel and her board members for their solid leadership through the tough times of the pandemic. Their accomplishments are many--the Tour de Quilts, moving our meetings to Zoom and Calvary Baptist Church, and dealing with our library effectively to name a few. Our guild is focused now on moving forward continuing the strong foundation Jane and her board have laid as we hopefully continue moving out of this pandemic.

Vicki and I were selling raffle tickets at a booth this spring as we talked about the Vice-President and President sharing duties and how this would work if we volunteer for these positions. Vicki lives near Bangor and is the current president of Colonial Quilters but also holds various positions in a few other guilds. She quilts very often, and is most fond of paper-piecing and all it has to offer! I am living in Whitehall after selling my house in Slatington and rejoining Crazy Quilters in 2020. After constructing many quilts during the shutdown (I moved almost my entire stash), I desired to reconnect with people who share my love of quilting.

Those challenges our guild is facing include forming a new committee to discuss our fund-raising efforts so that our members' talents are used effectively. We need to have members brainstorm new ideas to raise monies that support our programs and our outreach efforts and volunteers to make those new ideas a reality. Creation of the raffle quilt and marketing it has been an ongoing problem that needs to be addressed. Does the membership want to support this traditional effort or not? Is it cost-effective to do so? Would changing the frequency of quilt production and marketing while adding other fund-raising projects be more effective?

Also, Vicki and I would like to see a core group of members who are tech savvy forming a technological group. We see this group as being our go-to people to set up Zoom broadcasting at meetings which will continue being hybrid for the foreseeable future and a few to troubleshoot any other technical problems that arise. I am not tech savvy having used Apple products most of my life. My learning curve on my new PC is significant, but I am getting there! However, Vicki and Jane have worked together to enable hybrid meetings at another location and have each purchased opposite supplies to make this happen. This is significant for our guild.

So how will this work for you as members? First of all, if you wish to be on either of the two committees mentioned above, please contact Vicki or me. Vicki and I will be in close contact regarding our guild throughout our term. We are looking for your support in all our guild endeavors. You can contact Vicki and/or I with your suggestions or concerns. We welcome any comments or suggestions by phone, email or in-person.

## Sit & Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for July 16 & 3 August 6 & 20 0, 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 \$5 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!

**NOTE: \*\*\* Our June, July and August meetings will be held at Calvary Baptist Church,  
4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104 \*\*\***

July 5, 2022: Thanks to all of you who attended July's meeting. Vicki, Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing your EPP flowers so that we can create a quilt for Habit for Humanity. Please return them to either one of us by the September meeting. You can also drop them off at the August meeting or at the July 26 and/or August 16 Sit 'N' Sew at Lindberg Park.

July 30 and 31, 2022: Please take advantage of the Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter. The list of presenters, links to each day, and instruction sheets were sent to all members in mid-July. These sessions will be presented via Zoom only.

August 2, 2022: Julie Borden, former guild president and coordinator of past Quilter's Studios, will present a fun trunk show on wool applique. She'll display many of her wool appliqued quilts and share with us what has consumed much of her time over the past 30 years.

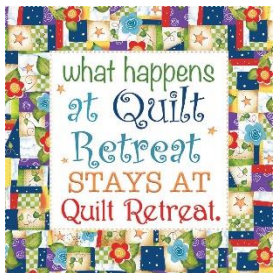
September 6, 2022: Our lovely quilt will be raffled off at 7:00 PM at Holy Spirit in Emmaus.

Thank you, everyone for your support over the past two years. It was quite an adventure!

Sue Marin  
Programming and Workshop Chairperson, 2020-2022

## Retreat

Sandy O'Connor



The next retreat is scheduled for November 10, 11, 12, 13, 2022. Location will once again be at the "Blue Lake House" Denver PA. More information will be shared at the August meeting

## Raffle Quilt Update

Judy Walker

The raffle tickets need to be returned with your check by the **August 2 meeting**. This will give us the chance to get all the monies in this fiscal year and ready for the drawing in September. I will be at this meeting and the Sit n Sew gatherings if you want to drop off rather than send everything in the mail. I will also be at Lindberg Park on July 26 from 1 to about 4.p.m.

There are about 20 of our members who have not returned the ticket stubs and money for these raffle tickets. This is income for our Guild and these funds allow us to keep our guild moving forward and providing inspirational programs. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## 2022 Quilt Challenge -- It's Only Natural!

Sue Marin & Karen Rush

Since there was a question about the challenge at the July meeting, we thought it helpful to reprint the guidelines.

The theme this year is meant to capture those things found in nature. For example, animals, birds, landscapes, seascapes, gardens, flora and fauna are acceptable. Man-made structures are allowed as long as they are NOT the MAJOR emphasis of your piece.

Your entry must have been completed between March 1, 2022 and December 23, 2022.

Feel free to use any/multiple techniques that will enhance your entry: applique, collage, foundation paper piecing, EPP, pixelating, etc.

There will be three divisions with three categories under each division:

The divisions are:

Large Quilt (40"x40" or larger)

Small Quilt (smaller than 40" x 40")

Other (placemats, table runners, pillows, wearable art, etc.)

The categories are:

Landscapes/Seascapes

Animals/Birds

Flowers

Members are encouraged to enter as many divisions/category combination as they would like. For example, one large, one small and one other in landscape but not two smalls in landscape.

There will be ample opportunity to win an award!

Questions? Reach out to Karen or Sue.



Surf Fish by  
Joan Collins



From the  
book  
"Nature's  
Studio" by  
Jason  
Colvin

### Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Once again, we had a nice showing of quilts at the July guild meeting. Kathy Moore, Suzanne Nelson, Diane De Fanti, Pat Piasecki, Debbie Heeps, Linda Wojciechowski, Kathie Laposata, Irene Oehmke, and Lorraine Bujnowski showed us their lovely quilts. For the "dirty dozen", quilters Kathy Moore, Karen Hartzell, Linda Wojciechowski and Kathie Laposata showed off their completed UFO's.

For the month of August, the Dirty Dozen number is 10.

If you will not be attending the guild meeting in person, please send your photos for Show & Tell by **July 31** to Nancy Scholz, Roberta Whitcomb, and Lorraine Bujnowski.

## **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

I'm finding myself spending time gazing out a window while remaining at my sewing machine inside with the air conditioning! Maybe the same is happening with you also! I have received some fabric donations, pillowcase kits, and have delivered completed pillowcases to Cases for Smiles. As I plan to attend the August meeting, I am working on premie quilts that I'll be able to pass along to our special speaker that night, Julie Borden. Maybe others will do the same.

Please remember that we are hoping to collect congratulatory projects for the 4 families that are completing their new homes through Habitat for Humanity at the August meeting. These gifts can be a table runner, a wall hanging, a table topper, or a lap size quilt for family TV and leisure times.

As always, we will be happy to accept any other completed projects and to provide you with whatever supplies we have available to help you. Roberta W. gave us a great suggestion that we collect any 2023 calendars that you may be receiving but may not use for yourselves. These calendars will be offered to clients of Meals on Wheels and also local nursing homes. Please bring them along to any upcoming meetings.

Thank you all again for your suggestions and also for everything you are doing to help others in need. Your talent and generosity continue to be inspiring!

### **Helping Ukrainian refugees – Kathie Laposata**



Here is our Guild's contribution to help comfort refugees from Ukraine. The quilts were made by Linda Wojciechowski, Maria Hance, Kathie Laposata, and the yellow/blue Pat Sloan blocks were made by Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Diana Campbell, Lorraine Bujnowski, Sue Marin, Kathie Laposata and Karen Hartzell. Thanks to all who contributed.

## **Hospitality**

Diana DeFanti

A cool and sweet snack will be available before the meeting.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

A few of our members had surgery this month. I sent get-well greetings to Phillis Walden, Karen Hartzell and Donna Gasser. We all send them our best wishes as they continue to recover.

The Kutztown Folk Festival again displayed many lovely quilts. Some of our members entered their quilts in the exhibit. While it is great to receive ribbons for our beautiful work it is also admirable to have submitted a quilt. If you would like to share any of that information, please let me know.

This month I was able to attend our July 5th meeting in person. Even though I could not come earlier than the Business Meeting it was great to visit with you all.

As always contact me.

## Membership

Kathy Moore

We had 46 members attend our July meeting in person and 4 attended via zoom. We had two guests attend, one a friend of a current member and one who found us via our website.

As the annual renewal deadline is coming up in September, I plan to start accepting renewals for the year 2022-23 at the August meeting. Bring a check payable to the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild in the amount of \$45.00 to renew your membership for the coming year. I'll also accept cash. Exact amount would be much appreciated. Happily, as we will be meeting in person, I will be able to hand you your new membership card immediately.

Remember to wear your name tag for a chance to win a fat quarter and because we don't have the zoom name to help us all out. Kim Bringhurst was the winner of a fat quarter for wearing her name tag at the July meeting.



### **August Birthdays**

- 15 Mercedes Gurniak
- 22 Georgine Gilligan
- 22 Karen Landis
- 24 Katrina Idleman
- 26 Diane Martin



### Committee Chairs

**Challenge:** Sue Marin and Karen Rush

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

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:**

**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:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



## *Quilt Shows and Events*

September 15-18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza	Greater Philadelphia Expo Center <b>Oaks, PA</b>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management (quiltfest.com)</a>
October 7 & 8	Berks Quilters Guild	Leesport Farmers Market 312 Gernants Church Road Leesport, PA	<a href="#">Home   bcqg (berksquiltersguild.org)</a>
October 14-15	Keystone Quilters Quilt Fanfare	Finland Mennonite Church 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA 18073	<a href="https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show">https://www.keystonequilters.org/quilt-show</a>
October 21-22	Valley Forge Homestead Quilters	Good Shepherd Church on Henderson Road in King of Prussia, PA. For directions visit the <a href="#">map and directions page</a> .	<a href="#">VFHQ - Quilt Show (valleyforgequilters.org)</a>
October 28 – Nov 12	Eastern PA Shop Hop	Ten shops this year!	Good Shepherd Church on Henderson Road in King of Prussia, PA. For directions visit the

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