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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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August 2023

## From The President

Donna Gasser

Is the summer flying by for all of you? It is for me. And Bingo is suddenly looming right around the corner. We had a meeting just last night regarding finalizing plans for September 10th. Here are the concerns we voiced:

- 1) We need to sell our 200 tickets. At this moment I have 55 paid tickets. I am expecting 4 more to be paid via mail this week. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE if you are holding money turn it in to me at Sit and Sew on July 25 or at our meeting August 1. Also sell any tickets you possibly can. We are hoping the majority of tickets are sold before September 10th.
- 2) Bring in any items you have made for Bingo on August 1. If you cannot make that deadline, you need to let Vicki know what is coming via email or text. On August 2 our committee is meeting at Vicki's house to determine what quilts will be given for what Bingo game and which ones will be offered in Tricky Tray. We need to know what is still being worked on to include those items in our decisions.
- 3) Sign up to help on September 10th in some capacity. Lists for sign-up will be available on August 1. Please take a few minutes to do this at the meeting because it will save a lot of time for the committee if we don't have to fill these spots with a round of phone calls. We want this Bingo to run smoothly with enough members present to make that happen.

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: Nicole Folino

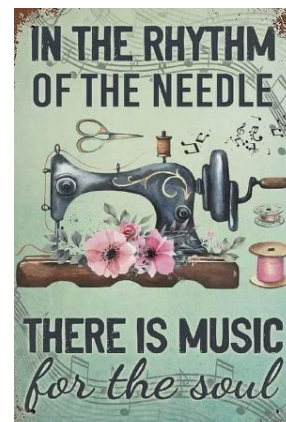
Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4:30 pm  
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

**Sit & Sew in the Park:** Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-6 p.m.  
Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown



## President's Message Continued

You will be able to play Bingo and win the gorgeous quilts. Everyone needs a ticket. At previous Bingos I have worked, I simply ask the friend next to me to watch my board when I had to do something.

4) Wear your name tag! It signifies that you are a member of Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild. Since this is PR as well as fundraiser, if anyone attending has any questions about our guild, they will immediately be able to ask you a question.

Vicki had a knee replacement surgery on July 19. A speedy recovery note would be welcomed. While recovering and starting PT she is navigating the final preparations for this Bingo. She needs to know that we support all her efforts.

I hope you are all well and enjoying sewing in AC when you get a chance. My challenge quilt is well underway and I have a temperature quilt about half done for my grandson who graduated high school this year. Both projects are fun and relaxing as they progress.

Happy sewing!

## Quilt Bingo

Vicki Pede



The Ways and Means Committee (BINGO this year) continues to meet and, most recently on Monday, July 17th. At that meeting it was decided that we need to ask you to PLEASE bring in any ticket money that you have to either the Sew in the Park Day in July and/or to our August 1st meeting. This is vitally important as we are trying to see where we stand on money coming into the guild. The absolute final date to bring in any money and unsold tickets is our September 5th guild meeting. This is so very close to our Bingo, but all money and unsold tickets MUST be turned in by that date at the latest. Currently Donna Gasser has the tickets and will bring them to Lindberg Park in July; I will be unable to attend that day and I don't like missing!

Jane Merkel and Sue Marin are putting the Tricky Tray baskets together and are hoping for a nice array. Recently, you received an email of what is needed, and hopefully, you will be able to help out in some way. Your donations are appreciated and continue to be welcome! They, too, are also accepting donations at our Sew in the Park Days if that is helpful to you. I believe Jane is taking a sample or two to an upcoming meeting for you to enjoy! Additionally, we are still gladly accepting quilted table toppers, table runners, wall hangings, sets of placemats, etc. to be used as tie breakers or door prizes. That is one area that we never know if we have enough. The committee has decided that they would rather have too many, than not enough, and I am sure you can appreciate that part of our nervousness!

According to our current pile of quilts and those of you who have emailed one of us to tell of your fabulous creation, we should have enough quilts for bingo. In fact, when we exceed the 25 needed for bingo, we will have some up for our Tricky Tray as well. We visited Fearless Fire Company again earlier in the month and know that there will be a very nice layout for all of our wares. The quilts that will be part of that portion will be displayed on lovely trellises displayed in between tables of our gorgeous baskets. That will surely be a real nice addition to our Tricky Tray items.

Pat Piasecki is heading the sale of our baked goods. You should know that we would like any baked goods placed in a baggie to sell at \$1.00 a baggie. Now we know you may ask, how many cookies or brownies or whatever in a baggie? We thought about that and wrestled with diameters and other sizes of goodies. Then we decided that we should simply say that you should use your judgment. What would you pay \$1.00 for?

We WILL have tickets again for sale at the July Sew in the Park time, as well as at our August meeting. Please see Donna and Julie for these at our meeting. As previously stated, DON'T WAIT TOO LONG because tickets could sell out! We will have volunteer sheets out at the August meeting BUT please remember that you can volunteer AND play. I am glad to say that I already have my ticket and am hopeful I win something!

Remember that pre-sale price is \$25.00. Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our August 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.

Committee Members: Donna Gasser, Sue Marin, Julie McDonell, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede, Pat Piasecki, Phillis Walden

## Programs

Nicole Folino

Program for August - Ice Cream social/Hands on Shashiko Project and SHOPPING!!



Our friends from Needles and Bolts will be on hand, literally, to provide a short lesson on Shashiko. Kits will be provided. They will also set up a small table of items from their adorable shop located at 6819 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19119 <https://www.needlesandbolts.com> Guest fee for this meeting will be \$10.

## Programs for 2023-2024

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

Katrina Idleman and I had a lot of fun the past few months searching out and securing speakers for our next program year. The full list is posted on our website. Please take the time to look at the upcoming events. The year ahead is brimming with fun and unusual topics, as well as various workshops and techniques. Mark your calendars now; you won't want to miss a thing!

**September 5, 2023** – Start the year off with some humorous tales by Kim Lapcek of Persimon Dreams. Kim's lecture, "Wildly Careening into Quilts: What I Learned by Not Knowing What I Didn't Know" is intriguing all by itself. I can't wait to hear what Kim will share with us.

This is a hybrid meeting. We will gather at Calvary, but Kim will join us via Zoom at 7:00 PM.



**September 23 & 24, 2023** -- Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter, YouTube Livestream Event (More information below)

**October 3, 2023** – Cyndi Hershey, Education and Development Director at the Kutztown Folk Festival will present a lecture on the importance of the Quilt Barn at the annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Her presentation will be live.

**November 7, 2023**- Yes, it's election day. Get out and vote! Then join us for an at-home Zoom only presentation by Nina Clotfelter. Nina's lecture, "THREADS – What's the BIG deal?" will feature the various of types of threads used in quilting, the unique characters of each type and how to use them.

**December 5, 2023**- Our Annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner.

**January 2, 2024**- Hearts Quilt Challenge at Faith Presbyterian.

**February 6, 2024-** David Sirota will present his lecture, “Quilt While You’re Ahead” on Zoom. This is a hybrid meeting. Members can gather at Calvary.

**February 17, 2024- WORKSHOP** - David returns to teach his “Collide-o-scope” quilt technique. Zoom only. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with an hour break for lunch. Pricing and details will be available soon.

**March 5, 2024-** Dana Jones will present her program, “Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island.” Zoom presentation; members gather at Calvary.

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

**April 20, 2024- WORKSHOP** – Heather Blokzyl will teach Barn Quilt painting. Three patterns will be available. \$50/person. All materials included.

**May 7, 2024-** Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quilts will do a live lecture and trunk show.

**May 8, 2024- 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-** 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.

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

### **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



As we draw to the close of another great year of generosity from many members of the Crazy Quilters' Guild, we thank you for all your beautiful work and encouragement to us as we continue to guide us along with our many opportunities for service. Please remember to mark your calendars for October 28, 2023, when we will host a full day of sewing together, a Service Sewcial, where we will meet at Calvary Baptist Church and spend the day encouraging each other to work on the service project you enjoy the most, or to learn how to do another project that you would enjoy learning a few tips about.

As the summer is in full swing now, your interests may be centered elsewhere, and we know your generosity is also guided towards providing prizes for our Guild Bingo in September. There are no deadlines for any of our suggested service projects, so you should enjoy your sewing time as you would like.

I had the pleasure again to help our Coordinator for Ryan's Cases for Smiles, as I delivered 200 pillowcases to the Lehigh Valley Pediatric Sleep Clinic. These pillowcases might have included some completed by our own members, along with other people engaged with this worthy cause. Your continued participation with sewing pillowcases is much appreciated!

As we look towards the fall, we would like to continue the suggestion of Roberta Whitcomb that we collect any calendars you may have for 2024 that you will not be needing yourselves. We may give these to Meals on Wheels, and/or donate them for art projects for children. Please bring your donated calendars to any of our upcoming meetings.

Camp Erin will be in-person again in 2024, and we may be able to provide them with quilts for the campers ! We know many of you enjoy making quilts for children and teens, and we will be happy to partner again with Camp Erin if they need our quilts. Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley and Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley are also very appreciative of quilts for children that we have given to them and can continue to give to them in the future. Please remember that the quilt size should be 50" x 70", some of those receiving the quilts may be teenagers, and whenever possible, please consider making a gender-neutral design and fabric choice. This helps the organizations ensure they have a quilt they can consider appropriate for anyone. If you have fabrics that you really love to use , boy or girl, please feel free to create your quilt as you would enjoy also!

It's time for the tally for the 2022-2023 year! Any projects collected after today's date will be recorded for the 2023-2024 year, so don't be discouraged! The generosity of this year is truly remarkable -- you have brightened the lives of many!

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| Placemats     | 295 | Quilts for Kentucky       | 40 |
| Calendars     | 68  | Quilts for Family Promise | 19 |
| Mug Rugs      | 24  | Quilts for Turning Point  | 4  |
| Pillowcases   | 179 | Quilts of Valor           | 2  |
| Premie quilts | 56  | Hygiene Dignity Kits      | 40 |
| Kennel pads   | 7   |                           |    |
| Bitty Bears   | 10  |                           |    |

**Simple Whatnots**

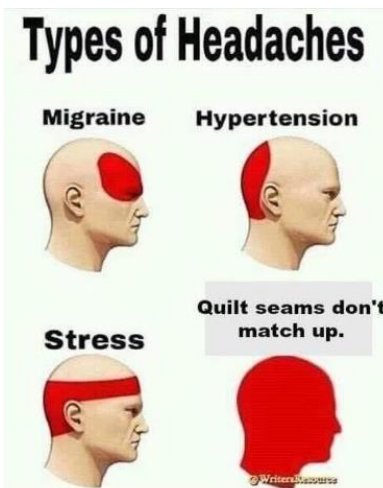
Suzanne Nelson

Stitching for August:  
 Share This and That at guild meeting  
 In sewing room, work on Twirligigs (pg. 75)

**Better Done Than Perfect**

Lorraine Bujnowski

I'm hoping that everyone participating in the "Better Done than Perfect" challenge is working on completing their list of projects during these "dog days" of summer. We are looking forward to seeing all your diligent work!





## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## Summer "Sit & Sew" in the Park

Jane Merkel

Join us for Sit & Sew in the Park on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. at Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown, Pa. 18103. This location is part of Salisbury Township. There is electricity and bathrooms at this site. Come for whatever time you can. No need to pre-register, just come and enjoy!

## 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.

More heart quilt inspiration found on the internet: a man's tie and an art quilt.

Reminder: this challenge is open to CQQG members only. Submission deadline is December 22. More details on the deadline in the future.

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.



## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

AUGUST 2023 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Members who have volunteered to bring toppings for the ice cream: Paula Jacobus, Sandy O'Conner, Lori Smith, Nancy Ayer. Ice Cream provided by hospitality.

## Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Fourth of July Crazy Quilters! Have a safe and happy holiday. For the August meeting, Lizzie Riccaboni has volunteered to bring the Raffle Gift!

Have a wonderful month!

## Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

It is that time of year—Time to renew our membership to the Guild!

Our membership dues are \$45.00 for the year. We will be collecting the dues at the August and September meetings. Once you have paid you will receive your new membership card.

Any questions you may call Karen Hartzell.

Happy  
Birthday

### **August Birthdays:**

Mercedes Gurniak 8/15  
Georgina Gulligan 8/22  
Karen Landis 8/22  
Katrina Idleman 8/24  
Diane Martin 8/26  
Cathleen Kilpatrick 8/27

## Committees



**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke

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

**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:** Lizzie Riccaboni

**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

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



**Link to the YouTube Livestream will be sent out to guild members the week prior to the event.**

# All-Star Sampler Platter

**Youtube Livestream Event  
6 hours of amazing demos  
by some of GQC's very best teachers**



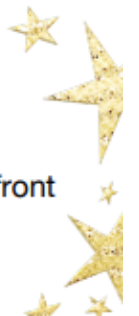
**Saturday Sept 23, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern**

Kelly Ashton: Kelly's "Partial" to Partial Seams; You Can Be, Too!  
Dara Tomasson: Doodles to dazzling designs  
Jennifer Houlden: Creating Eye Catching Fabric Runs is as Easy As 1-2-3  
Beth Cunningham: POP! POP! Punch Needle(an ancient embroidery technique)  
Katie Lewis: No-Reverse Applique Design Transfer  
Cyndi McChesney: Surprising settings for Multi Image panels  
Emma Powell: Itty Bitty Dolls for Applique based on South American Arpilleras  
Dana Jones: Demystifying Design for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)  
Lyric Kinard: Foil + Fabric = Fun!



**Sunday Sept 24, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern**

Nanette Zeller: Painterly Applique Using Colored Pencils  
Elizabeth DeCroos: A Quilt that's not a Quilt  
Julia McLeod: The 4 'S's of Piecing with Silk  
Jane Houprich: Fear The Negative No More!!  
Carole Lyles Shaw: Vibrant Stitching - Big Stitch Hand Quilting  
Melissa Marginet: Dot-to-Dot Walking Foot Quilting  
David Owen Hastings: Backing, Binding, Batting, Beauty: designing a quilt from back to front  
Stephanie McIntyre: Sew Sustainably! Recycled Leather Reverse Appliqué  
Kristin Echols: Add a Bold Seminole Band to Your Next Project





## Did You Know Quilting Has Positive Health Benefits?

written by [Beth Cooper](#) July 12, 2023

In our fast-paced, technology-driven world, finding solace and balance can sometimes seem like an impossible task. Enter quilting—the art of stitching together fabric and creativity. Beyond creating beautiful and functional pieces, quilting offers a myriad of positive effects that can have a transformative impact on our health. What a bonus! Better health and beautiful quilts? Yes, please!

**Read the full article here:** [Did You Know Quilting Has Positive Health Benefits? It does! \(nancynotions.com\)](https://nancynotions.com)

## Upcoming Events

**August 2-5** – Stitch Fest presented by Maker Festivals, Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square 25 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA [Stitch Fest Lancaster | August 1-5, 2023 \(quiltingdaily.com\)](#)

**Sept 9-10<sup>th</sup>** – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2023, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven PA. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5

**September 10<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Quilters BINGO at the Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown**

**Sept 14-17<sup>th</sup>** – 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA  
[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management \(quiltfest.com\)](#)

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** – Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter, YouTube Livestream Event

**Oct 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>** – Undercover Quilters Quilt 2023 Quilt Show, Brookhaven Municipal Bldg, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven PA [Sew Many Colors A Fall Festival of Quilts – Undercover Quilters](#)

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** – 20<sup>th</sup> Eastern PA Shop Hop “Walk in the Woods”  
More information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop>

## 2024

**April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

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

