

Happy Holidays



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Donna Gasser

I hope you are all enjoying the fall weather and the holiday season that is upon us. Being busy takes on a totally new meaning at this time of the year for most people. Be happy and stay healthy during the process.

I thought Nina Clotfelter's program on Threads was excellent! I hope you did as well. Thank you, Katrina for bringing us such a wonderful knowledgeable speaker. I learned a lot. I hope to put some of the information to use as I slowly but surely get my sewing room up and running again following my move.

Plans are exciting for our Holiday meeting in December. Potluck, fun games, songs. A time to relax and visit each other. Diana Defanti is organizing the meal. Remember to bring your place setting—plate, utensils, napkins, placemat. I also throw in a plastic bag to put used items in to tote home.

We are still discussing making a quilt for Kutztown Fair and giving the proceeds to charity. To make this work, we need a small group to do the basic organization of the blocks being constructed. Then we would need that group or another group to assemble and quilt the quilt. And it doesn't have to be done for next year's Fair so no pressure. and no marketing on our part. Think seriously about this and talk to your guild friends. Working on a project such as this pulls any group together.

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

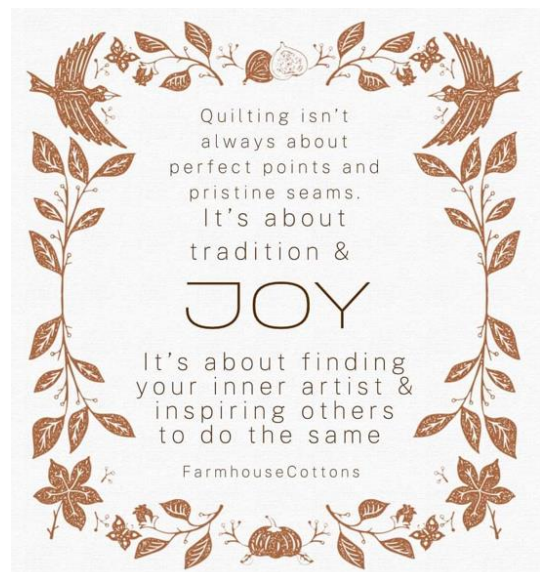
President: Donna Gasser
Vice-President: Vicki Pede
Secretary: Nancy Ayers
Treasurer: Pat Wolfe
Programming Officer: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman
Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 5th POTLUCK!

Sit & Sew: Saturday Dec 16th, 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



From the President - Continued

Last but certainly not least, please have a wonderful holiday season. Be safe and be happy. I hope to get lots of sewing done as the snow blows in my new digs. But I also hope to spend time with my kids and grandchildren here and in their homes. I truly hope your holiday will be full joys and you will make wonderful memories.

Happy sewing!

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

November 7, 2023- Thanks to Nina Clotfelter for her presentation on various threads and how to use them. The right thread weight on the top and bobbin coupled with the correct sized needle will save one many headaches when quilting.



December 5, 2023- Happy Holidays! Our Annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Appetizers and beverages will be available at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Bring your own place setting. If you missed the sign-up sheet at our October meeting, please contact Diana DiFanti with your items.

'Tis the season for merriment, so expect some Christmas games, carol singing (with a twist) and holiday cheer. One of the games requires that you bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15 with you that evening. You may choose to bring a white elephant gift, something homemade, or something that is not necessarily holiday related. I don't want to give all the fun away, but the premise is similar to playing "Right, Left, Center" or "Musical Chairs."



January 2, 2024- Hearts Quilt Challenge at **Faith Presbyterian**. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Oehmke. I'm looking forward to being surrounded by all the love in your heart quilts.

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. The cost is \$40 for each participant. Very limited "special" supplies are needed. **The guild will supply the velum and dental floss for each participant. I will have the materials ready for pick up at both the January and February meetings.** If you'd like to see a preview of the materials list, go to David's website, www.quiltmavendave.com. He has lists for each of his virtual classes there. Although this is an "old" pattern, Dave promises to make it fun and easy using his "No more tears" paper piecing method. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Sue Marin. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the December and January meetings.



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Quilters Studio will be on hiatus until February 2024. We will pick up with English Paper Piecing.

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

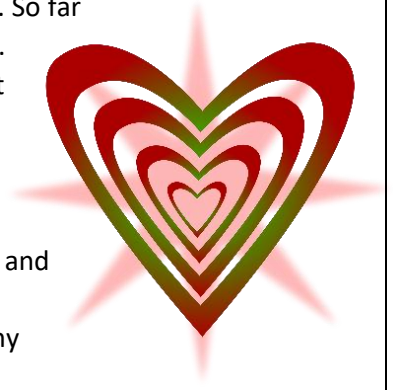
Irene Oehmke

Thank you to those who let me know they would be entering items in the Quilt Challenge. So far we have eleven entries confirmed. I will be accepting items at the December 5th meeting. Please have your entry in a pillowcase with your name and category attached. If you want your entry to be hung with a dowel as opposed to pins please attach a sewn in sleeve to the back of your item.

I will accept items until December 30th, however, please let me know if you intend to turn a quilt in on that day. I sat for two hours on Saturday November 18 waiting for quilts and only had one person drop off a quilt. You can also drop off your item at my house if it's closer/easier for you. Please make arrangements with me if you plan on dropping off at my house or if you would like to drop off your item on December 30th.

On January 2nd at our regular meeting we will have all entries on display for your viewing and voting. The maker of each item will be anonymous and each item will be numbered. There will be five categories for voting: Large, Small, Other, Original, and Best of Show. As the votes are tallied I will ask each of you to say something about your creation. Winners will be announced that night. I am excited for this year's challenge and can't wait to see what beautiful items are on display.

If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.



Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



Today I dropped off 7 kennel pads to Peaceable Kingdom and tomorrow I will drop off 73 pillowcases to Ryan's Cases for Smiles. I will also be the courier tomorrow to deliver 300 pillowcases to Lehigh Valley Pediatric Sleep Clinic on behalf of Ryan's Cases for Smiles. On November 6th, I delivered 423 placemats to Meals on Wheels, along with 54 calendars for 2024. On November 7th, I dropped off 200+ breast comfort pillows to the Cancer Support Community of the Lehigh Valley.

We are so thankful for everything you are doing to support us and our Lehigh Valley community!

I will NOT be accepting any donations of completed projects at our December meeting, sorry about that. There's always the New Year of 2024 to keep us on track!

Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

December will be the finish of this challenge. A participating member's name will be chosen from the box. The more finishes, the more times your name was placed in the box, the more likely you may be the winner!!

Volunteer Opportunity

The Guild will be doing a show 'n tell at the JCC (Jewish Community Center) on Jan 29th at 12:30 for seniors.

If anyone is available to show some of your quilts, please email Sam Cetrulo.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

December 5th 2023 annual pot luck dinner.

Appetizers and punch available at **6 pm** with dinner planned for **6:30**

Salads and side dishes are still needed. I love all the various salads and sides and can't wait to see what appears. Crock pots will be accommodated with extension cords. A note describing your dish is recommended. Members are always curious as to the ingredients in a specific and delicious dish.

In addition to your food item AND serving piece, please bring your own table place setting. That includes several plates, (dessert, salads) silverware, napkin, and cup. Many members often choose to bring a placemat and decorations for their table.

Tea and coffee will be available, but we **could** use bottled water. Questions - please call.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday December 16th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Sit 'n Sews will be on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Any deviations from this schedule will be announced as the month approaches.

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

The library has sent a check towards the purchase of a book in memory of Kathy Schuessler to the Lower Macungie Library which would have been her library.

Members recommended Kaffe Fassett's Quilts By the Sea. Lower Macungie Library has agreed to purchase the book with our donation of \$30 towards the book. They will put a memorial plate in honor of Kathy in the book with a sentence that it was our guild that donated the book in her honor. Thanks to all the members that helped in this process.



Kathy at Show 'n Tell

There will be no basket raffle in December because it is the potluck dinner.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!



Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

At this point, we have stitched our way through a dozen projects. Perhaps some of you will be using these as gifts this holiday season? I have been known to gift these with a simple vase full of holiday greenery; a companion to a festive mug filled with specialty tea bags; or tucked inside a cheery gift basket. Whether you decide to keep or gift your Simple Whatnots, I hope they have provided you with some enjoyable moments in your sewing space. And maybe, just maybe, they have given you the opportunity to use of some of those fabric scraps that seem to multiply when we turn our backs!

- December: In your sewing room, work ahead on Cross Purposes (pg. 95)
At the meeting: show Ribbon Candy
- January: In your sewing room: work on Cross Purposes (pg. 95)
At the meeting: no Show and Tell due to Challenge Quilt program
- February: In your sewing room: work on Midnight (pg. 99)
At the meeting: finally show Cross Purposes
- March: In your sewing room: work on Making Waves (pg. 107)
At the meeting: show Midnight
- April: In your sewing room: work on October Sunset (pg. 113)
At the meeting: show Making Waves

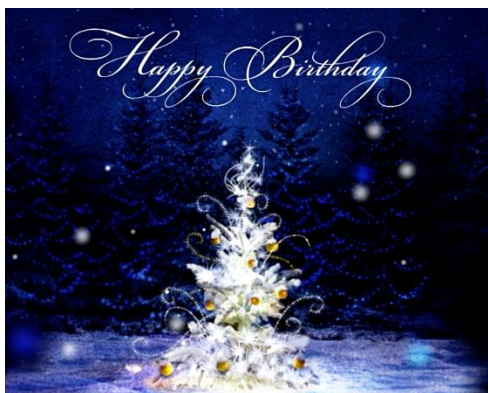
And then, ta da! Looks like our final Simple Whatnots Show and Tell will be in May, when we share our October Sunset projects. We may be out of sync with the seasons, but we will be done, done, done!

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our November zoom only meeting, 42 members attended including one visitor.
Our guild total of paid members for 2023 is 83.

We received the newest Quiltfolk magazine, interviewing the Colorado quilters. It was awarded to the first person who signed on - Vicki Pede. Congratulations!



December Birthdays:

Pat Wolfe	12/8
Karen Hartzell	12/10
Linda Green	12/15
Beatrice Bednar	12/20
Alex Unangst	12/25
Ruth Hoffman	12/28
Nancy Skok	12/30
Susan Gilbert Zencka	12/30

Another Successful Retreat in the Books!

Twelve attended the retreat Nov 9-12 in Denver, PA. Thank you to Sandy O'Connor for all the coordination. Next year's retreat is scheduled for Nov 6-10, 2024 Yes, we added an extra day by popular request!



Committees

Challenge: Irene Oehmke

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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

Website: Nancy Scholz

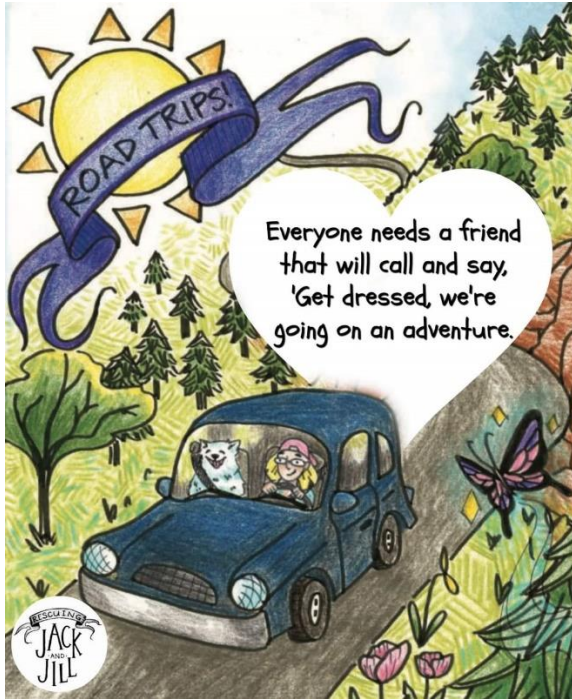
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

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



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

Upcoming Events



2024

April 10th-13th – Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

May 11th – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA 9 am – 5 pm
Quilts Displayed Across Town. Save the date!

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

October 4 & 5 – Berks Quilters Guild, Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to
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