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From The President

Jane Merkel

Dear Crazy Quilters,
How quickly time is flying! Holidays are rapidly closing in on us.

I must make some serious sewing time to get caught up in our BOM blocks. I am determined to finish them, as I really like my color choices and want to see the end results.

A special thank you goes out to Sandy O'Conner for organizing another successful retreat. It sure sounds like a good time was had by everyone who attended.

I just received a book, hot off the press. It was donated to our guild by our founder and first president, Linda Post-Bushkofsky. I just finished reading the first 50 pages. It is entitled Modern Quilts in the Second City: Ten Years of the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild. I hope to come up with a plan that everyone can get to see this most interesting look at quilting in general and then a further look at their modern trends in the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild.

We held our first CQ on Cue today. Five of us enjoyed learning how to do paper piecing as part of a "Celebrate" table runner. It was an awesome time. Hope you can participate in our next CQ on Cue.

Please join us for our December zoom meeting with lots of fun activities and our Silent Auction. It was a wonderful time last year and sure to be even better this year.
Have a peaceful, joyful Holiday, Jane

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM
Via Zoom until further notice

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Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel
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Secretary: Karen Hartzell
Treasurer: Kathie Laposata
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Membership Officer: Kathy Moore

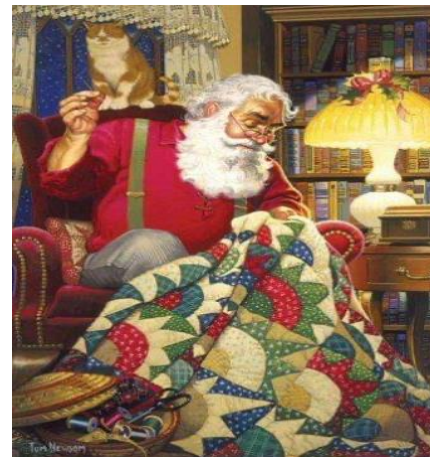
Guild Calendar

Silent Auction Begins: Dec 4th, 8 a.m.

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Dec 7th, 6:30-8:00
Via Zoom

Challenge Quilt Drop Off: Monday, Dec 13th, 1-2:30
p.m. Wegmans on Tilghman Street

Sit & Sew: Saturday, Dec 18th, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Faith Presbyterian



December 7, 2021: It's here! Our "Christmas Past" party will begin at 6:30 PM. The Zoom room will be open no later than 6:15 PM. Please join us for a fun-filled evening. Various games, a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" (with a twist!), our Silent Auction Results, and some music will be the focus of the evening.

Memories of Christmas Past: Lorraine Bujnowski will share her memories of some ornaments she created.

Santa's Babies Matching Game: Tabled due to insufficient participation.

Silent Auction Items: We have a wide array of items to choose from this year! Please refer to the Bidding Rounds and times listed here.

Bidding for Round #1 begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, December 4.

Bidding for Round #2 begins at 3:00 PM Sunday, December 5.

Bidding for the Final Round #3 begins at 5:00 PM Monday, December 6 and runs through 5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 7. Winners will be notified during our meeting.

DIRECTIONS FOR PLACING BIDS:

You've decided to bid on item #13 which has a minimum bid of \$5. Send an email to me with the following information **in the Subject line:** (your name), Item #13, \$6 bid. If you feel more comfortable, you can include more detailed information in the body of the email.

Do this FOR EACH ITEM you bid on. If you bid on four items, you should be sending me four separate emails. After Round One, I will update each slide with the highest bid for each item. When Round Two begins, follow the same procedure as listed above by placing all information in the Subject line with your new bid.

Once Round Two has ended, all items will once again be updated with the current highest bid in preparation for Round Three. Should there be a tie on an item at the end of Round Three, I'll contact the individuals who are tied and allow them one more bid. The highest bid submitted by 5:30 will be declared the winner. Any bids received after 5:30 (as noted on the delivery time of the email) will be null and void.

- PLEASE NOTE: If an item receives no bids or does not receive at least the minimum suggested starting bid, it will be pulled from the auction.

The Drop Off/Pick Up Day for winners and donors will be held on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the parking lot at Holy Spirit Church, Emmaus. Payment must be made before items will be distributed. Checks should be made payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. If you can't make this date or live out of state, other arrangements should be made between the individual donor and winner.

January 2022: This year's challenge topic is "The Brighter the Better!" This event will be held live in-person at Faith Presbyterian Church. Keep working on your projects; the submission deadline is quickly approaching! Let's make the room pop with color! See Linda Green's article for details on how to enter your items and what to do the day of the event. If you have any questions, contact Linda Green or Karen Hartzel.

February 2022: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak have plans for either an in-person meeting or a Zoom presentation based on weather conditions at the time. More details are provided in this newsletter. The topic for the evening is "Enjoying Community Service."

March 2022: Diane Murtha will encourage you to join the fun in 2023 with her presentation on "Accept the Challenge!"

April 2022: Elly Levie will present her "Not for Mother's Day Only" program. I am in conversation with her to do her workshop on quilt weaving in April.

May 2022: Travel with Debbie Wendt to Egypt as she shares her experiences with the Egyptian Tent Makers.

June 2022: Guild member, Julia Davidovich, will present “Begin with the End in Mind: Everything You Wanted to Know about Having Your Quilt Top Longarmed.”

July 2022: EPP anyone? Members Vicki Pede and Kathy Moore will do a program on English Paper Piecing. I can guarantee you will see and learn a lot more than Grandmother’s Flower Garden! I know there are several Crazy Quilters who do EPP. It would be great to have lots of EPP quilts in our Show and Tell this month.

August 2022: Another Crazy Quilter with loads of talent, Julie Borden will present a program on “Wool Applique.”

MARINER’S COMPASS WORKSHOP DETAILS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29, 2022, for Robin Long’s Mariner’s Compass Workshop. The cost is \$60 per member; \$65 for guests. Checks should be made payable to Crazy Quilters’ Quilt Guild. This is a six-hour workshop starting at 10:00 AM and concluding at 4:30 PM. We will take a half-hour lunch break around 1:00.

Robin is offering a 20% discount on rulers and materials to all registered participants. I will give you the discount code once I’ve received your registration and payment. If you’ve already told me of your interest in taking this class, I will send a formal registration to you via email.

The deadline to register is Friday, December 17. Robin will provide a materials list and a homework schedule to be done prior to the workshop date.

Here is new option for you to consider: The class will be offered via Zoom, so everyone can participate. However, if you would like the support and fellowship of others, you are invited to join me at Zion’s Lutheran Church, 5901 Kings Highway South, Old Zionsville, PA where we will have the opportunity to view Robin via Zoom on a big screen. There’s room to spread out and have only one or two people at a table. Please let me know if you are interested in this option when you register.

Sit & Sew

Mark your calendar for **December 18th**, 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!

Linda Wojciechowski



The Brighter –The Better Quilt Challenge

Linda Green

It is here –time to put on your sunglasses and come out and be dazzled by the challenge.

Where: Faith Presbyterian Church on 2nd & Cherokee Streets in Emmaus

When: at our January 4th meeting

Here is the information for the challenge:

1. If you have an entry please email by December 10 the dimensions of your project so we have an idea of what to expect.

2. How to get us your entry:

Karen Hartzell and I will be at Wegmans on Tilghman Street parking lot on Monday, December 13 from 1:00 – 2:30.

If you go straight down from the main entrance at the end of the parking lot by the big flag we will be there. I have a navy blue odyssey van.

If you can't make it you can either deliver it to my house,
or Karen's house

3. Please have it wrapped in a pillowcase with a tag on the pillowcase with your name and phone number.

4. If you have a label on your entry please cover it somehow.

5. If you do not want pins to be used to secure your entry to the bulletin boards - please put a temporary sleeve so we can use a dowel to hang it.

6. At the program during the counting of the votes I am going to ask each of you just to talk briefly about your entry.

I am looking forward to a very bright January 4th!!!!!!!

If you have any other questions please call me or Karen Hartzell.



Anyone Read a Good Book Lately?

Samantha Cetrulo

We have 2 book recommendations this month. Please send a book suggestion

Recommendation from Kathy Moore:

I am almost done reading the book I'm recommending and I have found myself laughing at loud at parts of it. The title is Olive, Mabel & Me by Andrew Cotter. It's non-fiction, about the author's two dogs, and really funny. As a bonus there are a bunch of YouTube videos that were the inspiration for the book. It has nothing at all to do with quilting but I'm sure some of our members are dog lovers and everyone can use a good chuckle sometimes.



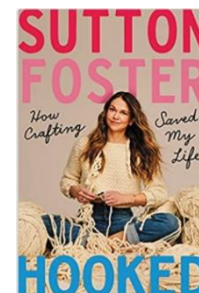
Recommendation by Michele McLaughlin:

I really don't know much about the actress-singer, Sutton Foster. I had seen her on a show called "Bunheads" years ago but I'm not a Broadway Musical expert and really didn't follow her career. But one day, a review of her new book came across my computer and when I previewed some of the chapters of her book online, I decided to buy the book.

My husband and I have long had a theory that people with hobbies have fuller and happier lives. In Sutton Foster's new book, Hooked: How Crafting Saved My Life, Foster provides a touching and sometimes humorous account of how crafting helped her cope with challenges she faced in her life.

As well as this aspect, Foster shares things like recipes and instructions for things like gardening and even a crochet pattern.

I may not crochet but I can certainly relate how certain things we make become symbols for what is occurring in our lives. In many ways, my work as a quilt researcher and collector can attest to that theory. Even as we continue to navigate through this pandemic, I'm seeing more and more quilts that record something about the maker during this crisis.



This is a nice easy read and I recommend it to anyone who wants to ponder how hobbies change our lives.

Recommendation by Sue Marin:

It's not a book, but an interesting read.



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/inside-growing-movement-share-science-through-quilting-180978305/>

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leibert

As the saying goes "No News is Good News" but we will still have members who are dealing with illnesses. So send them an email or give them a call to brighten their day and yours.

If you have any news you would like to share email me or call me.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

A very successful drop off/pick up time in November brought in 182 placemats, 4 twin or youth size quilts, 11 bitty bears, and 5 pillowcases. We also were the lucky beneficiaries of a generous donation of fabrics from Michael Miller Fabrics in NYC through a friendship of Kathie Laposata. Kathie cut many pillowcase kits, and also passed along the box of fabrics to us for future projects of the Guild. Thank you to everyone who has participated in sharing your time, talent and treasure with the Guild and our community at large via these projects. On November 15th, I delivered 459 placemats to Meals on Wheels, and 4 twin/youth quilts to Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, where we received many thanks and appreciation.

Looking ahead to our February 2022 meeting -- if we meet in person, Mercedes and I have selected a new project for our Guild, with thanks to Pat Piasecki for the suggestion. I have contacted animal shelters in our area, and they will be happy to receive donations of kennel pads that we can make for the animals in their care. We have directions for 3 sizes of kennel pads -- they will be made similar to the manner in which placemats are made, and will be a good opportunity to use up scraps of batting that we all may have. Many of us have enjoyed animals in our lives, and this will be a new opportunity to help their cause and needs in our community.

During that in-person February meeting, we will work together on sorting through fabrics that we have on hand and that you may also choose to donate to all our causes, and we will work together on cutting and preparing a variety of kits -- such as the new kennel pad project, pillowcases, and placemats. It can be a fun smorgasbord of mix and match together, and the creativity of choosing combinations can be shared by all! We will ask you to please bring cutting mats, rotary cutters, fabric scissors and pins for temporary stabilization of the fabrics. You can then take home some kits of your choice and sew them at home at your leisure, and you will be doing a great service to our causes as you help us prepare for future kits.

If the February 2022 ends up being on Zoom, we have a sew-at-home project that will be easy for us to at least start, and possibly complete, during the meeting time. To be prepared for that project, you will need to have the following supplies ready at your home sewing spot:

- Three 5" squares, in a variety of solid colors or prints
- Three 5 1/2" squares, coordinating with the fabrics chosen for the 5" squares
- Three 4 1/2" squares of batting

I will send the instructions for the project via a separate email several days prior to the February meeting so that you can review the single page instruction sheet and be ready to get sewing! Completion of this project will enable a new type of Community Service donation project for our Guild.

THANK YOU all for your support and encouragement. You are a wonderful group of women, and we are happy to be a part of all our projects together.



Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Deb Veshinsky, Suzanne Nelson, Kathie Laposata, Diane DeFanti, Phillis Walden, Kathy Moore and Lorraine Bujnowski for your sharing your quilts with us in November.

The "Dirty Dozen" participants this past month were Kathie Laposata, Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore.

Photos of all the quilts shared can be found on our website: [2021 \(crazyquilters.org\)](http://2021.crazyquilters.org)

For the month of December the Dirty Dozen number will be 2. Hopefully some of you will squeeze out some time to finish up a quilt with putting on a binding, finishing up some quilting or whatever to make a quilt a finished quilt.

Please send your photos to Nancy Scholz and me this month by **Dec. 5**.

Membership

Kathy Moore

We had 50 members attend our November zoom meeting out of a total of 73 members.

Welcome to new member Susan Gilbert Zencka. She is a self-described 'wannabe' quilter who has done a bit of quilting but has been reading about it for years and wanted to learn more. She is newly retired and also new to the Lehigh Valley. She found our guild through the webpage.



December

- 8 Pat Wolfe
- 10 Karen Hartzell
- 15 Linda Green
- 28 Ruth Hoffman
- 30 Nancy Skok
- 30 Susan Gilbert Zencka

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS – A QUILTER’S POEM

Poem by: Brenda Groelz, Kathy Rockbugs, Marilyn Root, Cindy Swafford

Submitted to RFQFA (Rotarian Fellowship of Quilter and Fiber Artists) by member Nann Hilyard in December 2006

T’was the night before Christmas and all through the house,
The only one sleeping was a Quilter’s dear spouse.
The Log Cabin stockings were almost completed,
“Just a few stitches left,” our sweet quilter repeated.

“Then I can hang them and head off to finish
the pillows I’m making, fulfilling Mom’s wish
For something quilted to put on her couch and spoke,
as she pricked her poor finger, our quilter said, “Ouch!”

When from out in the kitchen there arose such a crashing,
she sprang from her work, and she dropped all her sashing.
Away to the doorway she flew like a plane,
wondering just what was happening and who she would blame.

When what to her wondering eyes should appear,
but Old Mrs. Claus and her bag of quilt-gear...
With her elves bearing gifts, through the kitchen she came,
she directed and pointed and called them by name.

“Now Elna, now Pfaff, now Bernina and Viking,
the Hoffman and Mumm should be just to her liking.
To the sewing room - there, it’s just back of the hall,
now dash away, dash away, dash away all!”

“My Dear,” said The Claus (as she liked to be called),
“There really is no need to worry at all.
Your projects will all be completed this night,
I’m terribly sorry we gave you a fright.”

“Sit down. Have some tea. It’s relaxing, you’ll see.
My friends and I’ve come a long way to help Thee.”
She thought she was dreaming, our dear Quilter did,
In fact she quite feared that she near flipped her lid!

But the flash of the needles and twist of the thread
soon gave her to know she had nothing to dread.
They spoke no more words, but went straight to their sewing.
How the work went so quickly she had no way of knowing

The stitches, how fine! The corners, how straight!
This Claus-woman’s talent was awfully great.
They finished the pillows, then started to quilt.

Before they all knew it, the whole thing was built!

Now old Mrs. Claus, she knew quilters real well,
and she knew they’d need help on this night most of all
So she said to our quilter, “Just move over dear,
I’ve brought my own needle. We’ll get done, never fear.



I told dear old Santa about what quilters do.
How they plan all these projects but have other work too.
So he taught me his magic for doing things fast.
There, that pillows done. Now this is the last.

They tidied their thread snips, and picked up the scraps
and chased our dear quilter's six cats from their laps.
As they scurried away with their thimbles still gleaming
dear Mrs. Claus paused, her cap ribbons streaming.
"Merry Christmas, my dear, now just have a ball!"



Committee Chairs



Challenge: Linda Green

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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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 Leipter

Website: Nancy Scholz

Deadline for the next newsletter is December 21st.