



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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February 2020

From The President

Valerie Johnson

Call me crazy but I love a snowy day. In fact, winter may be my favorite season, as long as it doesn't drag on too long. Some of my fondest memories from childhood are of time spent playing in the snow. As an adult I still love the quiet beauty that seems to surround me when the snow starts falling.

I think a snowy day is the perfect time to curl up with a cup of tea and read a book or to spend the day in my sewing room. On Saturday I chose to head to my sewing room. As luck would have it I had several unfinished projects there waiting for me.

I have a row of hooks behind the door where I keep clothes that need repair or remodeling. When I started sewing many many years ago I enjoyed sewing clothes for myself. I loved being able to create something unique. I don't do that anymore but recently I have found that I enjoy making alterations to clothes in my closet that just don't fit quite right. Today's project was shortening a skirt. Pretty simple task and glad to have it back in my closet ready to wear.

Next I sewed pillowcases with fabric I picked up at the December meeting. I love the the "burrito" method of sewing them with all of the raw edges tucked neatly inside. It still seems like magic to me. I'm looking forward to seeing how many pillowcases we can make as a group at our February meeting. It's for such a great cause.

I finished the day by machine quilting a quilt for my grand daughter who is three and loves orange. My son let her pick out a paint color for her room and she chose "construction zone". It's very orange! Thankfully they did limit it just to one wall. The colors in the quilt are very bright and a bit out of my normal comfort zone but I have a feeling it will be perfect for her.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA

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Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson
Vice-President: Jane Merkel
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson
Treasurer: Kathy Moore
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

Guild Calendar

Feb 4 – **Guild Meeting**, 7pm,
Pillowcase Palooza
Feb 8 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

****Please note****

Our meeting location is a bit irregular for the next few months due to our needs (space to display challenge quilts) and the church's needs (space for special mid-week Lenten services).

February – Usual space at Holy Spirit
March – Lower level space at Holy Spirit
April – Lower level space at Holy Spirit

Please pay attention to the website and notices in the newsletter for updates.

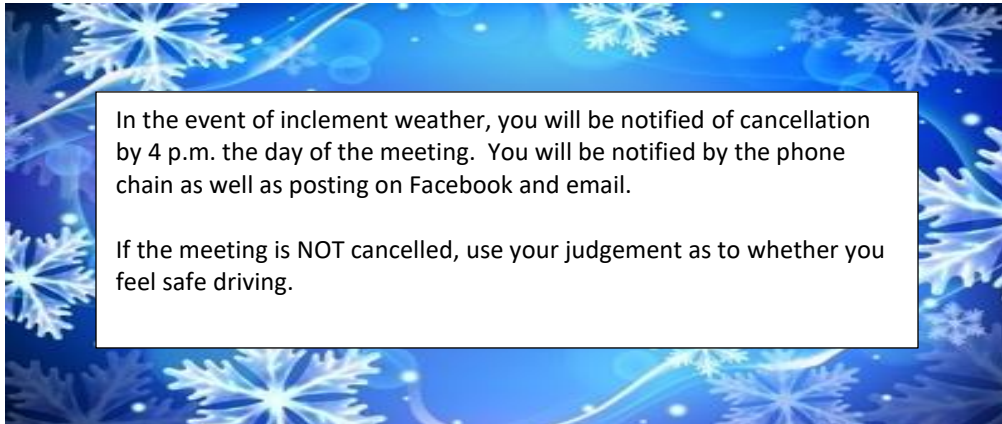
From the President – continued

There was a great story in the Morning Call on Sunday. The title caught my eye, “Snow or no, we will sew!”. It was a story about a group of more than 100 volunteers who got together to use their sewing and knitting skills to make beds, nests, pouches and other items needed to help animals injured in the Australian fires. It was part of a world-wide effort by crafters. Co-organizer of the local sew-a-thon, Katherine Walsh said “We can accomplish a lot when we all come together.”

I hope that you found a place to enjoy the wintery weather. It will be spring before we know it.

Best always, Val

Winter Weather



Programs and Workshops

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

March: Topic will be Batting, led by Carol Whaling and Sharon Yurkanin.
Group will meet before the guild meeting in a small room downstairs.

April: Topic will be Bias Binding Tricks.

Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In

Rae Wong

So far there are 30 signed up for the workshop. The location and date are to be determined.

This contemporary scrap quilt requires 800 - 2 ½” squares. In conjunction with the project, a swap of 2 ½” squares will be made among the participants so that everyone will have 800 different 2 ½” squares. For those who wish to participate in the swap, they will select 50 fabrics from their stash and cut one 2 ½” strip width of fabric (WOF). The WOF is then cut into 2 ½” squares. Fifty WOF strips will yield 800 - 2 ½” squares. The squares will be handed-in a month prior to the session and redistributed to the participants. For information on this project contact Rae Wong.



Quilt Challenge January 2020

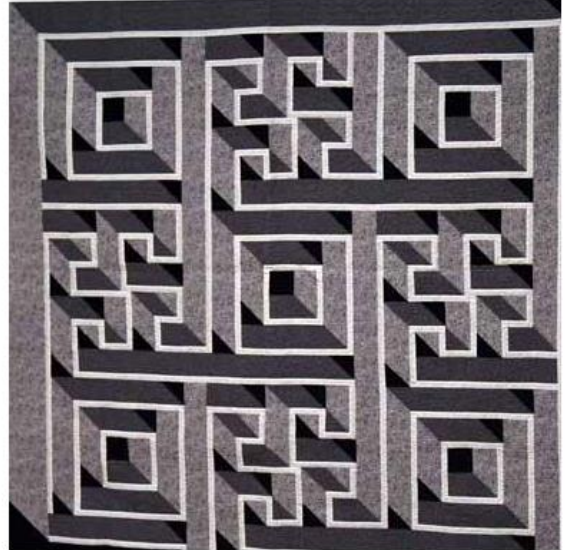
Samantha Cetrulo

Thank you to everyone who entered the challenge. We had over 20 entries. Please bring back your entries to the February meeting. We will have a small show and tell for anyone that missed the last meeting. Photos of all entries are on our website.

Category I: Quilted item such as a large wall quilt, bed quilts, throws etc. (larger than 40x40)



Deb Veshinfsky - First Place

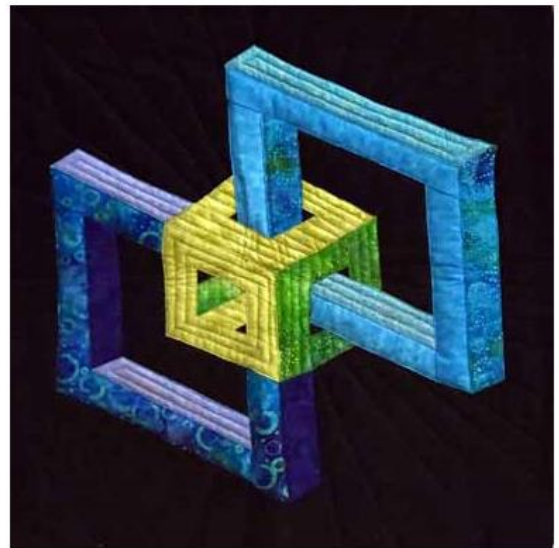


Helen Hanton - Second Place

Category II: Mini-quilt item such as a Wall Hanging, Table Runner, etc. (smaller than 40x40)



Samantha Cetrulo - First Place



Ruth Hoffman - Second Place

I was inspired by the multiple entries from people that did not have a pattern. They had an idea and they turned that into a quilt. It was interesting to hear their stories.

We need to think about the challenge for next year. I will submit an idea but anyone is welcome to lead the challenge next year with their idea. If you do not want to lead but have an idea, feel free to email me.

Raffle Quilt

If you have not yet picked up your tickets, please do so ASAP. There are about 25 members who have not yet gotten their tickets. I'll be out at the table by 5:45 on February 4 collecting money and distributing tickets. If you are paying by check, make it payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. Remember that each member is responsible for buying/selling \$30 worth of tickets. I know some of us used them as Christmas gifts. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter are great opportunities to present your loved ones with a chance to win this year's stunning quilt.

The AQS Lancaster Downtown show is quickly approaching. It will be held at the Lancaster County Convention Center from March 25-28, 2020. Hours are 9:00 - 5:00 Wed - Fri and 9:00 - 4:00 on Saturday. This will be our best opportunity for big ticket sales. We need to cover all of the hours for all four days. Please sign up at the meeting on February 4. The names of all volunteers must be submitted to AQS by February 14. Name tags are required for everyone. They are \$10/each and will give you access to the show.

Why not make it a two for one deal and stop by the other Lancaster Quilt Show held at the Double Tree Willow Valley Resort? It's only a little more than .5 mile and less than 5 minutes away on E. Orange Street! And of course, there are many lovely quilt shops in the area to explore.

The Allentown Fiber Fest at Merchants Square Mall is scheduled for April 4-5, 2020. I'm hoping for spring-like weather that weekend! Let's all work together to make these two shows our best ever in sales. That way, we can all enjoy the summer.

I'll share results from the Winter Bazaar at the Boyertown Library (January 25) with you at the meeting.

Sit & Sew

Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, January 11th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.

Spring Retreat

The Spring retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House, May 1-3, 2020. Signups will begin in March. We need at least 10 people to go. Contact Sandy O'Connor with any questions. More information coming in the March newsletter.

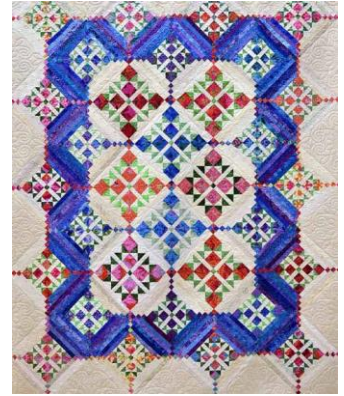
Show and Tell

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on January 7th: Sandra Mudridge, Rae Wong, Phillis Walden and Sarah Jay.

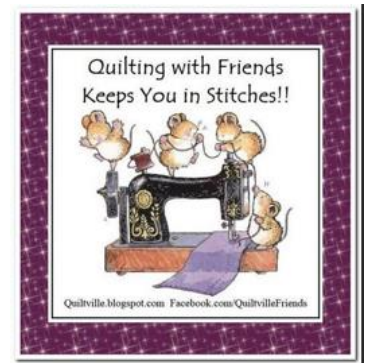
Library

Basket raffle and 50/50 will resume in February.

Sue Marin



Helen Hanton



Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Michele McLaughlin

Community Service

Kathie Laposata



Our February meeting will be devoted to making pillowcases. A few members are bringing sewing machines and sergers, but we need plenty of help for non-sewing parts of the process. If you aren't familiar with the 'burrito' method of making pillowcases that we will be using, take a few minutes to watch the following YouTube video that shows how it is done.

Link to [Pillowcase Video](#) on YouTube

We'll also collect any pillowcases you've made at home. Remember to wash the completed pillowcases in unscented detergent. Some of the kids have a bad reaction to scents. If you don't have unscented detergent, simply return the unwashed pillowcases to me and I will see that they are washed and packaged. Thanks.

In 2019 the guild members made so many blocks for a veteran's quilt that we had enough to make a quilt in 2019 and also one for 2020. Therefore, for our veteran's project this year, we'll be contributing to the national Quilts of Valor 2020 Block Drive, where they are hoping to collect 20,000 9-patch blocks. The link below has instructions and fabric requirements for the 12-inch 9-patch block that they are requesting. Return your blocks to me by the June meeting and I'll get them to our state coordinator. <https://www.qovf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Block-drive-2020-Revision2-2019-0830.pdf> Also, sign up on their website for the QOV National Sew Day on February 1 and you could win a sewing machine.

If you are beginning to think of ideas for a Camp Erin quilt (about 50 x 70 inches) for kids attending a bereavement camp this summer, they particularly need boys and gender-neutral quilts. Collection for them will be at the May meeting.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to the members who provided refreshments for the January meeting. They were Maria Hance, Jackie Leipert, Nancy Ayers, Jane Merkel, Karen Rush, Nancy Scholz and Suzanne Nelson.

February volunteers are: Kathy Moore, Debbie Heeps, Helen Hanton, Judy Walker, Doris Horwath, Sue Marin and Phyllis Walden. You should receive a reminder prior to the February 4th meeting.

Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel

Deb Veshinsky has been a member of Crazy Quilters for almost 25 years!!!! She joined the guild shortly after the guild presented a quilt show at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fullerton and has been contributing to this guild ever since. And that is an accomplishment which deserves our admiration

She shared with me that the guild met at St. John's Lutheran Church, then moved to Coplay Fire Co, then to the LV Senior Center and was instrumental, as President, in the move to our current location, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Not only has she been our leader, she has also worked membership, sunshine and shadows, and been our treasurer. I know Deb best by her amazingly successful contributions of her talent in participating in our guild challenges over the years. She has won at least five times. (Every year I secretly try to pick out her entry.)

She owns 6 sewing machines and is a faithful Bernina owner. She truly loves to be creative and quilting allows her to do that. She has enjoyed working on several raffle quilts over the years and kindly suggests that the best way to enjoy a guild is to get involved and lighten the work load so that all can enjoy being a member. Say hello to Deb and get to know her!



Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

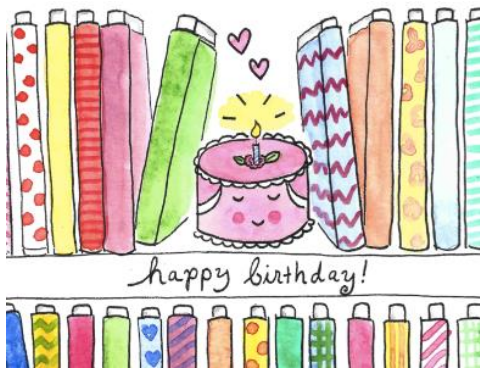
Thirty-five (35) members attended the January 7th meeting and challenge reveal, including returning member Nienke Izurieta. We also had one visitor, Sarah Jay, who found us through an online search for local guilds.

PLEASE remember to stop by the sign-in table every month so we can get an accurate count, especially if you arrive before the sign-in sheet does.

Nienke Izurieta describes herself as an intermediate quilter who's also a wife, mother, grandmother, and business woman. She has been a member in previous years (joining in 2014 and 2016).

We received two more renewals and now have 75 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year (plus the 3 charter members for 78 total). Membership renewals will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.

The 23 members who wore a name tag were entered into a raffle; Suzanne Nelson was this month's winner of a fat quarter prize. We encourage all members to wear a name tag so newer members can introduce themselves.



February

- 4 - Rae Wong
- 5 - Marsha Heimann
- 7 - Phillis Walden
- 12 - Debbie Heeps
- 14 - Valerie Johnson
- 18 - Kimberly Orndorf
- 18 - Ruth Skinner
- 20 - Janet Yandrisevits

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

In December I sent some Sunshine to Tami Jones in the way of a get-well card. I also sent a sympathy card to Judy Walker on the death of a family member.

In January I sent a card to cheer up Rhonda Moore as she continues to deal with health issues. Also get-well cards were sent to Dawn Martrich and Kathy Schuessler to aid them in the healing process.

If you hear of anyone in need of a greeting please email me. Wishing you lots of Sunshine on cold winter days to keep you indoors sewing.

Member News and Requests

Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. Her email is rjaartdealer@gmail.com.

Stamps for the V.A.

Mercedes Gurniak

Please bring cancelled stamps, **with ¼ inch of the envelope remaining around the stamp**, for the V.A. The stamps are used to decoupage items for sale in the gift shop.

Yarn for Cedarbrook

Ruth Skinner

I am still accepting yarn of all size skeins or balls to make shawls for Cedar Brook Nursing Home residents.

Favorite Quilt Shops

Each month I would like to highlight a quilt shop. I know there are directories of quilt shops, but I'm looking for the ones you have been to and recommend. This could be a quilt shop in our area, another location you lived or one you found while traveling.

Send me the name of the shop, location and what makes that shop special at. And if the shop has a website, the link. The more information you can provide the better.

Favorite Quilt Shop – Karen Rush



One of my favorite quilt shops is in Springfield, Oregon. I found **Something to Crow About** when visiting my nephew in Eugene.

The shop has completed samples hanging all over the shop. I just had to point at the items that caught my attention and the ladies fixed me up. I pointed a lot. They have a nice supply of Thimbleberries fabrics, primitives and wool. The ladies were very friendly, helped pick out fabrics, explained techniques, told me about other quilt shops I should check out as well as items of interest to see in the area.

The next time you are in the Eugene area, be sure to stop by.

www.somethingtocrowabout.com/



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Hospitality: Diana DeFanti
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Quilt Raffle Marketing: Sue Marin
Raffle Quilt Creation: Jane Merkel
Retreat: Sandy O'Conner
Show and Tell: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb
Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton
Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert
Website: Nancy Scholz

Advertising

Members wishing to post items for sale or services in this newsletter can do so for a fee of \$5 per month as outlined in the Bylaws. Submit your payment to the Treasurer and listing of the item for sale or service to the newsletter editor by the deadline date.

Please do not sent out separate emails of articles for sale to members.

The deadline for the February newsletter is **Monday, February 24th.**

Events

2020

March 25-28, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Double Tree Willow Valley Resort. www.lancasterquiltweek.com

March 25-28, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster County Convention Center.
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/>

March 28-29, County Line Quilters, A Quilters Home quilt show, St. Cyril Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. www.countylinequilters.org

March 29-May 2, Art Quilt Elements, Wayne PA
www.artquilelements.org.

April 4-5, Allentown Fiber Fest, Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown.

April 18, Pocono Mountain Quilt Guild Quilt Fest
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, 83 S Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
<https://thepmqg.com/pmqg-quilt-fest>

May 2-3, Colonial Quilters Guild, Quiltfest 2020
Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA

August 5-7, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster-The Nook,
The Nook Sports and Events Center,
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/>

Oct 30 – Nov 14, Eastern PA Shop Hop

Notice on the Hershey Quilt Odyssey Show

It is with heavy hearts, we announce Quilt Odyssey will not be taking place this year. Due to health concerns we must cancel the show scheduled for July 23-25, 2020 in Hershey, PA. We apologize to our Quilt Odyssey family including our registrants, visitors, merchants, sponsors, teachers and staff. Quilt Odyssey has been part of our family for two decades and this decision didn't come without many thoughtful hours of consideration for our entire community. We will miss seeing all of you this summer. Because the rumors will fly – please note officially: We did not sell the company, nor did we partner or merge with any organization. We will still have future retreats and we will not rule out a future quilt show, but right now, a focus on health is necessary. Our Quilt Odyssey Facebook and website will still be here to announce any upcoming future events. Our email is still live and we will answer any message if you send them thru Facebook or email as we are able. We appreciate your love for all things Quilt Odyssey and wish you health and happiness this holiday season and into the new year.

*With love,
The Molino Family*

Please let me know of other events that need to be added to the calendar.