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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President

Donna Gasser

I hope you have been able to enjoy the beauty and peacefulness of our recent snowstorms. The street I moved to last October is a back street in the small town of Slatington. Two cars barely can pass each other on the street when weather is good, so basically, I just stay in when the weather is bad and say a little prayer that I don't lose power so that I don't have to figure out how to hook up my generator. It has been working so far!!

Wasn't the heart challenge fun? The amazing quilts! And all the creativity!!! Irene did a wonderful job, I thank her for all her efforts, and I also thank all those that gave her a hand or advice.

Next month we are having David Sirota present: "Quilt While You Are Ahead" and then he will have a workshop on February 17th via ZOOM only on his Collid-o-scope Quilting method. I hope you have signed up and gotten your materials packet from Sue Marin. Based on his web site, these presentations should be fun and painless!

At our board meeting last night a few topics were brought up that you should be aware of: The first one is the potential to lower our yearly dues to \$30. We have sufficient money in the treasury to do this and should be able to sustain it if you all participate and contribute when we have a fundraiser. Karen Hartzell will be discussing this at our next two meetings and then bringing it to vote in April.

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, Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

5:45 pm - Quilters Studio. Meeting starts at 7 pm

**Workshop:** Saturday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – David Sirota Collide-o-scope Workshop

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm



## From the President - Continued

The second issue is the formation of our nominating committee. We need three members to volunteer for this position. A slate needs to be presented in May. We will be electing a new president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and membership chairs. If you are willing to take on any of these positions or serve on the nominating committee, please let me know. Serving as president of this guild has been a pleasure for me. There has been no shortage of help or advice from other members-- I greatly appreciated that. Also serving the guild is a fabulous way to get to know members. The time involved is of course based on the job, but even serving as president and overseeing the Bingo last year was not overwhelming because of the support of the membership. So please, give this serious consideration and volunteer if you can do so.

Sue Marin brought forth an idea for the creation of a quilt to eventually be marketed at Kutztown Fair. Her idea incorporated using Julie Borden's EPP presentation and/or the Snail's Trail Design presentation workshop in May to donate items created to the quilt and then a group could piece them together. We can discuss this more at our meeting so bring your thoughts and ideas.

And lastly please sign up for bringing refreshments for the March or April meetings. The sheet is at the welcome table.

Happy Quilting while it snows! Spring is around the corner!

## Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

**January:** Thank you, Irene Oemke, for heading up this year's "Hearts" Challenge. Sending special thanks to all members who put so much love in their entries and shared them with us.



**February 6, 2024-** David Sirota will present his lecture, "Quilt While You're Ahead" on Zoom. This is a hybrid meeting. Members will gather at Calvary Baptist, weather permitting. **Be sure to check your emails in case of inclement weather and we can't meet at Calvary.** The meeting can be accessed via Zoom no matter what.

**February 17, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - David returns to teach his "Collide-o-scope" quilt technique. Zoom at home only. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with an hour break for lunch. The cost is \$40 for each participant. Make checks payable to "Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild". Very limited "special" supplies are needed. **The guild will supply the velum, Elmer's glue sticks, and dental floss for each participant. I will have the materials ready for pick up for paid attendees 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](http://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. If you can't make either of those meetings, send me an email or call me.



**March 5, 2024 Program (Hybrid – In Person and Zoom) -- Dana Jones, Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island**



Dana Jones first identified herself as a quilter on September 14, 2003. Her professional roots as a journalist pinned the date, and the impact of attending a three-day Martha Pullen quilt event in Huntsville, Alabama eventually led to a second career in the world of quilting. Dana served as editor and head of Quilters Newsletter magazine and editor of SAQA Journal (Studio Art Quilt Associates), before stepping away to research and write her book *Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island*.



Caohagan is a tiny island in the Philippines on which the Pagtinabangay art quilting style has emerged. Pagtinabangay translates to “working together”. Over one hundred men and women of Caohagan Island produce and sell art quilts to support themselves. The community spirit of cooperation has led to beautiful quilts with stories to tell. Join us in March to share in that spirit!

**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 at Calvary. Three patterns will be available. \$50/person. All materials included. Live program only.

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

**May 8, 2024 - WORKSHOP** -- 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 - WORKSHOP** - 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.

## Save the Date!



The next Global Quilt Connection's sampler platter event will be held on April 13 and 14, 2024.

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

As requested our quilters studio will be English paper piecing for February and March. Please arrive with a basic sewing kit by 5:45 and you must RSVP to Julie Borden.

EPP kits will only be made available to those who RSVP. Class will be limited to 8.

We will go over the basics and tips tools and techniques of EPP. In February you will observe and practice. Then we will have homework to make a small hexi project and present our projects in March.

## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



We hope everyone is staying cozy at home, occasionally feeling the urge to create at our sewing machines! We thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure in helping other people in our community. Please continue your very valuable work. Labels have been ordered to help acknowledge your quilts as they are spread sometimes near and sometimes far from our home base of the Lehigh Valley. And please remember to mark your calendars for our day together, our Service Sewcial, on Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 am through 4:00 pm. Come for the day, or any part of the day -- it is a wonderful opportunity to be together to help each other to do good for the community.

## Better Done Than Perfect Round 2

Lorraine Bujnowski

Better Done than Perfect will continue this year, therefore, it will be named round 2!

It will operate the same. Many of us/you probably didn't complete your UFO list last year so this is your opportunity for finish up the list and get it done!

Project lists will be collected in February and March or you may email me your list. Each entry on the list costs \$.25 which is deposited into a "kitty fund" which will be the winning prize at the end of the year, February 2025. A second prize has been added this year. If you complete all of the projects on your list, your name will be put into an additional box and a name will be drawn from that box. Your list must contain at least 5 UFO's.

Some clarification. Listed projects must be projects that are currently not completed. Examples: blocks to sewn together, quilt needs to be quilted, binding to be sewn on. This is not a challenge for projects that you are thinking of doing or planning on doing this year.

Now let's get busy this winter and begin to complete all those UFO's still sitting somewhere in your sewing rooms! Questions: call me or email me.

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday February 3 & 17, 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

Diane Pesola has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the February meeting. Happy sewing!

## Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

As I write this, we have enjoyed two snowfalls in a week. And I use the verb "enjoy" very intentionally. Although snow means shoveling and snow blowing and driving extra carefully on slippery roads, it also means beauty. As I write this, a bright red cardinal is sitting on the snow-covered branch of a cedar outside my window. My dogs bound around the yard, golden coats glistening with a layer of snowflakes, looking ecstatic. I know lots of us have made quilts with snowflakes and snowmen and other iconic images of wintery scenes. The challenge is to embrace the reality of a lovely snowstorm, not just the idea of one! Of course, if this two-storms-a-week trend keeps up, even I, a lover of snow, may become a bit grumpy. If nothing else, being kept in the house during a snowstorm provides a wonderful opportunity to work on a quilt. Our Simple Whatnots are perfect for snowy days — short, sweet, and easy to finish. Here's our stitching schedule as we enter the homestretch.

- 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
- May:              At the meeting: show October Sunset

## 2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

Thank you to all who entered items in the 2023 Quilt Challenge and to all those who came out to vote and support. With the help of a very accommodating, generous team we created a quilt gallery showcasing the extraordinary and varied talents of several of our members. There were four categories each with three winners. Those winners and are listed below. Congratulations to all our winners and to all who chose to participate. All entries will be posted to the website soon.

This year's theme will be announced at our March meeting. Please consider chairing or co-chairing this program. It's a lot of fun and getting to see all these magnificent creations is like opening the most beautiful Christmas presents while eating the best chocolate with no calories or weight gain!

Again, thank you to the team who helped arrange and set up the room for the challenge display and to all those who contributed to the success of the challenge.

### **LARGE**

1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Rush  
& Best in Show



2<sup>nd</sup> - Linda Wojciechowski



3<sup>rd</sup> – Debbie Heeps



### **SMALL**

1<sup>st</sup> - Karen Rush



2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Hartzell



3<sup>rd</sup> – Jane Merkel



### **OTHER**

1<sup>st</sup> – Paula Jacobus



2<sup>nd</sup> – Sam Cetrulo



3<sup>rd</sup> – Irene Oehmke



**ORIGINAL**

1<sup>st</sup> – Diana Campbell

2<sup>nd</sup> – Nancy Ayers

3<sup>rd</sup> – Cathleen Kilpatrick



**Membership**

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our January meeting, 41 members attended in person, 7 members attended on zoom, for a total of 48 in attendance for our "Heart Challenge."

Our guild total of paid members for 2024 is 82. Dues for the current year are \$45.00, dropping to \$22.50 in March.



***February Birthdays:***

- Rae Wong - 2/4
- Debbie Heeps - 2/12
- Valerie Johnson - 2/14
- Kim Orndorf - 2/18
- Ruth Skinner - 2/18
- Janet Yandrisevits - 2/20
- Kirsty Michaels - 2/27

**Hospitality**

Diana DeFanti

Thank you to the following members for providing cookies and cheese for our January meeting. They were Kim Carlo, Linda Green, Nancy Skok and Sandra Mugridge.

February volunteers are Nancy Skok, Julie Borden, Irene Madalena, Gail Shearer, and Cathleen Kilpatrick. Any concerns or questions, contact Sandy O'Connor. You will receive a reminder prior to the February meeting.

## Committees



**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke

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

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

**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

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

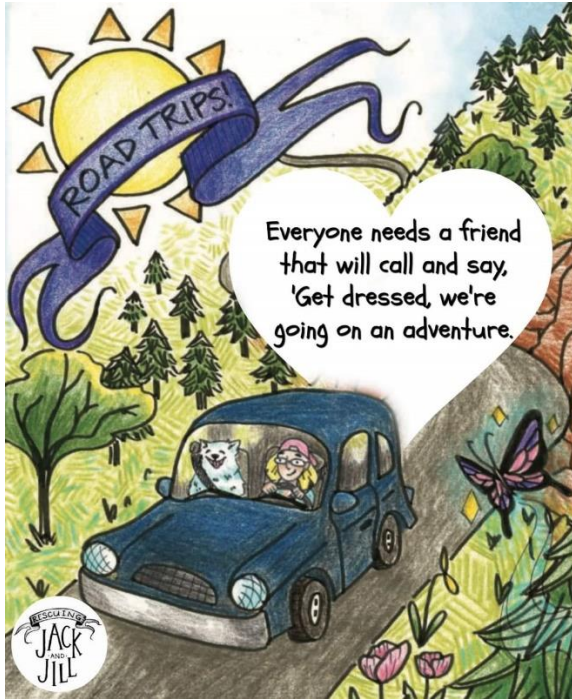
**Website:** Nancy Scholz



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



# Upcoming Events



## 2024

**February 17, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - David Sirota "Collide-o-scope" quilt technique. Zoom at home only. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**April 10 - 13** – [Lancaster Quilt Show](#), Lebanon Valley Expo Center

**April 13 & 14** – Global Quilt Connection Virtual Sampler. Save the date!

**April 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** – Heather Blokzyl -- Barn Quilt painting. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

**May 8, 2024 - WORKSHOP** -- Barbara Dann -- Snail's Trail technique. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

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

**July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - Brita Nelson – The Disappearing Block Sampler. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

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

**September 12-15** – [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#), Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

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

**October 25 – November 9** – Eastern PA Shop Hop

**Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.**

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