

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy about Quilting

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From The President

Julie McDonell

Remember, the August meeting starts at **6:30**. Be sure you're on time so you can take in all of the Guild member presentations during our program, **Show & Tell Switch Up**. You'll be encouraged and inspired by what they share.

I know we're still marketing our current, gorgeous raffle quilt, but it's also time to start thinking ahead to the next one. Take note if you see a pattern, color combination, or some other inspirational aspect of a quilt design that strikes you as appealing to "the masses". We will be looking for a Raffle Quilt Creation Chairperson soon. Anyone you want to volunteer?

At the August meeting, we'll be reviewing the bylaws update - which will be voted on at the September meeting. When this project began, no one realized how much time this would take! Many things needed adjusting and refining and tweaking. Land O Goshen, this committee has put in some serious time and effort on behalf of the Guild.



Every month I think we can skip an Executive Board meeting (Monday, July 16th at 5 pm), but something always seems to need tending. **This month is the time to consolidate budget guesstimates for next year. Thanks to all the committee chairs for your financial projections.**

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

meets the first Tuesday of every month
except November at

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard

Emmaus, PA 18049

7:00pm

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Also, I will be sharing a request from the Kemmerer Museum of Decorative Arts. They are reaching out to see if there is anyone in our midst who might be interested in getting involved with their tours.

Community Service

Kathie Laposata

We've had such a productive year that I thought you would like to see exactly what we accomplished.

Breast cancer pillows	283
Placemats for Meals on Wheels	262
Pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles	381
Camp Erin quilts	26
Veteran quilts	3
Puerto Rico baby quilts	15
Preemie quilts	145
Total	1,115

There were two member-made veteran quilts and one made with blocks contributed by members. I have all the makings (top made with member blocks, backing, batting and binding) for another quilt. Can I interest someone in doing the quilting between now and next summer? It doesn't have to be fancy.

My summertime quilting goals tend to be modest. I usually search my sewing room for orphan blocks and some fabric without a purpose to whip up some placemats or breast cancer pillows. I hope you'll do the same.

Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – 6:30 pm at **Holy Spirit**, CQ members present
Show & Tell Switch Up.

You liked this format last year; so we are doing a Season II. Don't miss this chance to get a closer look at quilts made by Jane Merkel, Kathie Laposata, Sharon Yurkanin, Diana Campbell and Lizzie Riccaboni. This is Show & Tell like you want it to be!

COMING Tuesday, September 4, 2018 – 6:30 pm at **Holy Spirit**, award winning quilter, **Joyce Hughes** will visit us from Bucks County.

She will present "My Journey into Quilting" an open and inspiring talk about how Joyce started quilting and the transformation into Thread Painting and using Panels as Art Quilts. Her lecture may inspire you to participate in our January 2019 Panel Play Challenge!

Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will be held **Saturday, August 11th**, the Saturday following our regular meeting, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus from 10:00–4:00.

Quilt Exhibition at Allentown Art Museum

Sharon Yurkanin

The dates for our quilt exhibition in the AAM community gallery have been moved to November. It became too stressful to try to get it organized by August without a meeting in July for quilt delivery. The new dates are as follows:

November 11 – December 9, 2018

Friday, Nov 9	9:00 – 4:00	Delivery and Installation
Sunday, Nov 11	1:30 – 3:30	Opening and Reception
Sunday, Dec 9		Closing day
Monday, Dec 10	9:00 – 4:00	Deinstall

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

There will not be a Quilters Studio in August. Quilters Studio will resume in September, and the topics will be **making quilt labels, and the best way to measure and cut backs**. Ideas for future sessions are appreciated. Please RSVP to Julie Borden at hedthread@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Roberta Whitcomb (the luckiest person in the guild when it comes to raffles!) has volunteered to bring the library gift in August. **Recycled Hexie Quilts** by Mary Kerr has been added to the library and will be available in August as well. Have a safe and happy month! Stay cool!

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Many thanks to the hospitality volunteers who had signed up to bring a refreshment for the June meeting. They were Diane Pesola, Nancy Horning, Carole Whaling, Deb Veshinfsky, Helen Dubas and Wendye Anttila. We all appreciate your generosity in making a dessert.

August volunteers are Sandy O'Connor, Debbie Heeps, Linda Wojciechowski, Diana Campbell, Nancy Scholz and Karen Hartzell. You will be sent a reminder prior to the meeting. Sandy O'Connor will be the hospitality chair for August.

The September meeting will include an anniversary cake and ice cream with toppings.

Membership

Judy Walker

PLEASE NOTE: membership dues will not be accepted at the August meeting this year. Since our fiscal year begins in September, we will collect dues at the September and October meetings. Also, it is easier for membership if you pay your dues by check payable to Crazy Quilters Guild.

At our June meeting, we had 65 members attend and 4 visitors of which one visitor joined. Agnes Rayome just moved to the Lehigh Valley from Nashville, TN. She learned to quilt in her 20's but took a 15 year break until her daughter left for college and then she started to work on her UFO's. She is an avid, but recreational cyclist. She worked in IT, was a Girl Scout leader and volunteered for JDRF. Agnes' address and information is included in the latest and last membership list for this 2017/18 membership year.

Please make a copy or save the membership list attached to this newsletter because there probably will not be a membership list sent out till the end of October when the new membership list is available after the membership dues are paid for the 2018/2019 year. **Now would be a good time for all the members to check their info on the membership list and make sure there are no errors. Please let me know if there are any corrections.**

The name tag drawings at the June meeting were won by Helen Hanton and Helen Dubas. The prizes were two fat quarters. 46 members wore their name tags at the last meeting.

Birthdays - July

1 Paula Jacobus	22 Kathryn Helffrich
9 Nancy Ayers	24 Pat Cisek
9 Sam Cetrulo	26 Marlene Dorman
11 Julie McDonell	
21 Diana Campbell	
21 Kathie Laposata	

Birthdays - August

2 Phyllis Dedekind
15 Mercedes Gurniak
22 Karen Landis
26 Diane Martin
26 Margie Walsh-Sanky
29 Tina Middlecamp

Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The Modern Bee meets once a month, the last Wednesday of the month, alternating mornings and evenings to accommodate all of our members who are interested in attending. You may attend some, any, or all of the meetings, mornings and/or evenings at your convenience. Locations will be announced in the newsletter. We have Show and Tell, talk modern quilt aesthetics of design and color, etc., sew, snack, and converse. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish.

The Modern Bee will be hibernating for July. We will meet again on August 29th from 9:30-12:30, location TBD. If you are interested in receiving communication regarding the Modern Bee, please email me at nicole@1choice4quilting.com.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

June Show & Tells were presented by Sandra Mugridge (2), Gladys DeWalt, Kathie Laposata (2), Jackie Lukity, Ruth Hoffman, Doris Horwath, Wendye Anttila, Ann Lineberger (2), Roberta Whitcomb, and Bethanne Nemesh.

Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

This is a reminder to please turn in your money and stubs for member raffle tickets. I'm excited to share that almost all members have paid for their raffle tickets.

For anyone interested in planning raffle ticket sales and our participation in the Allentown Fair, we are going to get together for dinner at the **Chicken Lounge** on Saturday, July 14, 2018, time TBD. Feel free to join us and bring a spouse/friend if you would like. Email me at dragonflyslc79@gmail.com to let me know if you interested in attending.

Our next big show is in Hershey at **Quilt Odyssey** from July 19 - 22. There are some openings for volunteers. Please email me at dragonflyslc79@gmail.com to sign up for a shift. This might be our last big show for the 2018 raffle quilt.

We have an exciting new local opportunity for our guild this year, at the Allentown Fair. We are invited to sell raffle tickets and demo some of the work that we do during the fair on Tuesday, August 28th and Friday, August 31st, in the evening. We are asked to bring something to work on to show visitors to the fair what we do at our guild. We also have the opportunity during the day to be present at the fair on the weekends.

Tuesday and Friday night are the busiest time for the fair in that area. Additionally, did you know you can enter your quilts in the Allentown Fair? They are excited for us to participate and look forward to seeing some of our work.

We are also asked to volunteer for quilt and cross stitch drop-offs before the fair starts on Thursday, August 23rd and Friday, August 24th from 8 am - 6 pm. You will be given a list of requirements for the quilt, such as size, and you need to make sure it meets the requirements.

Please email me at dragonflyslc79@gmail.com to sign up for a shift at either Quilt Odyssey or the fair.

Challenge

Jane Merkel

By now you have read the guidelines for our challenge, and have pulled out of your stash some possible panels to consider, or you have had a road trip and have seen some panels you instantly see have HOPE for your challenge entry. The planning stages can be the most fun, but then it is time to begin the creative process and put your ideas to work. Crazy Quilters, Go for it!! The challenge is designed to be easy in theory and wide open to possibilities in execution. Creativity abounds in this guild and I am anxious to see it on display. In the fall, I will ask "how many" are participating so I can begin to visualize the space and setup plans for our January meeting.

Panel away,

Jane (sjanemerkel@rcn.com or 610-797-7935)

Member Retreat

Sandy O'Conner

The Member Retreat will take place on November 9, 10 and 11, Friday to Sunday, at **The Blue Lake House** in Denver, PA. located about three miles from Burkholder's fabric shop. Last time we held the retreat was in 2015. The retreat was canceled in 2016 because of problems at the house, but the issues have been resolved, and they are renting the house again.

We play games, shop for fabric at Burkholder's and have show & tell. You can work on your own projects and also see what other people are working on and share patterns if you wish. You can quilt all day and night!

For meals we will split into 4 groups and make the meals for the weekend- Friday dinner, Saturday brunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch.

The cost will be about **\$130.00** for the weekend, depending on how many members sign up. So far 11 have committed to go, and there is limited space. If you're interested call Sandy O'Connor at [484-225-7864](tel:484-225-7864) or email sandrasket@yahoo.com.

Member Requests

Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

Summer is coming soon and as we travel I want to remind you to collect the small hotel toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Project. Again, this year the ASD has over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time, they look forward to the little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics filled with products the children so desperately need. Many times, this is the only gift they receive. I have begun collecting Christmas fabrics as they are beginning to appear in the fabric stores. I will make as many as I can. But I also need your help.

If you have small travel size toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or anything small tucked away from your hotel stays or pick up a few small hygiene items in the travel section at your grocery store or Target please consider bringing it to a guild meeting. Please take a look in your linen closet, bathroom drawers or even your suitcases and see if you don't have some small bottles tucked away, but nothing previously used, please. Bring your items to a guild meeting between now and November and we will see how many bags we can provide for the kids this year.

This project started years ago with the women who attended the Guild Retreat and has grown tremendously – our first year we made and filled 20 bags. Last year with your donations I was able to fill 250 bags which were so gratefully appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Stamps for the V.A.

Mercedas Gurniak and Ruth Skinner

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. I sent 41 shawls last month, and the supply is low. Thanks.

See page 6.

Calendar of Events

from the editor

July 19-22, Quilt Odyssey 2018, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

August 16-18, Lancaster Fiber Festival, Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, Lancaster, PA,
www.LancasterFiberFestival.com.

September 13-16, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

October 5-6, Berk Quilters Guild, Quilt Show 2018, Leesport Farmers Market, www.berksquiltersguild.org.

October 20 -21, Brandywine Valley Quilters Quilt Show, The Brookhaven Municipal Building Brookhaven, PA www.brandywinevalleyquilters.com.

November 2-17, 16th Annual Eastern PA Shop Hop, Facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop.

November 9-10, Lebanon Quilters Guild 12th Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, www.lebanonquiltersguild.com.

November 17, Mail Line Quilters, Quilt Show and Holiday Boutique, Berwyn United Methodist Church
November 9-10, Lebanon Quilters Guild 12th Annual Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon Expo Center & Fairgrounds, www.lebanonquiltersguild.com.

Fabracadabra

[fab-ruh-kuh-dab-ruh]

noun

a mystical word or expression used when fabric magically appears in your stash that you forgot buying, hid under the stairs, or stashed under you bed months ago.

Guild Calendar

from the editor

Monday, July 16 - **Board Meeting**, 5 pm, Julie McDonell's home

Saturday, July 14 - **Chicken Lounge**, Time TBD, Fair planning and raffle ticket sales

July 19-22 - **Raffle Quilt Marketing**, Quilt Odyssey, Hershey

Tuesday, August 7 - **Guild Meeting**, 6:30 pm., The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, August 11 - **Sit & Sew**, 10 - 4, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

Wednesday, August 29 - **Modern Bee**, 9:30 am.

December 11-December 9, **Quilt Exhibit**, Allentown Art Museum

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