

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

#### Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters,

We have so enjoyed our Sit and Sew 's at Lindberg Park. It is wonderful to see what you are accomplishing with your quilting. And on September 11, 2021, we will share our accomplishments with others in the Lehigh Valley at our premier event, Tour de Quilts.

The registration form and information has been sent to you. We ask that you respond in a favorable way by your participation to whatever extent is possible. Return those forms to me by June 29, please.

A flyer will be available shortly and we ask you to share it with friends, family, and other quilting friends. The ticket price was set at a reasonable \$10.00 until the day of the event when it will increase to \$15.00.

It is exciting to prepare for this new event and we hope you are looking forward to a fun day!

Samantha Cetrulo, our energetic VP, recently gave me a fabric panel with lots of sayings on it. She thought I would enjoy making postcards with the sayings. I want to share one of those sayings with you.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

It is my hope that we can work together as a guild and create a successful Tour de Quilts

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 Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo Secretary: Suzanne Nelson Treasurer: Kathie Laposata Programming Officer: Sue Marin Membership Officers: Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore

#### **Guild Calendar**

Monthly Guild Meeting: July 6th, 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom



#### 2021 Program Updates

#### Sue Marin

June 2021: What a lovely evening we spent with Mary Fons, all the way from London, England! It was so refreshing to share her enthusiasm and love of our art form. I can't even begin to imagine learning how to quilt on pubic tv as she did with her mother!



July 6, 2021: Did you ever look at a piece of fabric and think to yourself, "This piece just needs something."? Join us at 7:00 PM when author Cindy Orvacez will share several different ways to embellish your quilts and quilted objects to give your pieces an extra dimension.

August 2021: PLEASE NOTE – there is a slight change for this month. Emily Taylor will present a one-hour lecture on Tuesday, August 3 to teach us what collage quilts are, how they are made and her journey to becoming a collage quilt artist! Emily has appeared on QVC, designed fabrics, and done other amazing things. She will return on Saturday, August 28, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM for a two-hour workshop entitled "Collage Quilting 101." The day begins with an overview of color theory and applying that understanding to fabric selection. Cost is \$30/person. I will send out a separate email with a materials list (no extra pattern required) and the registration form.



September 2021: Meg Cox will offer her thoughts on "Making Meaning."

October 2021: Robin Long of Robin Ruth Designs will do a program on creating the Mariner's Compass Star using her unique strip piecing method.

November 2021: Lilo Bowman will share her thoughts and experiences on "Adapting for Change."

December 2021: Our Annual Potluck Potpourri gathering. What will I come up with this year?

January 2022: This year's challenge topic is "The Brighter the Better!" You should have received your invitation in the mail. I hope you'll make the world a bit brighter and join the fun!

February 2022: Our annual Community Service project – Pillow Palooza.

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 also 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.

July 2022: EPP anyone? Our own Kathy Moore, Vicki Pede and I will do a program on English Paper Piecing. I can guarantee you will see and learn a lot more than Grandmother's Flower Garden!

All program information is listed on our website. Please check the Meetings and Events page each month for updates, details of the various programs and important messages.

Sue Marin, Programming Chair

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB – (BOM) -Questions: Contact Phillis

Thanks to those of you who have posted pictures of your blocks. They are beautiful! Please send any new photos to Nancy Scholz for posting.

Pattern for Block #5 will be posted on the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild website by July 1.

Cautions about the pattern for this block:

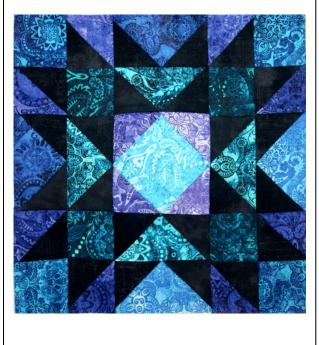
- 1. There are 2 patterns Part 1 and Part 2.
- In Part 1 Next-to-Last cutting instruction

   I found NO place in this block to use these 40 3" squares. Also, the setting diagram at the bottom of Page 5 is incorrect.
- In Part 2 I followed the picture on page 3 (shown as #5) for my setting diagram.
- 4. You may want to make a test block when you start.

Please let me know if you find mistakes or have questions when working on this block.

Happy Sewing! Pattern for Block 6 (the last) and finishing instructions will be posted by August 1.





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#### Playful Spirit Raffle Quilt Update – 99% done

Here's a sneak peak of the long-awaited raffle quilt, featuring luxurious feather quilting by Julie Davidovich. Her quilt design selection is the perfect complement to the undulating blue ribbons that work their way across the quilt surface. The only thing that's missing in this photo is the binding, which will be added by Pat Piasecki. The next time the guild asks for volunteers for the raffle quilt, please consider pitching in. Many hands make light work and it's such a rewarding feeling to know that you contributed to a creative group endeavor.

Thank you to Suzanne Nelson, Karen Hartzell, Judy Walker, Dawn Martrich, Diane DeFanti and Mercedes Gurniak for their Show & Tell quilts in June.

Please send photos of your quilts for the July meeting to me at and Nancy Scholz by July 3.

#### **Sunshine and Shadows**

Show and Tell

This month get-well cards were sent to Marsha Heimann and Sue Marin. Best wishes to both of them as they recover.

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

#### **Community Service**

In between the heat and the potential for sudden downpours, we may find ourselves seeking shelter indoors and at our sewing machines. I do have some kits/fabrics available that are suitable for placemats, which are our next priority sewing project. I have arranged with the Church that I will be available in their parking lot on Saturday, July 17th between 1000-1100. I will be happy to receive any of your completed projects and to distribute placemat fabrics at that time. I have a limited number of pillowcase kits also available.

Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley will be happy to accept any twin size or children's sized quilts to distribute to those who need their help. If you have a quilt that you had intended for Camp Erin, and wish to have it out of your house, I will accept them and take them to Turning Point.

Please contact me by email or telephone if you wish to make other arrangements to get together for exchanges.

### Lorraine Bujnowski

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedas Gurniak





Linda Anderson and Suzanne Nelson

Jackie Leipert

#### **Quilt Journey**

I have one entry for the newsletter for a quilt journey this month. Please fill out and email. I hope to have entries for a few more months so fill it out today!

#### Name: Sarah Jay Length of Quilt Journey: 6 years

#### How did you learn how to sew?

My mother's sewing machine lived in our dining room and she taught me to use it (after mastering hand-sewing and counted cross stitch) when I was about 10 years old. She gave me my first machine when I got my first real apartment in college so I could sew and mend clothes, make curtains, and design costumes.

#### How would you describe your quilting style?

My style is all over the place! As a relatively new quilter, I'm trying as many styles as I can, but they tend to skew modern. Most of my quilts are scrappy.

#### Has it changed over time?

It changes with almost every quilt! MQG guild bees have forced me out of my comfort zone and given me opportunities to try advanced blocks and styles I never would have chosen on my own.

#### Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

I love the designers of Ruby Star Society (formerly Cotton + Steel), but thrifted fabric and other people's scraps are my favorite source.

#### Do you pick fabric or pattern first?

I almost always pick the fabric first. I mix and match fabric bundles from my stash just for the joy of it and so that I have jumping off points ready to go when I find a new pattern.

#### What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

It's a toss up between sifting through hundreds (thousands?!) of fabric possibilities and seeing the finished blocks come together on my design wall. I have a background in newspaper design, from back when things were still pasted together by hand for the printer, and I still thrill at fitting all the little pieces into something more powerful. The pieces are fabric now, instead of copy and photos.

#### What is your least favorite part and why?

I dread pressing. A wool mat has made such a positive difference in my blocks that I don't hate it quite as much as I used to though.

What other things do you sew? Clothes, costumes, bags, pillows

What is your favorite sewing saying? Measure twice, cut once.

What other hobbies do you enjoy? Card making, reading, baking, photography, beading



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#### Quilt Retreat at the "Blue Lake House"

Sandy O'Connor

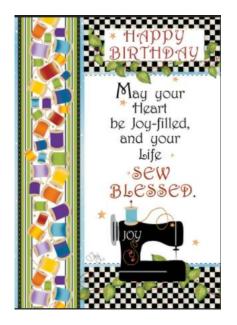
Denver PA November 12, 13, 14, 2021 There is one spot left. Email me if you want to go. After that I'll have a waiting list.

Thanks to everyone that signed up!

#### <u>Membership</u>

#### Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We had 52 members from our total membership of 76 attend the June zoom meeting. We had two guests attending, Rose Valentine who is Sue Marin's sister-in-law and an award-winning quilter. Also attending was Carol Cotter, a guest of member Pat Piasecki.



#### July

- 1 Paula Jacobus
- 9 Nancy Ayers
- 9 Samantha Cetrulo
- 11 Julie McDonell
- 21 Diana Campbell
- 21 Kathie Laposata

#### The following is courtesy of the Lebanon Quilters Guild

Quilt Museums listed by state Quilt Museums on Our Must-Visit List | AllPeopleQuilt.com

**Planning to travel by plane this summer or later?** Recent rules regarding quilting supplies allowed on the plane:

As of May 2021, the <u>Travel Security Association (TSA</u>) allows many sewing-related items in carry-on luggage. Ultimately, TSA agents have the final say in what can be carried onto a plane, so it is a good idea to travel with cheaper notions in case you have to part with them.

Some airports have mail service, so you can also bring a padded envelope and stamps in your carry-on luggage in order to mail back any items that are not allowed through security (you will need to step out of line, so be sure to plan enough time for this).

Source: What Sewing Items Can You Carry on a Plane? | AllPeopleQuilt.com



Oh Boy!! Free Fat Quarter-Friendly Quilt Patterns | AllPeopleQuilt.com



#### Need wool for a project?

If you are looking for wool, I was told of this shop in Hereford across from the Turkey Hill. At the intersection of Rt 100 and Rt 29. Open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

About — The Bee & The Bear (thebeethebear.com)



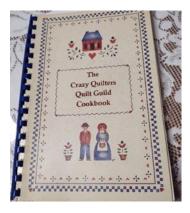
We are located in an old general store built in 1860. The original cabinetry can be found stuffed full of woolens, threads, yarn, and other items for creating. We specialize in rug hooking, punch needle and wool appliqué, but also carry a great selection of vintage items, antiques, Rifle Paper Co. stationary and other gifts. Visit our classes page or calendar to find upcoming events and classes.



#### RECALLING RECIPES: FROM THE CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD COOKBOOK

Jane Merkel

(Published in 1992) July 2021



#### GARDEN EGG SALAD

½ c. mayonnaise or salad dressing 1/3 c. sweet relish
½ tsp. celery salt
½ tsp. instant minced onion
8 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1 (10oz) bag frozen peas
¼ c. chopped celery
lettuce leaves (optional)

In medium bowl stir together mayonnaise, relish, celery salt, and minced onions until blended. Toss with eggs, peas, and celery until combined. Cover and chill to blend flavors. Serve on lettuce leaves

Submitted by Tami J Hoch (Jones)

#### MARINATED FLANK STEAK OR LONDON BROIL

½ c. soy sauce
2 T. honey
2T. vinegar
1 tsp ginger spice
sprinkle of garlic powder
¼ c. oil

Mix all ingredients. Marinate at least 4 to 6 hours, the longer the better. Makes enough marinate approx. 2 lbs. of meat.

Submitted by Pat Stahley

#### FRESH STRAWBERRY PIE

1 baked pie shell <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Qt. strawberries, crushed 1 c. sugar 1 T. butter 1 Qt. strawberries, washed and hulled 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> T. cornstarch <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> c. water whipped cream (optional)

Spread whole berries in pie shell. In a saucepan mix crushed berries, sugar, water, and cornstarch and boil for about 2 min. until glaze is clear. Remove from heat and add butter. You may also add 2 drop of food coloring if you wish. Pour the glaze over the berries in the pie shell. Chill and keep refrigerated. Before serving top with whipped cream.

Submitted by Shirley Gober

#### Quilt Shows (Gathered from quild newsletters)

#### August 2021

World Quilt Show Online - August 11-14, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management. For more info visit <u>https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/httpswwwonlinequiltfestival-com/</u>

#### September 2021

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Online - September 9-11, 2021. This virtual experience will include live, interactive educational opportunities, shopping options and more. For more info visit <u>https://quiltshow.com/</u>



Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 16-19, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit <u>https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quiltextravaganza/</u>.

#### October 2021

Quilt Show 2021 - October 16-17, 2021. Presented by County Line Quilters at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. For more info visit <u>https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2021</u>

International Quilt Festival Houston - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at George R. Brown Convention Center at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas. For more info visit <a href="https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/">https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/</a>

#### November 2021

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 12-14, 2021. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <u>http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/</u>



#### **Committee Chairs**

Challenge: Linda Green Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak Communication Chain: Diane Pesola Historical: Rhonda Moore Hospitality: Diana DeFanti Library: Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich Newsletter: Karen Rush Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski Quilters Studio: Julie Borden Retreat: Sandy O'Conner Show and Tell: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert Website: Nancy Scholz

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 21st.

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