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From The President

Donna Gasser

As I sit here waiting for the pool at my apartment complex to open Ruby-throated hummingbirds are at my feeder—very fun to watch flitting around. I also keep pondering a project for our guild to do next year AFTER Bingo. No one has come forth with an inspiration since our last meeting as far as I know, so I thought I would share a few of my thoughts.

Is a quilt the way to go? Who will head up construction? Marketing? Or if we make it this year into 2024 and then do something like Tour de Quilt again, perhaps we could raffle it during the Tour hoping to recoup our investment and skip the booths at shows.

Also discussed at our guild meetings a bit was an outreach for quilting instruction. My thoughts are that there is so much instruction online nowadays, doing more than an introduction of basic quilting skills would be hard. Also I have no desire to compete with quilt shops that are trying to keep their doors open. Reaching out to youth groups for basic instruction may be an avenue to explore. Does anyone have any desire to do this or an “in” with a youth group to venture the question of their interest?

And another final thought of mine was mounting an outreach with Community Service. When my husband was put into Hospice Care in 2007 at LVH 17th and Chew, there was a quilt on his bed that needed minor repair, probably due to the repeated washings.

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: Nicole Folino

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting:

No Guild Meeting in July

Sit & Sew: Saturday July 1st and 15th, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

Sit & Sew in the Park: Tuesday July 25th, 1-6 p.m.
Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown



President's Message Continued

The next day I brought in needle and thread and made the repairs. Pretty soon a nurse brought in a few more quilts that I was happy to fix while there. I wonder if there is a need for this kind of outreach in the various hospitals in the area. Does anyone have access to find out? Do we want to do something like that? Shelters may be another option for outreach if they use quilts.

We will not be meeting in July due to the holiday. I hope you are finishing up any items for our Bingo so that they can be turned in at the latest by our August meeting. We will be collecting them also at Sit and Sews inside and outside. Bingo tickets can also be obtained at that time and any ticket monies can be turned in.

Have a great holiday!

Programs

Nicole Folino

Program for August - Ice Cream social/Hands on Shashiko Project and SHOPPING!!



Our friends from Needles and Bolts will be on hand, literally, to provide a short lesson on Shashiko. Kits will be provided. They will also set up a small table of items from their adorable shop located at 6819 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19119 <https://www.needlesandbolts.com> Guest fee for this meeting will be \$10.

Quilt Bingo

Vicki Pede



The Ways and Means Committee (BINGO this year) met on Monday, June 19th. At that meeting it was decided that we need to ask you to PLEASE bring in any ticket money that you have to either the Sew in the Park day in July and/or to our August 1st meeting. This is vitally important as we are trying to see where we stand on money coming into the guild. The absolute final date to bring in any money and unsold tickets is our September 5th guild meeting. This is so very close to our Bingo, but all money and tickets MUST be turned in by that date at the latest. Currently Donna Gasser has the tickets and will bring them to Lindburg Park in July.

Jane Merkel is putting the Tricky Tray baskets together and is hoping for a nice array. Your donations are appreciated and continue to be welcome! She is also accepting donations at our Sew in the Park Days if that is helpful to you. Additionally, we are still gladly accepting quilted table toppers, table runners, wall hangings, sets of placemats, etc. to be used as tie breakers or door prizes. According to our current pile of quilts and those of you who have emailed one of us to tell of your fabulous creation, we should have enough quilts for bingo. In fact, if we exceed the 25 needed for bingo, we would like to have some up for our Tricky Tray as well. Folks seem to like that eye-catching addition to our Tricky Tray array.

We WILL have tickets again for sale at the July Sew in the Park time, as well as at our August meeting. Please see Donna and Julie for these at our meeting. As previously stated, DON'T WAIT TOO LONG because tickets could sell out quickly! Remember that pre-sale price is \$25.00. Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our August meeting and we will try our best to answer them. Again, since this will be our only fundraiser for 2023, we are hoping that it is really successful for our guild and YOU are the determining factor in that.

Committee Members: Donna Gasser, Sue Marin, Julie McDonell, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede, Pat Piasecki, Phillis Walden

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, I was able to deliver 19 quilts to Family Promise Lehigh Valley and 2 quilts to Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley. I wish you could hear the wonderful compliments and thank yous that you so very well deserve!

Let's put our summer sewing efforts into completing any quilts for our Guild Bingo in September, and in making placemats for our Meals on Wheels Autumn drive. And please consider joining us on October 28th for a full day of sewing projects to serve our community.



This recent newspaper article has been suggested to inform the members of the Crazy Quilters' Guild of an opportunity the members may wish to engage with on an individual decision basis. -- Janet Yandrisevits and Sandra Mugridge



Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

Here's our schedule for summer stitching:

July No meeting -- In sewing room, keep working on This and That

August:

Share This and That at guild meeting

In sewing room, work on Twirligigs (pg. 75)

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for July 1st and 15th, 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 \$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!

Summer "Sit & Sew" in the Park

Jane Merkel

Join us for Sit & Sew in the Park on Tuesday, July 25th from 1-6 p.m. at Lindberg Park Pavilion, 2800 Lindberg Ave, Allentown, Pa. 18103. This location is part of Salisbury Township. There is electricity and bathrooms at this site. Come for whatever time you can. No need to pre-register, just come and enjoy!

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

Rules for the Challenge:

Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.

Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023

The challenge is open to guild members only

There will be four (4) categories:

Large — (40X40 or larger)

Small — (less than 40X40)

Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc

Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.



I've been noticing hearts in many places lately. In the leaves of a Sweet Caroline plant, the breast of a Rose Breasted Grossbeak, and on a flyer for an organization. Inspiration is everywhere.



Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and competition of all completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Fourth of July Crazy Quilters! Have a safe and happy holiday. For the August meeting, Lizzie Riccaboni has volunteered to bring the Raffle Gift!

Have a wonderful month!

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our June meeting we had 49 members present and 3 visitors. This gave us a total of 52 quilters participating in the program.

One of the visitors, Nancy Shannon joined our guild. She started quilting in 2002. Her husband's job has moved them a lot but wherever they landed she would search out a quilt group. They finally landed here in the Lehigh Valley and call Macungie their home. Please introduce yourself to Nancy and get to know her.

Quiltfolk magazines were presented to Mercedes Gurniak, Gail Shearer, and Paula Jacobus.

Happy
Birthday

July Birthdays:

Paula Jacobus 7/1
Nancy Ayers 7/9
Samantha Cetrulo 7/9
Julie McDonell 7/11
Diana Campbell 7/21
Kathie Laposata 7/21
Linda Griest 7/22

Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Historical: Kathy 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: Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Lizzie Riccaboni

Website: Nancy Scholz

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

July 8th -- Kutztown Folk Festival Annual Quilt Auction, Saturday, July 8th at Noon

[Quilts — Kutztown Folk Festival \(kutztownfestival.com\)](http://kutztownfestival.com)

Sept 9-10th – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2023, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven PA. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5

Sept 14-17th – 30th Annual Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA

[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management \(quiltfest.com\)](http://quiltfest.com)

Oct 13 – 15th – Undercover Quilters Quilt 2023 Quilt Show, Brookhaven Municipal Bldg, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven PA [Sew Many Colors A Fall Festival of Quilts – Undercover Quilters](http://sewmanycolors.com)

Oct 27th – Nov 11th – 20th Eastern PA Shop Hop “Walk in the Woods”

More information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop>

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