

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

I think we are now in week 10, or maybe it's 11, of the Stay at Home Order issued by Governor Wolfe. When this all started back in March I had no idea it would go on for this long and have such a significant impact on how we live our lives. My car told me the other day that I would need an oil change in 214 miles or 11 days. I think my car is using my driving habits before Covid-19 to figure this out. I currently drive about 5 miles per week, not 20 miles per day. I make one trip to the grocery store and maybe one other errand. I did a little bit of math and figured out that at this rate I won't need that oil change for approximately 42 weeks!

I don't know about you but I took for granted things like being able to get a haircut, shop at the stores of my choice and eat out at a restaurant if I didn't feel like cooking or wanted to celebrate a special occasion. All that has changed in the last two plus months. The good news is that the number of new cases of the virus seem to be decreasing and Lehigh and Northampton counties will likely enter the initial, yellow phase of reopening by June 5. Under the yellow phase, some businesses are allowed to reopen, but residents are still asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. Gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited, schools are still closed and restaurants are still limited to curbside service and delivery.

What does that mean for the Crazy Quilter Quilt Guild? Holy Spirit Church, where we hold our monthly meetings, is looking at how and when they can reopen. There is nothing definitive at this point. For the time being we still need to look for alternative ways to connect. Some of you have joined the Virtual Show and Tell on Facebook and some have been posting things on the Crazy Quilter Facebook page. I know that all of you do not use Facebook. Maybe we should try meeting in one of the online formats like zoom? I think the best way would be to have someone to set up the meeting and invite all of our members via email. Anyone interested? Let me know! In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy, stay sane and keep sewing!

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

June meeting and Sit & Sew are Cancelled.





Have you been thinking of the Challenge for this year? Flying Geese is the challenge and you need to have a minimum of 30 flying geese in your project. I've made a sample with 24 flying geese and in 4 different designs. Then I added 6 more flying geese which I sewed into the design. Flying geese are easy to make. The width needs to be twice as big as the height. 3×6 , or 2×4 or 1×2 . Below is a sample of some designs. This project is not quilted yet but will give you some ideas. More next month.

Raffle Quilt Sue Marin

The Covid-19 virus has definitely had an adverse effect on ticket sales. But a few dollars here and there keep trickling in. Thanks to Sam Cetrulo for setting up Facebook posts for our latest virtual craft fair shows at Allentown Fiber Fest and Nicky's Heart of Gold Pediatric Cancer Fund Raiser, we were able to sell \$30 worth of tickets. Another approach that I've found to be successful is linked to making face masks. Several friends asked me to make some for them and wanted to pay me for my materials and time. Most of the material I used early in the process was donated to me, and one of the clients bought a roll of elastic, so I decided that if customers wanted to pay me, they could do so by purchasing raffle tickets. This is a win/win for everyone. The Guild receives money to continue our programming, and the customers get masks plus the opportunity to win a beautiful, handmade quilt. To date, I've sold \$70 worth of tickets. If you still have raffle tickets on hand, you may want to consider this approach.



For those members (old and new) who have not been able to pick up your tickets for this year (2019 - 2020), I will mail them out to you soon. If you have sold your tickets, please mail your check made payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild to me. Since our programming depends on membership dues and the raffle ticket sales, it is important that you submit everything to me by August 15, 2020 so that the officers and programming chair have a clearer idea of the funds available to move forward.

We are still scheduled to show the quilt at the Home Sewing Center in June, the Leesport Farmer's Market in July and the Allentown Art Museum in August. All of these are dependent on whether or not these areas of Pennsylvania are in the green phase and "open" again for business. I'm hopeful, but with the cancellation of the larger quilt shows, I am doubtful that they will be held. I'll keep everyone posted!

Thank you all for your part in selling tickets and volunteering at the various shows we were able to attend. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Virtual Show and Tell Sam Cetrulo

Join our virtual show and tell on the Crazy Quilters Facebook page. https://m.facebook.com/events/635746130548830?ref=m notif¬if t=event mall comment. Go under "Posts" add your comment and attach a photo. If you do not have Facebook, email photos to be posted and shared. Photos will be posted on the website as well.

<u>Community Service</u>
Kathie Laposata

Thank you for keeping me updated on the number of masks you have been making for the community. The current count is 3,576 masks, and I'd love to hear from you if you haven't checked in to let me know your contribution to this life-saving effort.

I'll repeat what I said last month. Camp Erin has been postponed for 2020 and Project Linus is not accepting children's quilts for any reason for the time being. The Veterans Administration is similarly not accepting any donations. Therefore, if you've made a quilt for one of these two projects, put it on a shelf for a later date. I'll let you know when donations are again being accepted. I'll still collect the Red/White/Blue nine patches for delivery to Quilts of Valor later this year.

Finally, I've accepted the nomination to be Guild Treasurer, so the Community Service committee needs a new chairperson. If you enthusiastically support the great work our members do to help others, this is a position you will enjoy. I think it's the best job in the Guild. You get to appreciate first-hand the wonderful skill and generosity of our members and the gratitude of those we serve. Plus, you have the support of committee members, so you don't have

Next time someone complains about my stash, I'm going to remind them how many masks I made in an emergency with said stash. So there.

to do it alone. Please give me a call if you are interested and want to discuss the duties. Thanks

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

June & July Birthdays



Adele	Bush	June 16
Denise	Riemer	June 16
Nicole	Folino	June 25
Carol	Willis	June 30
Paula Pat Nancy Samantha Julie Connie Cheri Diana Kathie	Jacobus Bedek Ayers Cetrulo McDonell Straccia Mochamer Campbell Laposada	July 1 July 3 July 9 July 11 July 16 July 18 July 21 July 21

June

A Get-Well card was sent to Marsha Heimann. She is recuperating after cataract surgeries. A Sympathy card was sent to Tami Jones on the recent death of her sister. Sadly her mother died in February.

If you have any Sunshine or Shadow news email me.

Member News and Requests

Submitted by Ruth Skinner

The American Quilter's Society (AQS) has cancelled or postponed their shows. To continue to inspire quilters, they are sharing winner interviews, special exhibits and other highlights from past AQS QuiltWeek Shows. Bethanne Nemesh's beautiful quilts were exhibited in 2019. The link below will take you to her talk.





Bethanne Nemesh's exhibit "Walk a Creative Path" at the 2019 AQS QuiltWeek Show in Lancaster provides a unique look at a quilter's creative journey. From her very first quilt to the award-winning quilts she makes today, listen as Bethanne shares the many things she has learned about quiltmaking along the way.

VIEW QUILTS

https://www.guiltweek.com/bethanne-nemesh-walk-a-creative-path/

BONUS!

Bethanne has two Facebook Live sessions each week. Mondays at 1 is Design Time with Garden Lines Rulers and Thursdays at 1 for a little Art Therapy. Checkout her Facebook page at White Arbor Quilting, Bethanne Nemesh.



Committee Chairs

Challenge: Judy Walker

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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

<u>Advertising</u>

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.

Tentative deadline for the June newsletter is Monday, June 22nd.

* Indicates locations the raffle quilt will be displayed

June 13-14 Annapolis Quilt Guild's Quilts by the Bay

CANCELLED Annapolis Senior High School

2700 Riva Road, Annapolis MD

http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/

June 21* Home Sewing Center - Merchants Square Mall

1901 S. 12th Street

Allentown PA

In conjunction with the Quilts for Kids event

July 11* Leesport Farmers Market Mid-Summer Craft Fair

312 Gernants Church Road

Leesport, PA 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

https://leesportmarket.com/events/event/mid-summer-craft-fair/

Aug 5-7* AQS Quilt Week - Lancaster-The Nook
CANCELLED The Nook Sports and Events Center

75 Champ Blvd., Manheim

https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/

Aug 5-7 Lancaster Quilt Show

CANCELLED Doubletree Willow Valley Resort

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602 https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com

Oct 30-Nov 14 Eastern PA Shop Hop

Nov 7-8 Colonial Quilters Guild: Quiltfest 2020

Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township

4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer Township

http://www.colonialquilters.org/2020-quilt-show