

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Julie McDonell

For those of you who were NOT at the February meeting, I will be finishing the President's current term. I've always considered myself very fortunate to be a member of the Guild (for 12 years or so), and until family obligations arose a couple of years ago, I never missed a meeting. The first Tuesday night of the month has been MY time to learn, socialize, and enjoy a parade of quilts.

Long ago, I learned to sew in good, old 4H, but found that clothing construction often frustrated me. Eventually my sewing machine only saw mending work. Thirty years ago I moved to Pennsylvania and began watching Alex Anderson's "Simply Quilts". I always loved fabrics, so gradually I found myself being lured into the quilting world. I took some block-of-the-month classes, noted designs I liked and began to acquire fabric that I loved, so that I could become a quilter "when I had time".

Well, flash forward another fifteen years. As you may suspect, (and some already know,) I'm certainly NOT a copious quilter. I realized long ago that I'm best described as a fabric collector who occasionally makes a quilt. However, I do know business needs of an organization. If you all go about conjuring up quilting creations, I'll just tend to business, and enjoy YOU inspiring me.

Speaking of inspiration, when I got home from the February meeting, I sat down with the March issue of American Quilter Magazine and whose name do I see on the cover? Bethanne Nemesh! It has been a pleasure to be able to observe her artistic talent spread into the quilting world over the years. For those of you who haven't read her article "Walk a Creative Path", please take the time to do so. I took to heart what she has to say about the common quilting hurdles of hesitation and self-doubt.

We have so many talented quilters in our Guild. I fantasize that, one of these days, just "rubbing elbows" will translate into me actually quilting, instead of ...

Hey look, a Fabric Sale!

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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Community Service Kathie Laposata

Many thanks go to the 32 members who came to the February meeting to join the pillowcase construction fun. There were 235 kits ready to make, and we made a big dent in that pile. Those that weren't finished were taken home for completion. Return them at the March meeting and I'll see that they get to Ryan's Case for Smiles for distribution at Lehigh Valley Health Network hospitals. We've had several members comment that some of their young family members have received them during hospital stays, so the need often hits very close to home. I'll also be glad to take any additional cases you make on your own.

I hope you'll make a block or two for the veteran's quilt. Instructions for this easy block are in a separate attachment.

Finally, it is never too soon to start work on Camp Erin quilts (about 50 x 70 inches) for kids attending a bereavement camp this summer. Collection of them will be at the May meeting.



Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

COMING Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** member Michele McLaughlin presents

Designs *STILL* Worth Doing: A Celebration of Ruby Short McKim

This trunk show focuses on Ruby Short McKim, one of the most innovative and diverse quilt designers of the 20th century. Not only will the program feature vintage quilts she designed but examples will also be provided on how her patterns can be incorporated in to 21st century projects. Over 30 pieces are featured in the trunk show.



COMING Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** guest speaker Jessica Skultety from the

Quilty Habit presents **Modern Quilting - What's All the Hubbub?**

Jessica will treat us to a trunk show of modern/modern traditional quilts. She'll explore many elements of modern quilting (with her take on each one) and discuss ways to modernize any quilt. Plus, we'll aim to define "modern" on our own terms by the end of the 1 hour lecture including Q&A.



Membership

Judy Walker

At the February meeting we had 32 members attend. We did not have any visitors or new members. We also did not have a name tag drawing. I will be away during the March meeting, but Karen Hartzell will be taking over for me at that time. There will be a name tag drawing at the March meeting. For those of you who do not know what I am talking about, I'll explain. All members are encouraged to make and wear a name tag at all meetings so we can get to know each other better by name. If you wear a name tag, you will be given a ticket at the membership sign-in table. During the committee reports, I will draw one of the tickets and the winner will get a small prize.

I am also in the process this year of putting the new membership packet information on our web page (www.crazyquilters.org) Some updates and changes need to be made and decisions as to exactly where this information will be located on our web page are necessary.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Sandy O'Connor	March 12	Irene Madalena
March 3	Rhonda Moore	March 15	Diana Defanti
March 3	Sharon Pieller	March 17	Gladys Dewalt
March 8	Nancy Boccadoro	March 20	Lizzie Riccaboni
March 9	Pat Karo	March 23	Kathy Schuessler
March 10	Peggy Keiffer	March 30	Barb Kissell





Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

Show & Tells for February were presented by: Barb Kissell {2}, Pat Piasecki {2}, Lorraine Bujnowski {2}, Kathie Laposata {1}, and Pradnya Bal {2}.



Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton



The next **Sit & Sew** is on **Saturday, March 10th from 10:15 to 3 or 4 PM** at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus. Sit and Sew provides a great opportunity to the guild members to do what they love to do with others who have the same passion. All members are welcome!

Make sure to bring: extension cords, light, machine, lunch, pillow to sit on, projects to work on, cutting board, iron. Don't want to drag your sewing machine? Bring fabric to cut or hand sew. Need advice on your next quilt? Multiple opinions available at no charge! Given the large space, we can spread out and each have a large table to do our own thing! We have large work tables, a cutting mat and an ironing board at our disposal.

We had our largest turn out to-date with 14 people in and out of the Sit & Sew. Examples of what members did in February are finished pillow cases for charity, started quilts of valor, hand-binding, cutting out strips, sewing blocks or other projects, organizing/arranging a quilt with the input of the group, UFOs, putting together (pinning) a quilt top to the batting and back.

We bring our lunches (there is a microwave to heat food), sit and talk. You can come for the entire day or a portion of the time. Feel free to just come for lunch and sit and talk with others who share your passion!

We have learned about good fabric stores, sewing techniques and classes. A small number of us have gotten together (as the result of the Sit & Sew) and taken a field trip to fabric shops in the Lancaster area. We are planning to make this a bi-annual event, and have a tentative date in April. You are welcome to learn more, stop by and talk with us at the Sit & Sew.



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to the following members for providing the refreshments for the February 6th meeting. They were Paula Jacobus, Karen Landis, Pat Piasecki, Carol Willis, Adele Bush, Maureen Horowitz and Julie Borden.

March volunteers are Nancy Skok, Ruth Hoffman, Linda Wojciechowski, Diane Pesola, Janet Tryson, and Maria Hance. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting on the 6th.



Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Julie Borden has volunteered to bring the library gift in March. We have many new titles added to the library; come visit our new selections, some of which include: Quilty Fun by Lori Holt; Backyard Birds by Piece O' Cake; and two publications by the Moda All-Stars!



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Do you have a favorite way to organize your projects? In March, Quilters studio will be all about organization in the sewing room. Please come and share your secrets at 5:45 before the meeting on March 6th. Please let me know if you plan to attend.



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 will 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 meet **Wednesday, Feb 28 from 6-8** at my house and we will do a duplicate workshop on the modern log cabin for those who could not make the day meeting in January. If you attended the January bee please continue to work on your mug rug. We will show them at the April meeting! Please let me know if you can make it. Again, this is only for those who could not attend the day bee in January.

<u>9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. Odd Months</u>	<u>6-9 p.m. Even Months</u>
March 28, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 30, 2018	April 25, 2018
July 25, 2018	June 27, 2018
	August 29, 2018



Challenge

Jane Merkel

Look for the story board that Julie McDonell has graciously agreed to bring to the meeting on my behalf. It illustrates IDEAS that you might find inspiring regarding using fabric panels. (I now see panels everywhere!) Also, if you have been rooting through your stash and found panels to share with others, bring them along to give away. I hope this challenge will be FUN for you. A new story board will be coming each month. ENJOY!!

CRAZY QUILTERS 2018 CHALLENGE

“PANEL” PLAY

1. USING A FABRIC PANEL CREATE A QUILT OR A QUILTED ITEM.
2. THERE IS NO SIZE RESTRICTION, BUT KEEP IN MIND WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH DISPLAYING A LARGER QUILT (BUT WE WILL MAKE IT WORK).THERE WILL BE TWO CATEGORIES, QUILT AND/NON- QUILT. BOTH CATEGORIES MUST USE THE PANEL IN A QUILTED FORM. QUILT CATEGORY MIGHT INCLUDE WALL QUILTS, TABLERUNNERS, AND BED QUILTS. NON- QUILT ITEMS MIGHT INCLUDE TOTE BAGS, PURSES, PILLOWS, OR QUILTED CLOTHING.
3. YOU MAY ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES, AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE.
4. YOU MAY DONATE PANELS FOR OTHERS TO TAKE AND UTILIZE. JUST BRING THEM TO A MEETING, PLACE THEM ON THE BACK TABLE AND PUT A NOTE ON THAT IT IS FOR THE 2018 CHALLENGE.
5. THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.
6. PRIZES AWARDED IN BOTH CATEGORIES.
7. QUESTIONS: CONTACT Jane Merkel.



Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

Thank you to Robin Steinhofer, Nancy Skok, Suzanne Nelson and Linda Anderson for volunteering for the Shop for your **Sweetheart Show** in February at the South Mall!

Shifts are still available for the two shows in April. They are the **Steel City Fiber Festival** at the Merchant Square Mall on **April 14 and 15**, and the **Quiltfest NJ** on **April 26 -29** at its new location in Edison, NJ. Please see sign-up sheets at the next meeting, or email to sign up for a shift.

Avoid the wait to purchase tickets at the show and save money on admission. Wristbands are good for all days of the show. Group rate wristbands will be available for the Quiltfest NJ show, and money (\$11) is due by the March meeting. Please email if interested.

Classic Element Block – 12 inch finished size

Please consider contributing a block or two for a veteran's quilt this year.





Fabric requirements:

White or white on white – Six 2-1/2 inch squares.

Red (solids or prints) – One each of:

2-1/2 x 2-1/2 inch square

2-1/2 x 4-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 6-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 10-1/2 inch rectangle

Blue (solids or prints) – Same as reds

Step 1 – Lay out your squares and rectangles as shown in the picture and sew each column. Press the seams away from the white squares.



Step 2 – Sew the columns together. It's that simple. Your block should measure 12-1/2 x 12-1/2 inches.

Calendar of Events from the editor

March 1-3, Quilt Preview and Quilters Corner Shopping, 517 Trout Rd., Ephrata, PA, www.EastCoastMRC@mcc.org.

March 2-3, Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild, WWI Centennial Quilt Show, www.susquehannaquilters.org.

March 8-10, 9th Annual Fabric Extravaganza, Holiday Inn Nashua, Nashua, NH, www.allevents.in/nashua.

March 21-24, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA, www.quiltweek.com.

March 21-24, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltweek.com.

April 7-6, Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA, www.PAreliefsale.org.

April 14-15, Country Line Quilters, Path Around the Garden Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, Jamison, PA, for directions see www.saint-cyril.com.

April 15-16, 2018, Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchant Square Mall, Allentown, PA.

April 26-29, 2018, The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ, www.quiltfest.com.

May 4-5, 2018, A World of Quilts Quilt Show, Calico Cutters Quilt Guild, The Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA, www.calicocutters.com.

May 5-6, 2018, 10am-4pm, Quiltfest 2018, Colonial Quilters Guild, Charles Chrin Community Center, Palmer, PA, \$8, www.colonialquilters.org.

May 18-19, 2018, Celebration of Quilts 2018, York Quilters Guild, York College of PA, www.celebrationofquilts.com.

May 19-20, 2018, Garden State Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2018, Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ, www.gardenstatequilters.com.

September 13-16, 2018, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA. www.quiltfest.com.

Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, March 6, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 10, 2017 – **Sit & Sew**, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, 10:15am-3:00/4:00pm.

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