



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

Why does it seem there is never enough time to do all of the things we would like to do? Most of us have a list of unfinished projects just waiting for us to have time to work on them. Time seems to pass so quickly most days, weeks, months...years!

We have been having some lovely warm spring weather the past few days and it seems like the days are getting longer, and we are seeing more daylight, but in reality spring is the season of losing time. This year we "spring forward" on Sunday March 8. The term "spring forward" sounds so upbeat and positive but in fact it means we lose an hour of sleep or worse, an hour of sewing! I had intended at this point to give a quick history of Daylight Saving Time but there is no such thing as a quick history. It is very complicated! If you have any interest here is a link to some additional information. I will just say that it's lucky any of us know what time it is!

<http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/e.html>

The good news is that this year, because it is a Leap Year we are lucky to have the hour we will lose in March offset but a full added day on February 29th - a full 24 hours of extra time! Again I was hoping to give a quick history of Leap Year and I have to say it's simpler than Daylight Savings Time but just because I'm a bit of a nerd and love to have more information I don't want to bore you. Here's another link to some fun facts about Leap Year in case you are interested. <https://www.history.com/news/why-do-we-have-leap-year>.

So, how will you spend your extra hours on Leap Day? Some of our guild members have taken the initiative to set up a BONUS Sit and Sew day at Faith Presbyterian Church on Leap Day. Hopefully many of you will be able to take advantage of that. The hours are 10:15am - 4:00pm on Saturday, February 29. For those of you who have not been there before the church is located at 3002 N. 2nd Street in Emmaus.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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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

Feb 29 – Leap Day **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

March 3 – **Guild Meeting**, 7pm, Lower Level at Holy Spirit

Speaker Michele McLaughlin "By the Chimney No

More: Women and Quilting from 1865 to 1920."

March 7 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

****Please note****

Our meeting location is a bit irregular for the next few months due to our needs (space to display challenge quilts) and the church's needs (space for special mid-week Lenten services).

March – Lower level space at Holy Spirit

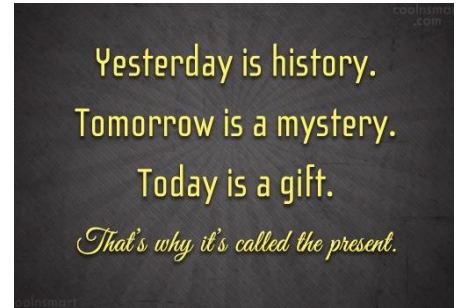
April – Lower level space at Holy Spirit

Please pay attention to the website and notices in the newsletter for updates.

From the President – continued

Whether you spend your extra day sewing, hanging out with friends and family or getting some overdo projects done, enjoy your extra time!

Best always, Val



Programs and Workshops

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

March: Topic will be Batting, led by Carol Whaling and Sharon Yurkanin. Group will meet before the guild meeting in a small room downstairs.

April: Ergonomic Hand Stretches with Sue Marin

Programs

Nicole Folino

March: Michele McLaughlin and Beth Bacher will be presenting "By the Chimney No More: Women and Quilting from 1865 to 1920." Many antique quilts will be exhibited and many more stories told about the history of women. You can learn more about women's suffrage at the Pennsylvania Piecemaker blog and they are also sponsoring a Suffrage Centennial Quilt Challenge (details can be found at the blog). Want to show your support for the centennial of our right to vote? Wear something yellow, purple or white to get in the spirit!

April: Ergonomics for Quilters, Dr. Leo McCormick of McCormick Chiropractic

Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In

Rae Wong

So far there are 30 signed up for the workshop. The location and date are to be determined.

This contemporary scrap quilt requires 800 - 2 ½" squares. In conjunction with the project, a swap of 2 ½" squares will be made among the participants so that everyone will have 800 different 2 ½" squares. For those who wish to participate in the swap, they will select 50 fabrics from their stash and cut one 2 ½" strip width of fabric (WOF). The WOF is then cut into 2 ½" squares. Fifty WOF strips will yield 800 - 2 ½" squares. The squares will be handed-in a month prior to the session and redistributed to the participants. For information on this project contact Rae Wong.

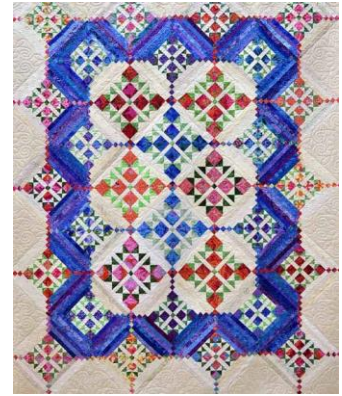


Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin

The AQS Lancaster Downtown Show is quickly approaching! Thanks to all of you who volunteered to sell tickets at this event. I've been thinking of ways to promote the sales of tickets at all our events. Here are a few basic ones:

1. Know your product. In this case, you should know the details of the quilt (size, materials used, methods used, pattern, etc.) as well as some of the history of our guild. I'll have sheets available with this information for volunteers at upcoming meetings. Please familiarize yourself with the information so that you are comfortable when talking to others.
2. If you want to work on a project while sitting at the table, may I suggest that you work on something quilt related. When people see you actively working on your craft/art, they are more inclined to stop by and ask questions. However, don't hide behind what you're doing. This leads to #3.
3. Engage your "customers." Talk to people as they come by the table. Many of them will have the same interests as you, so you already have a common background to initiate conversation. Here are some possibilities:
 - If you are at a major quilt show, ask the person which display they liked best, and why.
 - Do they prefer a specific designer or line of materials? (Kaffe Fassett? Moda? Robert Kaufman? Timeless Treasures? Batiks?)
 - What's their favorite technique?
 - What pattern/technique would they like to try?
 - Do they prefer hand or machine quilting?
 - What's their favorite quilt supply store?
 - Where do they get their inspiration?



We are doing well with ticket sales and we have six more months to go in the campaign. However, the Lancaster Downtown and the upcoming Allentown Arts Festival at Merchants Square Mall in April may be the last two big venues before the raffle in September. I'm working on several other venues, but organizers are not responding promptly.

I will be collecting money from members' sales and have more tickets available if you need them at our future meetings. If you have not yet picked up your tickets, please do so as soon as possible or make arrangements with me to get them. Remember, that the money generated from ticket sales allows our guild to provide featured programs throughout the year.

Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

There will be an additional Sit & Sew on Leap Day, February 29th. The regular monthly Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, March 7th. Both will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.



Spring Retreat

The Quilt Retreat for Spring 2020:

WHERE: At The Blue Lake House in Denver, PA. It's located about three miles from Burkholder's fabric shop.

DATE: May 1,2,3 -arrive Friday, depart Sunday; quilting all night and day. Bring your own projects to work on.

MEALS: We split into 4 groups and make the meals for the weekend - Friday dinner, Saturday brunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch. We can shop for fabric at Burkholder's near by. Have show & tell. It's fun to see what other people are working on for ideas and tips.

PRICE: \$120.00 for the weekend, room for 20 participants to sign up.

Payment due by April 24th.

Must bring your own sheets, pillow and blanket.

If you're interested call / text Sandy O'Connor.

Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on February 4th: Doris Horwath, Susan Marin, Pat Piasecki, Karen Hartzell, Sam Cetrulo and Phillis Walden.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

The February basket was donated by Diane Pesola and won by Ruth Skinner. Connia Straccia has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for March to the meeting. The lucky winner of the 50/50 was Cindy Fantasia.

Please do not bring library books to return as we are not meeting in our regular room.

Community Service

Kathie Laposata



I've already delivered 144 pillowcases to Ryan's Case for Smiles. Thanks to those who made them ahead of our February meeting or participated in the very productive pillowcase sewing session at the February meeting. Thanks to those who have taken pillowcases home to either finish or to wash and bag. I expect we'll have a few hundred more when all is said and done. 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. Since LVHN now has a dedicated Children's Hospital, I know the need for these cheerful pillowcases will only grow. I hope you enjoy making them as much as I do.

Consider making a block or two for the Quilts of Valor drive to collect 20,000 twelve inch nine-patches. Instructions for this easy block are at this site:

<https://www.qovf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Block-drive-2020-Revision2-2019-0830.pdf>

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. While we normally collect about 25 quilts, last year we received only 10. Consider using up some of your bright, cheerful stash fabric to make a simple quilt. Collection for them will be at the May meeting.

Thank you ladies for another delicious assortment of snacks. Those who brought drinks and treats were Doris Horwath, Sue Marin, Kathy Moore, Judy Walker, Debbie Heeps, Julie Borden, Phillis Walden and myself.

I especially want to thank Julie Borden, Sue Marin, and Irene Madalena who helped me set up as I was not feeling well and Sam Cetrulo and Sandra Mugridge who assisted with cleanup and brought the supplies to me since I left early. Many, many thanks to all of you.

The March Volunteers to bring food are Elizabeth Riccaboni, Nancy Skok, Diane Pesola, Ruth Hoffman, Linda Green, Kim Bringhurst, and Julie Borden.

Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel

In a delightful conversation with this month's featured guild member, Betsy Golden, I learned that she was a member early on, then left because of a move to Bethlehem, and has returned for several years now because she finds the programs are challenging and peek her interest. Betsy is soft spoken but underneath her quiet demeanor is a strong lady who has pursued classes, lectures, and studies regarding her historical quilting interests and technique driven styles. She is very fortunate to have taken Quilt Restoration classes with Nancy Kirk in Nebraska, and AQS Quilt appraisal Training. She loves to create patterns not buy them. She loves color which is reflected by her art history and design classes taken in college (although not her major) and by what she learned while working as a floral designer.



Having an interest in quilt history developed as a result of quilts passed down through her mother's side of the family.

Betsy has always been a sewer having been taught by her mother at age 11. Liking the process, she continued to sew for her children while they were young and now enjoys doing sewing projects with and for her grandchildren. She learned about embroidery and hand work because her mother bought kits and had Betsy make them. She is self-taught and followed book directions. She furthered her quilting skills with Julie Brenner at Julie's Sewing Basket in Emmaus learning applique' techniques. All of the above mentioned talents enabled Betsy to enjoy and contribute to our committee for the current raffle quilt, "Confetti Garden".

Betsy's first ever quilt was made from scrapy squares of fabric she had long been saving. It was a baby quilt for a friend. Many quilts later she entered a challenge using P & B reproduction fabrics at the Allentown Art Museum. Her entry was selected to be part of an article for Quilters Newsletter Magazine. Way to go Betsy!!

Betsy has also had the pleasure of working for Gail Kessler at Lady Fingers Sewing Studio. She credits her floral design training at Phoebe as a plus in obtaining this work opportunity. She has a natural knack for putting color and fabrics together thus her "work" was more like "fun".

Health issues have sometimes slowed Betsy down in her quilting journey but she always returns to what she loves: textiles, knitting, sewing, quilting, and weaving.

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

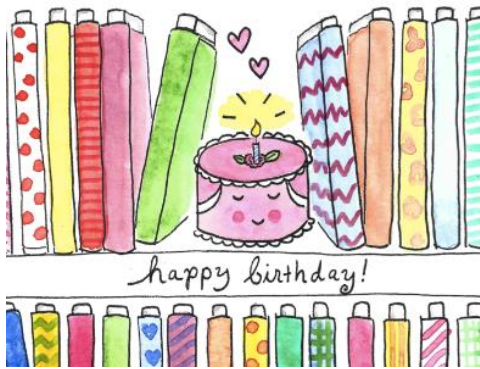
Forty-one (41) members attended the February 4th meeting and Pillowcase Palooza, including new member Sarah Jay, who visited in January. We had two visitors, Peggy Keiffer (previous member), and Rosemary Bossard who came with Doris Horwath.

Please remember to stop by the sign-in table every month so we can get an accurate count, especially if you arrive before the sign-in sheet does.

Sarah Jay is an intermediate quilter and learned about the group via our webpage. She moved from outside the area and looked for quilt groups in the area before deciding on Crazy Quilters.

We now have 76 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year (plus the 3 charter members for 79 total). Membership renewals will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.

The 28 members who wore a name tag were entered into a raffle; Sam Cetrulo was this month's winner of a fat quarter prize. We encourage all members to wear a name tag so newer members can introduce themselves.



March

- 2 - Sandy O'Connor
- 3 - Rhonda Moore
- 3 - Sharon Pieller
- 9 - Patricia Karo
- 12 - Irene Madalena
- 15 - Diana Defanti
- 20 - Lizzie Riccaboni
- 23 - Kathy Schuessler
- 31 - Patty Feninez

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

Sympathy cards were sent to former member, Phyllis Dedekind on the death of her husband and also a card was sent to Helen Hanton on the death of her father-in-law.

A Get-Well card was sent to Ann Lineberger as she had outpatient surgery. Happily she was back at our February meeting.

If you have any Sunshine and Shadows news to share email me at jackie.leipert@gmail.com or call me at 610-398-2173.

Member News and Requests

Michele McLaughlin

Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

Free Neckties!

If anyone is in need of neckties for a quilt, contact Ruth Skinner.

Favorite Quilt Shops

Each month I would like to highlight a quilt shop. I know there are directories of quilt shops, but I'm looking for the ones you have been to and recommend. This could be a quilt shop in our area, another location you lived or one you found while traveling.

Send me the name of the shop, location and what makes that shop special at krush6123@hotmail.com . And if the shop has a website, the link. The more information you can provide the better.

Favorite Quilt Shop

Diana Campbell



This is good timing since I recently "discovered" a new-to-me shop in East Earl, Pa. It is called Family Farm Fabrics. It was really nice and they seemed to have a very good selection from which to choose. I did not get a chance to cruise through the entire store since I was in a bit of a rush and was shopping for specific batik fabrics. And the lady was very nice and helpful.

1121 Main Street
East Earl, PA 17519
Phone: 717-534-2086

Hours: Monday - Saturday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

www.familyfarmfabrics.com

Gift Idea: Travel Jewelry Bags

Courtesy of Lebanon Quilters Guild Newsletter



The "It's a Cinch!" Double-Drawstring Jewelry Pouch is a nifty little pouch made not only to contain heirlooms, but to become an heirloom itself. They make the perfect gift for any girl, young or old. They are excellent for keeping a few dainty pieces tucked away. Toss them in a suitcase when traveling and hang them on a doorknob by their drawstrings. "It's a Cinch!" Double-Drawstring Jewelry Pouches are space-savers for the young lady in the college dorm room, and they make excellent wedding favors. Even keep baby's jewelry, locks of hair, and Tooth Fairy's teeth in them!

Super-easy to make, the pouch is basically constructed of 4 fabric circles. When assembled, sewn stitches create 8 pockets around the interior circumference and one center spacious area to safely contain jewelry and other keepsakes. Having two drawstrings securely holds the pouch closed, and when opened, only widens to the perfect width, preventing spills. To make the "It's a Cinch!" Double-Drawstring Jewelry Pouch, you will need to have only a basic knowledge of sewing. It doesn't matter if you do not have a fancy sewing machine. All your machine needs to do is to be able to sew a straight stitch and make a button hole.

The pattern is a quick download and just \$3 –

<http://www.youcanmakethis.com/products/the-its-a-cinch-double-drawstring-jewelry-pouch>



Committee Chairs

Challenge: Sam Cetrulo
Community Service: Kathie Laposata
Communication Chain: Diane Pesola
Historical: Rhonda Moore
Hospitality: Diana DeFanti
Library: Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich
Modern Bee: Nicole Folino
Newsletter: Karen Rush
Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski
Quilters Studio: Julie Borden
Quilt Raffle Marketing: Sue Marin
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

Advertising

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 send out separate emails of articles for sale to members.

The deadline for the March newsletter is **Monday, March 23rd.**

Events

- March 5-7** **MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Quilt Preview**
MCC EC Material Resources Center
517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA
Preview over 100 quilts that will be sold at the 2020 PA Relief Sale on April 3-4, see below.
Shop the Quilter's Corner
- March 24** **Antique Quilt Bed Turning**
The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society
2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA
Lecture by Quilt Historian Barb Garrett
2 session choices: 10am to 12pm or 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Cost is \$40

This bed turning event includes the stack of quilts Barb will discuss, plus admission to tour the center's current exhibit where 12 additional quilts will be on view for that day only.
<https://www.lmhs.org/mec-calendar/antique-quilt-turning-2/>
- March 25-28** **The Lancaster Quilt Show**
The Double Tree Willow Valley Resort
www.lancasterquiltweek.com
- March 25-28** **AQS Quilt Week**
Lancaster County Convention Center.
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/>
- March 28-29** **County Line Quilters: A Quilters Home Quilt Show**
St. Cyril Jerusalem Social Hall
1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA
www.countylinequilters.org
- March 29-May 2** **Art Quilt Elements**
Wayne Art Center
413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne PA

Art Quilt Elements 2020 is the 14th exhibition of this internationally acclaimed show, unique for its professional presentation of contemporary fine art quilts. The exhibition has been widely praised by reviewers and artists not only for the presentation of the work but also for the commitment to promoting the art quilt as a fine art form.
<http://www.artquilelements.org/>

- April 3-4** **Pennsylvania Relief Sale**
Farm Show Complex, Giant Expo Hall, Harrisburg
Attend the Pennsylvania Relief Sale. Bid on handmade quilts. Buy artisan crafts. Shop for goods at several auctions. Eat delicious food. Enjoy children's activities. Donate coins to My Coins Count.
www.PAReliefSale.org
- April 4-5** **Allentown Fiber Fest**
Merchants Square Mall
1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown
- April 17-Sept 25** **Quilt Exhibit: Crazy for You: Crazy Quilts and Objects for Memory from the Schwenkfelder Collection**
Schwenkfelder Library
105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg
Crazy quilts were all the rage from the time of the United States centennial in 1876 through the 1910s. Everyone wanted a sumptuous crazy quilt (which are actually usually not quilted) made from silks and velvets for their parlors. Often the quilts were personal expressions with dates, names, and imagery that were meaningful to the maker.
<http://www.schwenkfelder.com/collectionsexhibits.html>
- April 18** **Pocono Mountain Quilt Guild: Quilt Fest 2020**
East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church
83 S. Countland St., East Stroudsburg, PA
Over 200 quilts on display, live quilt demos, lecture by Jodi Beck, quilted items for sale , lunch served on premises. Come and see work by the Pocono Mountain Chapter of Embroider's Guild of America.
<https://thepmqg.com/pmqg-quilt-fest>
- May 2-3** **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>
- May 29-30** **York Quilters Guild: Celebration of Quilts 2020: A Quilter's Journey Then & Now**
York College, Grumbacher Sport and Fitness Center
899 S. Richland Ave, York
<http://www.celebrationofquilts.com/>
- June 13-14** **Annapolis Quilt Guild's Quilts by the Bay**
Annapolis Senior High School
2700 Riva Road, Annapolis MD
<http://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>

Aug 5-7

AQS Quilt Week - Lancaster-The Nook

The Nook Sports and Events Center

75 Champ Blvd., Manheim

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

Oct 30-Nov 14

Eastern PA Shop Hop