



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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March 2021

From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters!

I would like you to mark your calendars regarding our March 2 general meeting. Sue Marin has scheduled Toni Smith (also known as Quiltoni) as our speaker. She will speak on "The Pixel Revolution". While in Houston in 2019, I had the pleasure of hearing her gallery talk and spent time learning about her work. You will enjoy her! (Finding Toni on the program list was a nice surprise for me.)

In March, I will give a summary of the marketing committee research that has been ongoing for two months. Wonderful ideas have been exchanged and it is time to have your input.

Crazy Quilters is looking for energetic and creative minds to chair and/or co-chair the marketing team for our raffle quilt creation (and/or other fundraising ideas). There is much help available and guidelines to use as a basic format for procedures. Please speak with me anytime about helping with this necessary and important group.

I am going to have breakout rooms available when you sign on to our Zoom meeting in March. This is a way to connect with members on a smaller scale. Chat, share, exchange ideas, offer opinions etc. for a designated time BEFORE our 7:00pm meeting. Let's schedule it 6:40 to 6:50. It will be random for the first time. Let's see if we can do it.

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: **March 2nd, 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom**

**DEAR SEWING
MACHINE,
THANKS FOR
ALWAYS CLEARING
MY HEAD, HEALING
MY HEART, AND
LIFTING MY
SPIRITS.**

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From the President – continued

Sam Cetrulo reminded us at the board meeting that we should celebrate National Quilting Day, March 20. As a guild we will plan a Zoom and Sew “party” for March 20. Details to be shared at the meeting.

Happy Quilting, Jane

2021 Program Updates

Sue Marin

March 2, 2021: – I can’t wait for Quiltoni’s program on “The Pixel Revolution.” **Toni’s workshop has been postponed until April.** She will teach us how to create our own pixelated patterns. A six-hour workshop spread across two days will be held on **Saturday, April 10 and Saturday, April 17. Both sessions will run from 1:00 – 4:00.** Cost is \$25 per member/\$35 for non-guild members. Why not invite a friend to join you? **Registration deadline for this workshop is now March 5, 2021.** Registration forms were forwarded in a separate email. Once you learn this technique, any photo can become a quilt.



April 6, 2021: – Do you suffer from sore hands, a stiff neck, or lower back pain during or after a day of quilting? Dr. Leo McCormick and staff will present a lecture on “Ergonomics for Quilters” which will provide tips and exercises to keep us healthy and happy allowing us to do the craft we love for years to come.

May 2021: – Heather Kojan returns and will share her tips for deciphering Quilt Math.

June 2021: - Mary Fons (of Fons and Porter) will do a trunk show and share her experience as editor of *Quiltfolk* Magazine.

July 2021: – Cindy Orvacez, author of *Into the Garden: Realistic Three Dimensional Flowers Faster by the Strip* will talk to us about using embellishments in our designs.

August 2021: – Special **two-hour** presentation with Emily Taylor who will teach us the basics of collage quilting.

September 2021: - Start our new guild year off with a presentation from Meg Cox on “Making Meaning”.

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

November 2021: – Lilo Bowman will join us for a presentation on “Adapting to Change.”

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. Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held virtually via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB – (BOM)

Ready! Set! Go!

Pattern for Block 1 is posted on the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild website under BOM.

<http://www.crazyquilters.org/BOM.html>

Cutting instructions are correct. There is a minor misprint on page 4. Diagram #1 should show 2 #3 fabrics and 2 #4 fabrics as those used in that 4-patch block. I used a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam throughout. By using the scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " for the Quarter-Square Triangles, I needed to square those subsets to 4-1/2" before joining the blocks.



I used the Bohemian Rhapsody ombre fabric line.

I cut out all the fabrics, sewed all the subsets, then laid out all the subsets into blocks before sewing the blocks together. For more control over placement of lights and darks, you may want to lay out all of the individual cut fabrics into blocks before sewing subsets. Happy Sewing!

Pattern for Block 2 will be posted on the website by April 1.



Raffle Quilt Has the Blues!

Linda Anderson and Suzanne Nelson

Well, actually it needs the blues. And the creams and whites. So, check your fabric stash to see what you have that can help us create the Playful Spirit log cabin quilt by Judy Martin.

Here are some pointers as you dig around in your fabrics.

Blues: Mid to dark value, no light blues. Can be solids, prints, or batiks. Only caveat is that they read overall as blue.

Creams: can be tone on tone or solid. Batiks are welcome.

Whites: can be tone on tone or solid. Batiks are welcome.

- Prewashed fabrics, please.
- Cut strips 1-1/2 inches wide. In her directions, the designer favors cutting length of grain. Although that's preferable, we will take strips cut from the width of fabric as well. Length doesn't matter, since we will be subcutting the strips into smaller logs of varying sizes. To give you some idea, these subcut pieces vary from 1 1/8 to 12 1/2 inches. So this can be a real stash buster opportunity for you! Just give us the 1-1/2 wide strips and don't worry about the length of the strips.
- Please put your name on your donation. If you would like us to return any leftovers, please add a note letting us know that.



The collection: Linda Anderson and Suzanne Nelson will be accepting your contributions of pretty fabrics on Saturday, March 13 from 1-2 in the Target parking lot on Cedar Crest Boulevard. We will be parked in the far right corner of the parking lot, as you face the Target, in the corner in front of the small strip of stores including UPS and the dry cleaners. We will be masked and eager to greet everyone!

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

The generosity of our Guild members has been beautifully demonstrated this month with a friendly and successful drop off/pick up day on February 6th. It was wonderful to see your smiling faces and to collect 325 finished pillowcases, at least 50 breast comfort pillows, 11 placemats and 18 preemie quilts!

We also send a big thank you to our website manager Nancy Scholz, who has updated the "directions" page under the tab for Community Service to keep us current with new information now available. This includes new information for the 2021 Quilt of Valor block directions, and this year you will find there are two choices of block styles that are being requested. We will be happy to accept any completed Quilt of Valor blocks at upcoming drop off dates with no deadline. New information regarding Camp Erin for 2021 tells us that the camp will NOT be held in the spring, but will likely be held in the fall months as a virtual event. Our coordinator tells me that there are some quilts left over from last year, and they do not yet have a headcount of how many quilts they anticipate will be needed for 2021. Please hold onto any Camp Erin quilts you may have ready until I have more definite information to share with you. In the past, an average of 120 children/teens attend Camp Erin each year.

I also suggest as a reference: www.allpeoplequilt/pillowcasepattern for an easy and well-illustrated pattern that includes finishing with a French seam for those without a serger machine.

Thank you for all you are doing -- it is wonderful to feel connected with each other via our common interest and sewing machines!

Please email your quilt journey.

Name: *Karen Hartzell*

Length of Quilt Journey: About 45 Years

How did you learn to sew?

I began my love of sewing by watching my mother sew clothing for the family. As a baby-boomer, I grew up in the era of Barbie dolls, and made clothing for her with the girls in the neighborhood. I still have a suitcase full of clothing. We still had 'home economics' in High School, so it was there I made my first apron. My quilting started sometime in my college years.

How would you describe your quilting style?

I started more traditional with a log cabin for my first quilt, but am embracing the modern quilt movement. I receive a lot of donated fabric, so I tend to make things "Scrappy."

Has it changed over time?

My interest is always peaked by the newer trends and designs. I love to learn new techniques from the speakers we have at guild.

Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

No favorite but all Moda - just because!

Do you pick fabric or pattern first?

I peruse many magazines and then find the fabric that will work best for that design.

What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

I am a piecer and I just love fabric; the colors and designs. I enjoy creating the blocks, strip piecing, working on patterns, the best. I also like to machine and hand sew bindings.

What is your least favorite part and why?

The backing - My sewing space is very small, so large pieces are hard for me to handle. Also, I tend to procrastinate on the labels.

What other things do you sew?

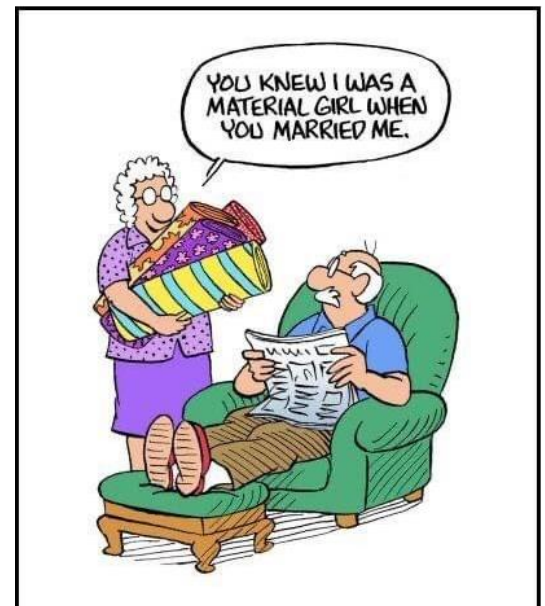
Curtains, pillows, tote bags, stuffed animals.

What is your favorite sewing saying?

Quilters are warm people.

What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Gardening - flowers and vegetables; biking on rail trails; cooking; reading.



Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Please submit photos of your quilts for Show & Tell Lorraine Bujnowski **AND** Nancy Scholz by **Feb. 28**.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

One of the advantages of ZOOM meetings is that we can attend despite the winter weather. I was glad to see Pat Piasecki at the meeting and I did send her a get-well card.

If you know of anyone who needs Sunshine or Shadow greetings you can ,please, let me know.

Membership

Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We had 43 members attend our February meeting. We currently have a total of 85 members.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their check or who renewed in person at the Saturday parking lot pillowcase and membership renewal gathering. We have had 43 members (including our 3 charter members) renew their membership as of Feb. 21. I look forward to receiving the rest of your renewals in the coming month. It has made the daily trip out to the mailbox a bit more enjoyable as I look forward to seeing what has arrived each day.

Dues in the amount of \$22.50 will be due and payable on March 1, 2021. You may send in your renewal at any time. Please mail your check payable to **Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild** to

Kathy Moore
1580 Flint Hill Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036

In return I will mail you a new membership card for the period March 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021. Please check the membership list to be sure your address is correct. If address changes need to be made notify Kathy Moore. Please mail your renewal check by **March 31st** as a new membership list will be sent out with the May newsletter, emailed approximately April 23. That will allow plenty of time for your checks to reach me. If you have any questions you can also contact me by email.

I'm not self-medicating
with fabric. The lady
at the fabric store
wrote me a
prescription. Well, she
called it a receipt.
Whatever.



March

- 2 Sandy O'Connor
- 3 Rhonda Moore
- 3 Sharon Pieller
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Dates: Nov 5 - 20, 2021.

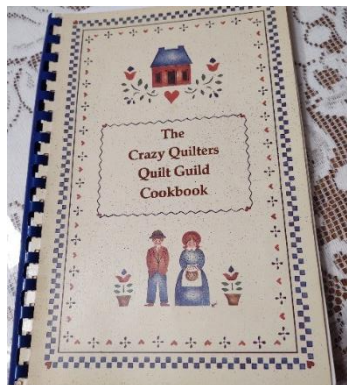
Hours: Mon - Sat 10-5; Sun Noon - 4PM.

Note: Wooden Bridge, In Stitches, and Ladyfingers will be closed on Sundays.

Featured fabric collection: "Bali Impressions - Photo Impressions", a batik collection by Benartex.

Passports will go on sale at each participating shop starting August 1.

Price is \$6 which includes a block fabric kit with pattern, passport, and tote bag.



LUSCIOUS CHICKEN

½ C. margarine	½ C. grated parmesan cheese
1 clove garlic, minced	½ C. dry bread crumbs
1/3 C. chopped onion	2 T. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt	1 ½ lbs chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces

Combine all ingredients. Mix with Chicken. Bake 30 minutes at 350, in 1 qt. casserole.

Submitted by Joyce Haeflinger

LICKIN GOOD CHICKEN

Place ingredients in a 9 x 12 inch pan in the order given

1 pkg. dry onion soup mix, ¾ C uncooked rice (not instant), 1 chicken, cut up or chicken thighs or chicken parts, 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can cream of chicken soup, 2 cans of water

Cover and bake at 350 for 1 hour. Uncover and cook for 30 to 45 minutes longer.

Submitted by Rachel Tamm

GRILLED CHICKEN CACCIATORE

1 can tomato paste	½ C. olive oil
¼ C. red wine vinegar	½ tsp. cayenne pepper
½ tsp. salt	½ tsp black pepper
1 tsp. Cajun spice	1 lb. chicken pieces

Make the marinade: mix all ingredients except chicken.

Place chicken in non-aluminum pan, add marinade, cover, and refrigerate for 24 hours. Grill chicken basting several times until juices run clear (approximately 30 minutes). Taken from House Beautiful. This recipe has become a family favorite for the grill.

Submitted by Patricia Karo

Pickles



Committee Chairs

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Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert

Website: Nancy Scholz

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