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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Donna Gasser

Once upon a time I used to have one quilt going at a time, never starting another one until the first was at a Long-armor's studio. Those days are gone. Right now, I have four quilts in various stages of completion and it is fun! I work on what is needed soon—like something to work on while at the Sit and Sew this Saturday or I work on what I feel like doing at any one time. It keeps things moving and a bit messy in my apartment, but that too will get done when I feel like it or when the sewing room needs to be converted to a guest room and my sewing disappears.

I had the opportunity to talk on the phone to a lot of Crazy Quilter members this month. It was delightful getting some feedback on how they feel about the guild, where they would like it headed, and how we can make it better for them as members. One suggestion in that line is to start an outreach in the community to educate the community about quilting. If you have an interest in this and especially some ideas about how to proceed to put this into action, please call, text, or email me.

The Challenge Quilt that Irene Oehmke presented at our last meeting is certainly one that can be taken in several different directions. We all should thank her for stepping up and thinking this through. I played with patterns and ideas on the internet for a while on different web sites—variety abounds! I look forward to seeing the rules and parameters on this challenge.

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

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Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Nicole Folino

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, Calvary Baptist Church (CBC) Allentown

5:45 – Quilters Studio 7 pm -- Meeting

Sit & Sew: Saturday March 4th & 18th, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



From the President – continued

As creative as our membership was with “It’s Only Natural”, it will be fun seeing what you all come up with for this one!

And finally, Bingo is moving forward and I am totally delighted with that! We had a productive Ways and Means Zoom meeting this week, tickets are being planned and ordered, and we discussed many ways to get many members involved. Vicky should be bringing some of these ideas up at our meeting on March 7. I hope you will all step up and help with this endeavor in some capacity!

As I write this, the weather is delightful. I walked my dog and saw many signs that spring is starting to burst out. I hope you too take the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather!

Quilters Studio News

Julie Borden

Hello Crazy Quilters!

Thank you so much for the great turn out last month...we had 12 people share their favorite rulers.

In March I will teach a mini lesson on t-shirt quilts...and then we will discuss our favorite threads and why?

I will need support on this since I do not have any favorite threads....

Please RSVP if you can share your favorite threads...we will meet again at 5:45 and discuss until about 6:20...hope to see more of our talented group sharing their expertise.

Programs

Nicole Folino

March: Eliza Hardy Jones hails from Philadelphia to brings the talent of her Quilt Song Project.

“The Song Quilts project visually interprets folk music from the American South and the Russian Arctic. I have traveled across the US and Northwest Russia interviewing women and gathering their songs. From these field recordings, I create transcriptions of the folksongs and transform them into quilts. I developed a notation method that translates pitch into color and rhythm into shape. The quilt notations are direct transcriptions as they were sung to me by the women who participated. The result is a synesthetic meditation on the power of women's voices and folk traditions across diverse peoples. Each Song Quilt celebrates the contributions of “women’s work” to national identity, global culture, and shared traditions.”



April: Community service project during the meeting. See Community Service below for more information.

Please to announce for April a Full Day Workshop!

Free Motion Quilting with Renae Merrill

April 1st 9am - 5pm – Set up is at 8:30

Cost is \$50

Here are links to some YouTube Videos that you might find helpful:

This one explains how FMM30 works:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIRXa-yl2Yw&list=PLpjOXKLhmNOT7qctg9uqTN9Aocf1tLq_&index=2&t=5s



This one is a visit to a classroom:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Del686bwFo&list=PLpjOXKLhmNOT7qctg9uqTN9Aocf1tLg_&index=13&t=1s

Visit her website here:

<https://ranaemerrillquilts.com/collections/free-motion-mastery-in-a-month>

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Please continue to prepare with us for the April meeting where we will sew together and begin to prepare quilts for children and women in need. Start preparing 2 1/2" strips and 5" squares for the meeting! We will need some of you to bring your sewing machines to sew, some cutting mats/rotary cutters/rulers to cut and prepare fabric for those who are sewing, and some ladies to pin strips together. We can also use a couple of ironers to keep the progress moving along. We will have some donated fabrics to work with.

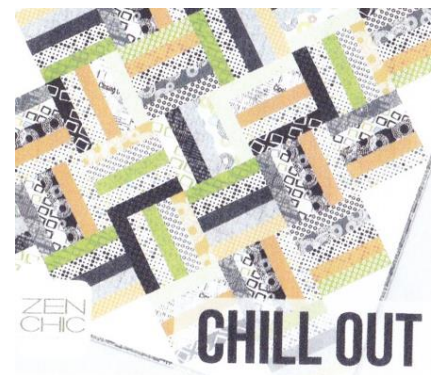
We are sure your creativity will produce some wonderful designs and results, and look forward to getting started!

Instructions for the pattern "Chill Out" by Moda:

Photo uses 1 Jelly Roll, 1 yard solid white, 1/2 yd grey print. Any combination of colors will work.

Finished size is 58" x 72". Use 1/4" seams

1. Make 8 strip sets of 5 strips and cut 32 squares out of the strip sets. Square size is 10.5" x 10.5"
2. Border Triangles. Cut 7 blocks, 15 3/4" x 15 3/4" square. Cut these in half to make a total of 14 triangles.
3. Corner Triangles. Cut 2 blocks, 7 7/8" x 7 7/8" square. Cut these in half to make a total of 4 triangles.
4. Alternate the blocks with stripes positioned vertically and horizontally, then set the blocks in rows en pointe. Sew together with 1/4" seams.
5. Position the white triangles in corners and along border edges and add to edges of quilt as seen in picture.
6. Layer with batting and backing, quilt and finish with binding.



Better Done than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski



I hope everyone has been working on their "Finish it in February" quilts, February's theme. You still have a few days to finish up. Show us your finished projects this month.

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

The Quilt Challenge theme for 2023 will be HEARTS.

The only rules are that the challenge is open to CQQG members only, your quilt surface design must have at least one heart or you must use heart fabric somewhere in your quilt surface. For example, on Pinterest there is a baby quilt that features a Mama and Baby elephant and they are blowing hearts from their trunks. That would qualify. I've seen Laura Heine's quilt The Guardian holding a heart instead of flowers. That would qualify. I also saw a simple nine patch quilt that featured puppies with a trail of paw prints and hearts running through the patches. As long as the "picture" part of your quilt has at least one heart in it somewhere it will qualify for the challenge. If the only place there is a heart on your quilt is in the quilting that would not qualify. The heart or heart fabric must be in the surface design work.

A quick Pinterest search yielded a multitude of heart themed quilts. Following are examples of heart quilts I found after spending just a few minutes on Pinterest:

Bonnie K. Hunter—Hearts of Hope
Laura Pilard Slice of Pi Quilts—Exploding Hearts
Jenny Kingwell—Boho Heart
Red Thread Studio—Pieces of My Heart
Susies-Scraps.com. —Baby Love
FullBobbinDesigns.com (Etsy) FPP—Heart Lens 3 sizes 8X8, 9X9, 10X10
StashBandit.net —To You With Love (Free Pattern)
Laundry BasketQuilts — Be Mine
TiedWithaRibbon.com — Chain of Hearts
Love Sew Store (Etsy) — True Fabrics Piece and Love



If you are interested in making a small wall hanging size of Exploding Heart, Quilted Crow on Delaware Avenue in Palmerton is selling kits for a 36X36 wall hanging. BethAnn Nemish has a free origami heart quilt block if you sign up for her newsletter.

To recap:

The theme for this year's challenge is hearts. As long as there is a heart somewhere on your quilt design (not including the quilting), your quilt will qualify.

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.

Your entry must be started and finished in 2023.

This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

Here's a schedule of upcoming Simple Whatnots:

March: At the meeting, show Pint Size. In your sewing room, be working on Apple Baskets (page 43).

Hospitality

Sandy O'Connor

Thanks to all who helped me out with hospitality last month. Also, the five members who provided our snacks for the February meetings. They were Nancy Skok, Irene Oehmke, Kim Bringhurst, Cathleen Kilpatrick and Kathy Moore.

March volunteers are Pat Piasecki, Katrina Idleman, Nancy Skok, Pat Vaccaro and Janie Rossetti. You will be reminded prior to the meeting.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for March 4th and 18th, 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 at 610-360-8693 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!

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

The library will be available for the March meeting.

The 50/50 raffle winners at the February meeting were Debbie Heeps and Lorraine Bujnowski. Congratulations!

Donna Gasser has volunteered to bring the raffle gift to the March meeting.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

For months we have been secretly collecting baby accessories for Sam's baby girl who is expected in early March. Although the gift was not presented to Sam at our February 7th meeting, Donna was able to surprise Sam at her home with the gift on Saturday, February 18th.

We all send Sam good wishes as we await the news of the birth of her sweet bundle.

If you have any news that you would like to share with the guild, email me.

From Sam -- Thank you for the Baby Gift!

My husband and I would like to thank the guild for the lovely gift basket. It was overflowing with goodies for the baby and love! ♡ Books are already on the bookcase and not included in the picture. We are about 2 weeks out and patiently waiting. Hoping to have an update by the March meeting!



Sandy O'Conner

Retreat

Retreat dates are November 9,10,11,12, 2023 Thursday to Sunday.
You do not have to sign up for 4 days.
If you only want to come Friday to Sunday that's fine!!

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our February meeting we had a total of 57 members in attendance. There were 55 members in person and 2 on zoom. We had Kirsty Michaelis join us as a guest for the evening.

Membership raffled off the three items- two Quiltfolk books and a quilt calendar which were our gifts this month from Quiltfolk. Lori Smith , Pat Wolfe, and Rae Wong were our winners.

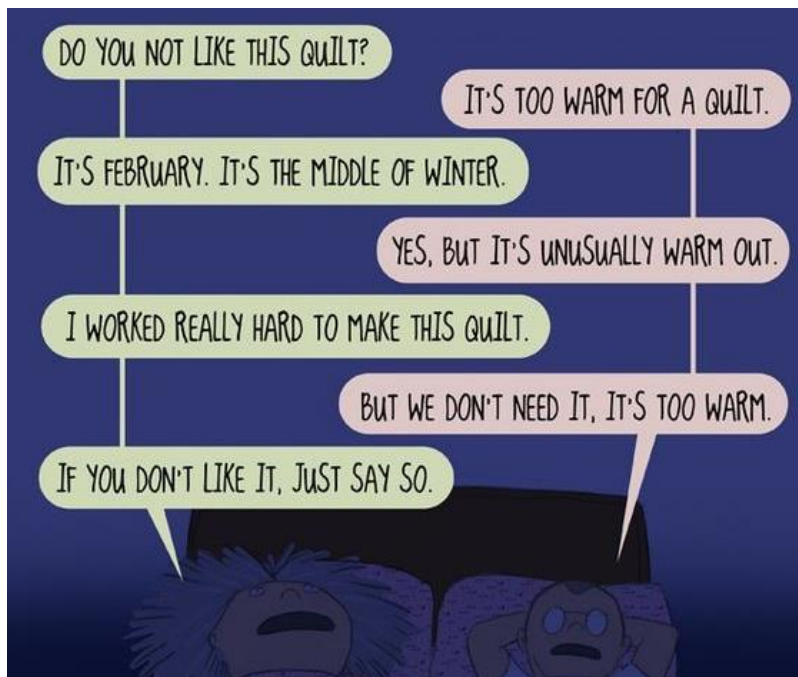
*Happy
Birthday*

*Sandy O'Conner 3/2
Patricia Karo 3/9
Irene Madalena 3/12
Diana Defanti 3/15
Lizzie Riccaboni 3/20
Kathy Schuessler 3/23*



Link to Free Pattern:

<http://logcabinquiltery.blogspot.com/2017/02/scrappy-shamrock-tutorial.html?m=1>



Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Communication Chain: Diane Pesola

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: Jackie Leipert

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

Upcoming Events:

March 29-April 1, 2023

Lancaster Quilt Show

Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center
2300 Lincoln Hwy. East (U.S. Route 30)
Lancaster, PA 17602

[Visit Website](#)

May 6 & 7, 2023



Our guild will once again be offering the Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler events. **The .pdf from each teacher and links to the sessions will be available two weeks before.**

Presented by The Colonial Quilters Guild
Quilt BINGO 



Sunday May 7, 2023

Doors open at Noon

Games Start at 1:00

TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

\$25 in Advance \$30 at the Door

FOR TICKETS CALL

Michele 484-894-7128 or Vicki 908-310-3526

Lunch/Refreshments Available

American Legion

2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA

Tricky Tray, too!

Ocean Waves Quilt Guild



presents

**Fabric of Life
Quilt Show**



- Thursday April 13, 2023 • 10:00am-5:00pm
- Friday April 14, 2023 • 10:00am-5:00pm
- Edyta Sitar Lecture 5:30pm. Admission gets you into lecture.*
- Saturday April 15, 2023 – 10:00am-3:00pm

Sussex Academy

21150 Airport Road • Georgetown, DE 19947

Admission: \$10 one day • \$15 two days • \$20 three days



Featuring Internationally Recognized Quilter

Edyta Sitar, Laundry Basket Quilts

Lecture and Truck Show on

Friday, April 14, 2023 • 5:30pm

NACQJ Quilt Show Judges • Sandra Dorrbecker and Beth Pauley

- Over 300 Displayed Quilts
- Vendor Mart
- Raffle Baskets - Raffle Quilts
- Second Time Around Shop
- Guild Quilt Challenge
- Quilt Appraisals by Karen Dever
- Quilting Demonstrations
- Community Service Projects Display
- Food Service on-Site
- Free Parking at Sussex Academy

www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org/quilt-show

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Deadline for the next newsletter is March 21st.