



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

Greetings Crazy Quilters,
I don't know how your month was but I feel like I have been on an emotional roller coaster for the past six weeks. These are definitely crazy and unusual times! As I'm sure you know we won't be able to meet again this month. You should have all received an email last week stating "Due to Gov Wolfe's extension of the "Stay At Home" order to May 8th, the May meeting and Sit 'n Sew are cancelled." In the past we have canceled meetings on occasion due to extreme weather but I don't think we have ever had to cancel due to a pandemic. I guess there is a first for everything.

During this time at home I've been trying to keep a balance between watching real news and enjoying some of the funny things people have put together to handle some of the stress. There are some great videos and pieced of comedy writing out there. I've been also trying to balance eating healthy food and comfort food. Our daughter who is staying with us during the pandemic is "pescatarian" so we have not had meat since mid-March. I have to say I have discovered some great new vegetarian recipes. We do have a daily dose of dark chocolate and almost always find time for at least one glass of wine. It's all about balance! I have not had any trouble finding ways to keep myself occupied. As I mentioned, a lot of cooking and I have had the luxury of spending a bit more time in my sewing room.

I have always been impressed with the many different ways our guild puts the sewing and quilting skills of our members to use to serve the greater community. According to our website in 2019 we donated over 1,345 items to a variety of groups. We have donated Camp Erin Quilts, Veterans and Hospice Quilts, Pillow Cases, Breast Cancer Pillows, Placemats and Premie Quilts. Now we can add facemasks to protect ourselves and others during the Covid-19 Pandemic to our list. The way that our members jumped into action when it became apparent that we could help was utterly amazing! Emails were sent back and forth

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

May meeting and Sit & Sew are Cancelled



From the President – continued

detailed instructions, fabric stashes were raided and elastic resources were uncovered. Finished masks were picked up and dropped off all over the Lehigh Valley. I don't have a final accounting of how many masks were produced but I am confident that the Crazy Quilter's made a difference!

I think it may be a while until we are back together meeting the way we enjoy. Watch your email inboxes and the website for updates. In the meantime, I hope that all of you and your families are staying healthy and safe!

Best always, Val

CQQG Officer Nominations

Val Johnson

The nominating committee, comprised by Phillis Walden (chair), Jackie Leipter & Julie McDonell, has put forth the following names of candidates for officers in the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild for the next term, beginning September 1, 2020:

President - Jane Merkel
Vice President - Samantha Cetrulo
Secretary - Suzanne Nelson (year 2)
Treasurer - Kathie Laposata
Membership Officers - Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore
Program Officer - Sue Marin

According to our bylaws the nominating committee would normally present their report with the slate of candidates at the May meeting. The report would then appear in the June newsletter and the election would occur at the June meeting. Prior to the election, additional nominations from the floor would be permitted.

Due to our current situation with a restriction on meeting (we will not be having a May meeting) I felt it was appropriate to publish the list of candidates in the May newsletter. In June if we are still not able to meet I propose that we hold an election by email. Additional nominations will be permitted up until June 2. You may make a nomination for any of the above listed positions by contacting Phillis Walden at waldenquilts@verizon.net

Many thanks to the nominating committee and to the great group of ladies they recruited. They all stepped up when asked and accepted the challenge to help lead our guild into the next term!

Programs and Workshops

Quilters Studio

Stay tuned...

Julie Borden

Programs

Stay tuned...

Nicole Folino

Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In

The Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In has been put on hold.

Rae Wong

QUILT CHALLENGE FOR JANUARY 2021

Judy Walker



Hope you all are staying healthy and busy sewing many quilts or projects during our staycations. If you haven't thought about the quilt challenge, now is a good time to start finding ideas for the challenge. There are many YouTube videos on easy to make flying geese or a no waste flying geese pattern. Missouri Star has a "Take Flight" tutorial on their website.

The rules are you need to have at least 30 flying geese in your challenge quilt. You may have more, but the minimum is 30 and the quilt must have been finished in 2020.

Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin

Here we are, a month later, and with the exception of making thousands of masks for our local healthcare providers, family and friends, not much has changed. We're still in "lockdown" mode, and still quilting or sewing.

Our show on May 16, "Nick's Heart of Gold Foundation," - a fundraiser for pediatric cancer - has been revamped to a virtual show, just like the Allentown Fiber Festival did. This could bring in some ticket sales (Sam Cetrulo sold \$20 worth this way at AFF) and we don't need to worry about staffing the table. The organizers are still working out the details, so I'll let everyone know which platform they decide to use so that you can tell everyone to follow along that day.

I will keep everyone posted for the remaining shows scheduled over the summer. Decisions for all guild activities are being made on a month-to-month basis.

Since I don't know when we'll be able to gather again, I'm going to mail out the remaining tickets to those members who have not had an opportunity to pick them up. You can mail your \$30 check made payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild to me at 26 Laura Drive, Barto, PA 19504. If any member has experienced financial hardships to the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot pay the required amount, please talk with any Board Member. We will discuss options and make appropriate arrangements with you.



Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

The Sit & Sew for May is cancelled. The next date is June 6th.

Spring Retreat

Sandy O'Conner

May retreat has been canceled. But we're in for November 13, 14, 15. Sign up will begin in September.

Virtual Show and Tell

Sam Cetrulo

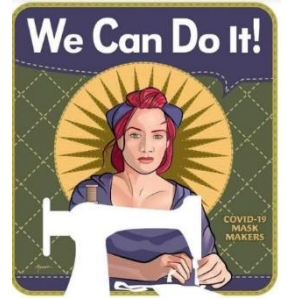
Join our virtual show and tell on the Crazy Quilters Facebook page.

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 at a later date.

Community Service

Kathie Laposata

I have both good and bad news this month. The GOOD news is that this Guild is making an outstanding contribution to slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus by providing 3,510 masks to our health care workers, family, friends and neighbors. And those are only the ones you've told me about. Please continue to update me as you make more. These are definitely the fashion statement of 2020.



The BAD news is that because of social distancing and the need to reduce contacts, there is no outlet for the quilts we normally make for children and veterans. 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 in on a shelf for a later date. I'll let you know when donations are again being accepted.

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 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



Birthdays in May

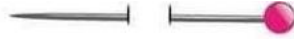
Maureen Horowitz	May 8
Dawn Martrich	May 12
Janet Tryson	May 27
Sandra Mugridge	May 28

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

Let us all bring some sunshine to Roberta Aeschliman as she recovers from a fall. Hopefully she will have a quick recovery. It is a difficult time for all of us as we try to stay healthy for ourselves, our family and our community.

If you need any Crazy Quilter Cheer email me at jackie.leipert@gmail.com or call me at 610-398-2173.



I hear some people are starting to feel stressed in lockdown!
Actually I was just talking about this with my sewing machine,
and she seemed to agree. But when I asked the elastic,
it just snapped back! I think it was stretched to its limit.
So I tried to talk to the cotton, but it shrank away.
The linen was in a bunch. The scissors were snippy.
Even the stuffing was down. When I came around to ask
the buttons, they just gaped. The snaps suggested I get a grip.
Thankfully, the iron gave it to me straight
and reminded me this will all be smoothed over soon.

tie dye
Divas
sewing patterns

Member News and Requests

Toiletries for Allentown School District Homeless Project

Marsha Heimann

Spring and Summer are coming soon and as we travel, I want to remind you to collect the small hotel toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Project. Again, this year the ASD has over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time they look forward to the little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics filled with products the children so desperately need. Many times, this is the only gift they receive. I have begun making the bags and collecting Christmas Fabrics as they are beginning to appear in the fabric stores. I will make as many as I can. But I also need your help. If you have small travel size toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or anything small tucked away from your hotel stays or pick up a few small hygiene items in the travel section at your grocery store or Target please consider bringing them to a guild meeting.



This project started years ago with the women who attended the Guild Retreat and has grown tremendously – our first year we made and filled 20 bags. Last year with your donations I was able to fill 250 bags which were so gratefully appreciated. Please take a look in your linen closet, bathroom drawers or even your suitcases and see if you don't have some small bottles tucked away but nothing previously used please. Bring your items to a guild meeting between now and November and we will see how many bags we can provide for the kids this year. Thank you for your support.



See? It was never
fabric hoarding

it was pandemic planning



tie dye *Diya*

Committee Chairs

Challenge: Judy Walker
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 sent out separate emails of articles for sale to members.

The deadline for the May newsletter is Monday, May 25th.

Events

* Indicates locations the raffle quilt will be displayed

- 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>
- May 2-3 Colonial Quilters Guild: Quiltfest 2020
Postponed to Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township
Nov 7-8 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer Township
<http://www.colonialquilters.org/2020-quilt-show>
- May 16* Nicky's Heart of Gold Foundation
Virtual Keystone Fire Company
Fundraiser Fundraiser to support families dealing with pediatric cancer.
- 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/>
- June 21* Home Sewing Center - Merchants Square Mall
1901 S. 12th Street
AllentownPA
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
The Nook Sports and Events Center
75 Champ Blvd., Manheim
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/>

Aug 5-7

Lancaster Quilt Show

Doubletree Willow Valley Resort

2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

<https://www.thelancasterquiltshow.com>

Oct 30-Nov 14

Eastern PA Shop Hop



Notes from the March Quilters Studio on Batting –
Carole Whaling and Sharon Yurkanin

Carole's batting of choice is Heirloom 80/20 but her number one tip is to read the packaging and use according to instructions.

To pre shrink she puts in washer and soaks but does not run thru cycle. Dry by air fluff only for about 2-5 minutes.

Another good choice is Dream Poly with pink label. It comes in white version for white quilt.

Warm and Natural or Warm and White is a good sturdy choice. Make sure you use the right side which is the side that the needle goes thru.

Quilters Dream Cotton is very thin.

To piece batting together, use walking foot with longest stitch. Use zig zag stitch and put pieces next to each other but not overlapping.

Sharon recommends a hedge hog needle puller. I found it just under the name 3 in 1 needle puller.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07719NDSW/ref=twister_B07BPJMN52?_encoding=UTF8&th=1

I did not write down the name of the hand quilting batting but I think it is Thermore. Please confirm with Sharon.

https://www.connectingthreads.com/hobbs-thermore-batting-craft/p/21653?utm_source=media&utm_medium=marketing&media=PPCGNBS&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9tbzBRDVARIsAMBplx_E134EL2mBVT2txqjl05ZwSSVS0YfEgZggL50-XvjDMbY8jXNVplaAm-aEALw_wcB&utm_campaign=PPCGNBS

Shopping tip from Carole is to watch for 30% off coupon from connecting threads to stock up on heirloom batting which can be combined with free shipping.

Recorded by Sam Cetrulo