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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Jane Merkel

Dear Crazy Quilters,

When the first of the month falls on the first Tuesday as it did this year for Feb. and March, how much more time it seems we have between meetings. Did I get anymore done than usual? No. But I rested a little more, read a little more, and rejoiced at the signs of Spring everywhere!! I even planted a few flowers on my deck.

All of this makes me think about the Challenge for next year. I have flowers that come up each year (that I would love to put in a quilt), and the birds that sit on our one and only birdfeeder are glorious, and then there are the squirrels that dash across a short line and swing down and grab the peanuts, my son put out for them on a string. So too, I hope you are seeing inspiration abounding and can translate that into a Challenge entry.

Before our May meeting, Michele and friends will have started their evaluation of the library books. They will eliminate and condense. We will constantly update the listings on our website. And we will offer members a chance to purchase these books for a nominal fee. The first offering will be at our in- person June meeting at Calvary Baptist Church.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM

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## Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel

Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo

Secretary: Karen Hartzell

Treasurer: Kathie Laposata

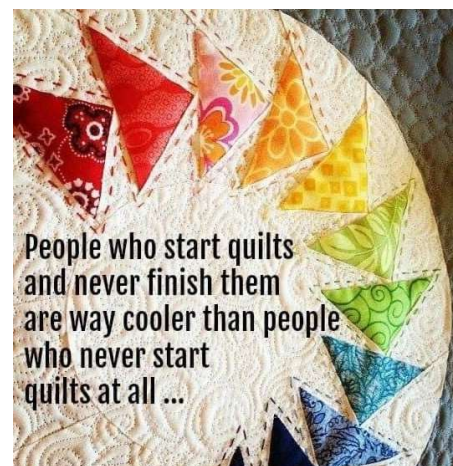
Programming Officer: Sue Marin

Membership Officer: Kathy Moore

## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:30-8:00  
Via Zoom

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Faith Presbyterian



People who start quilts and never finish them are way cooler than people who never start quilts at all ...

## **President's Message (continued)**

Lastly, I want to say a thank you to our nominating committee for working so diligently to secure officers for the 2022-2023 year. I am very proud of the ladies who stepped forward so that our guild can move ahead to new and greater expectations. New and fresh ideas are what keep us evolving. Please know that we will continue to support you, as you have so graciously done for us.

Please remember to call me or meet me at Lindberg Park on April 30 from 10-11 to drop off any grab bags of sewing/quilting items. (Remember they will not be returned.) Join us for the May 7, Macungie Flea Market, sponsored by the Lower Lehigh Lions Club. It is 8:00-1:00.

And a Happy Mother's Day to all!

Jane

## **2021 – 2022 Program Review and Updates**

Sue Marin

**April 5 and 6, 2022:** Thank you Ellie Levy for a wonderful program celebrating mothers and mothering friends in so many, different ways! Five members took her Weave a Quilt with Me workshop on Wednesday. Who could have imagined that such a simple technique would produce such lovely results! Ellie challenged us to have our projects completed by June and submit them for Show and Tell.

**May 3, 2022:** All aboard! Hop aboard the CQ Zoom Express for a trip to Egypt sponsored by Debbie Wendt. On our journey, Debbie will regale us with her experiences working with the Egyptian Tentmakers. Debbie's career spans 30 years, and includes publishing, designing quilt patterns, and teaching which included several international teaching opportunities in Cairo and Cambodia. Want to learn more about Debbie's various adventures? You'll find much more at [www.wendtquilting.com](http://www.wendtquilting.com). Hop on to Zoom at 6:30 to "reserve" your seat!



**June 7, 2022:** Former Guild member, Julia Davidovich, will present "Begin with the End in Mind: Everything You Wanted to Know about Having Your Quilt Top Longarmed." As a thank you to all of you who sent work her way, Julie is offering this program to the Guild **free of charge**. It will be held at Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown, just off Tilghman Street. Julie prefers to do this one LIVE, but we plan to offer a hybrid meeting that evening, too. Julie will cover best practices for piecing your top, selecting your batting, thread and backing fabric as well as choosing quilt designs. She will also share some finished quilts. Bring a pen and paper to take notes!

**July 5, 2022:** EPP anyone? Members Vicki Pede and Kathy Moore will do a program on English Paper Piecing. I can guarantee you will see and learn a lot more than Grandmother's Flower Garden! The program will present some EPP history, different shapes and ways of using them, as well as providing a small kit for members in attendance to make a flower that will be used to create a charity quilt. Join us live at Calvary Baptist Church in Allentown or online via Zoom.

**August 2, 2022:** Julie Borden, former guild president and coordinator of past Quilter's Studios, will present a fun trunk show on wool applique. She'll share many of her wool appliqued quilts and share with us what has consumed much of her time over the past 30 years.

*\*\*\*Please note that in addition to our regular evening meetings, we will again meet at Lindberg Park on the third Tuesday of the month for summer get togethers. Mark your calendars for June 21, July 19 and August 16. We hope to see you there. Sessions begin at 1:00 PM.*

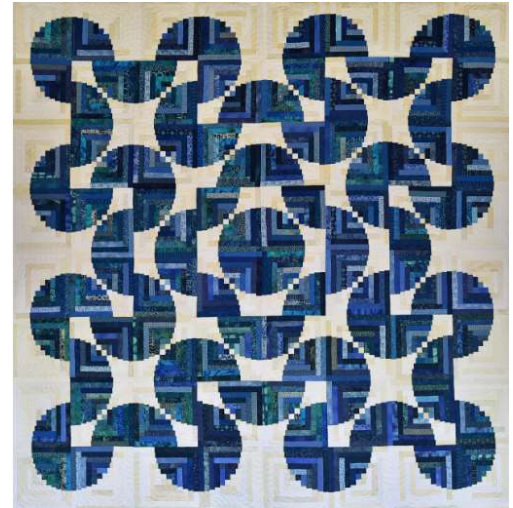
### **Raffle Quilt Update**

Macungie Park on May 7 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is the Lower Lehigh Lions Spring Flea Market/Garage Sale. Jane Merkel is leading this one. Thank you to the early birds who will help her set up! Jane could use one more 6-foot folding table. This event is outdoors so plan accordingly.

- Set up time is 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM – Jane Merkel, Suzanne Nelson and Nancy Scholz
- 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Kathy Moore, Sandra O'Connor
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Vicki Pede and Pat Piasecki
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Just a reminder to everyone that the raffle tickets need to be returned with your check by the August meeting. This will give us the chance to get all the monies in this fiscal year and ready for the drawing in September. I will be at all the meetings and Sit n Sew gatherings if you want to drop off rather than send everything in the mail.

Judy Walker



### **2022 Quilt Challenge -- It's Only Natural!**

Sue Marin & Karen Rush

Need some inspiration for your challenge quilt? Books to be removed from the guild library will be for available for members to view or purchase (at a minimal cost) at the June, July and August meetings at Calvary AND at the summer get-togethers on the third Tuesday of each month (June 21, July 19 and August 16) at Lindberg Park.

The theme this year is meant to capture those things found in nature. For example, animals, birds, landscapes, seascapes, gardens, flora and fauna are acceptable. Man-made structures are allowed as long as they are NOT the MAJOR emphasis of your piece.

Your entry must have been completed between March 1, 2022 and December 23, 2022.

Feel free to use any/multiple techniques that will enhance your entry: applique, collage, foundation paper piecing, EPP, pixelating, etc.

There will be three divisions with three categories under each division:

The divisions are:

- Large Quilt (40"x40" or larger)
- Small Quilt (smaller than 40" x 40")
- Other (placemats, table runners, pillows, wearable art, etc.)

The categories are:

- Landscapes/Seascapes
- Animals/Birds
- Flowers

Members are encouraged to enter as many divisions/category combination as they would like. For example, one large, one small and one other in landscape but not two smalls in landscape.

There will be ample opportunity to win an award!

Questions? Reach out to Karen or Sue.

### **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

Updated information from those leading Camp Erin/Camp All Year are now stating that there will not be an in-person camp experience in 2022, and that they have an adequate supply of quilts on hand. For that reason, I have delivered 11 quilts to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley and received warm appreciation from the staff there when I arrived with the delivery. I have also delivered approximately 50 breast pillows at their request to the Cancer Support Community of the Lehigh Valley and was again greeted with much warmth. I also attended a meeting of the local chapter of Ryan's Cases for Smiles with the new coordinator, where I dropped off 74 completed pillowcases and accepted additional kits for more pillowcases. Tomorrow I hope to follow-up on a lead to accept a donation of fabric from the family of a woman whose grandchildren have attended Camp Erin.

To continue to support Ryan's Cases for Smiles, a check for \$75.00 has been sent to the organization. And after asking you to hold off on making breast comfort pillows during the shut-down phase, I now ask you to make more if you are interested! I no longer have any left to provide to the Cancer Support Community and would like to re-stock our inventory. Our campaign to provide placemats to Meals on Wheels in the Autumn also brings me to gently ask you to consider making some over the upcoming months, as I have only 12 completed placemats so far.

The generosity and talents of our Guild members is truly remarkable and greatly appreciated! I will bring kits to our in-person meetings and will be happy to accept any items you have completed as well. If you need me to pick up anything at your home, please do not hesitate to contact me and we'll set it up.

Please see the information provided by Kathie Laposata and Lorraine Bujnowski regarding suggested projects to show support for the people of Ukraine. We thank them for taking the initiative and responsibility to lead these efforts and hope you will participate if interested.

Community Service has selected three ways our members might use our talents to help Ukrainian refugees.

**1. Make an 8-1/2 inch block in the colors of the Ukrainian flag.** Use any combination of blue, yellow or white in your fabric selection. Claudia Pfeil, an award-winning German quilter, is collecting 8-1/2 inch blocks that will finish to 8 inches in a quilt. She will arrange to have quilters assemble the blocks into quilts to be given to refugees. Kathie Laposata and Lorraine Bujnowski will collect them between now and our June 7 meeting and will mail them to Claudia in Germany.





**2. Make Pat Sloan's 'Quilters Stand for Ukraine' block using the directions here:**

[Pat Sloan Quilters stand for Ukraine directions](#)

We need 12 blocks to make a quilt, and we already have 8 blocks either made or promised, so we only need 4 more members to make a block within the next month. Please contact Kathie Laposata before making a block so that we only get the 12 blocks that we need. The blocks will be made into a quilt and delivered to Lutheran World Relief, who will send it to Ukraine.



**3. Donate a finished quilt of any color to Lutheran World Relief.** This charity has an ongoing effort to send quilts to those in need. They are asking for quilts that are about 60 inches by 80 inches of any color or design except patriotic or religious. Give your quilts to either Kathie Laposata or Lorraine Bujnowski by our June 7 meeting. Here are the guidelines; [Lutheran World Relief quilt guidelines](#)

**Sit & Sew**

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 \$5 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 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!

**Show and Tell**

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Karen Hartzell, Kathy Laposata and Suzanne Nelson, our faithful contributors to Show & Tell each month. I am sure many of you have completed quilts or projects recently. Please share your photos with us. Kathy Laposata showed us a Dirty Dozen quilt. For the month of May, #12 is the number. For May, please send your photos by Sunday May 1st to Lorraine Bujnowski, Roberta Whitcomb and Nancy Scholz.

**Sunshine and Shadows**

Jackie Leipert

If you have any news you wish to share, contact me at.

**Membership**

Kathy Moore

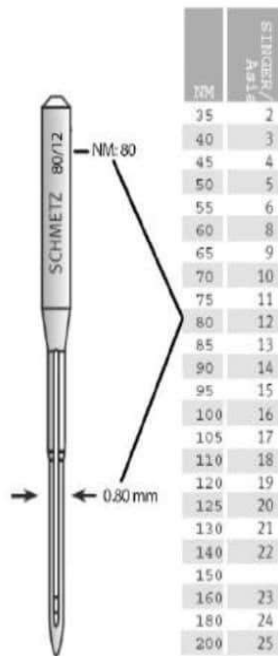
For our April zoom meeting we had 44 members attend out of our total membership of 75. I look forward to seeing even more of you zoom in on May 3rd meeting.



**May Birthdays**

- 12 Dawn Martrich
- 28 Sandra Mugridge

## Needle Fact: The 80/40 Rule, What Needle Size Do I Use?



The most popular thread used for all types of sewing, quilting, and crafting is a 40 weight thread. **When using a 40 weight thread, use a size 80/12 needle.**

If using a thread finer than a 40 weight, such as a 50 weight, use a smaller needle size such as 70/10.

Micro threads use needle size 65/9 or 60/8.

**Again, using a 40 weight thread with a 80/12 needle as a benchmark, if using a heavier thread, move up at least one needle size.**

If using a 30 weight thread, use a needle size larger than 80/12. Use size 90/14 or larger.

### Committee Chairs

**Challenge:** Sue Marin & Karen Rush

**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:**

**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:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



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

## *Quilt Shows and Events*

May 1	<b>Quilt Bingo!</b> Colonial Quilters Guild	American Legion 2260 Corriere Rd <b>Easton, PA</b>	<a href="http://colonialquilters.org">Home (colonialquilters.org)</a>
May 11-14	Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse 2		<a href="#">QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #2 » Mancuso Show Management</a>
May 15 1-4 p.m.	Presentation by Meg Cox – Quilting through the	Durand-Hedden House and Garden 60 Woodland Road <b>Maplewood NJ</b>	<a href="#">Piece by Piece: Quilting Through the Pandemic   Durand-Hedden (durandhedden.org)</a>
June 10-12	Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show	Columbia Montour Vo Tech School 5050 Sweppenheiser Drive, <b>Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania,</b>	<a href="#">Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild: Quilters In Bloom Quilt Show</a>
June 11 10 am to 1 pm	Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure Sale	Saint Luke Lutheran Church 203 North Valley Forge Road <b>Devon, PA</b>	<a href="#">Main Line Quilters   a quilt guild based on Philadelphia's historic Main Line</a>
September 15-18	Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza	Greater Philadelphia Expo Center <b>Oaks, PA</b>	<a href="#">Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management (quiltfest.com)</a>
October 28 – Nov 12	Eastern PA Shop Hop	Ten shops this year!	

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**20 GAMES!**

**5 SPECIALS!**

**Sunday May 1, 2022**

Doors open at Noon  
**Games Start at 1:00**

Tickets: \$25 in Advance  
\$30 at the Door

Contact any Guild member or [colonialquilters.org](http://colonialquilters.org)

*Lunch/Refreshments Available*  
American Legion  
2260 Corriere Rd. Easton, PA  
*Raffle Quilt and Tricky Tray, too!*