



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters!

I hoped you enjoyed our face to face, masks on, socially distancing, September, 30th Anniversary Celebration! Thank you, Sue, it was so well planned. It was fun to greet everyone as they drove through to the registration table for attendance and to receive their "Goodie" Bag Anniversary Gift. Thank you for wearing your nametags. Valerie was thrilled with her parting gift and sends her thanks to you and to the generosity of the Nelson family. Her sewing room proudly displays a lovely Amish Quilt photo. After we held the quilt raffle drawing, (Thank you Karen for the special edition!), we ambled through the parking lot to view your creativity. The most creative display for me was Julie Davidovich's car. It really made me chuckle and hope you did as well.

Flexibility is a key word we will be using as we learn to navigate through this continuing stressful time. I do know that on the FIRST TUESDAY of the Month, you can PUT YOUR WORRIES aside, grab a cup of tea, and COME to our Guild Zoom Group Meeting. Amy Friend is from New England AND she will be with us via Zoom as our first ever zoom speaker.

I have never been prouder than I was at your continued response to Community Service. May giving to others always make you happy whenever you are able. Working as a community service coordinator takes a heartfelt dedication and special love that we have seen over and over with Kathy Laposata (outgoing chair) and already are witnessing with Janet Yandrisevits and

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 Meetings:

October 6, 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom



Presidents' Message Continued

Mercedes Gurniak (incoming chairs). As a guild, we can always stay connected through their efforts.

Finally, please take to heart my asking you to use FRIENDLY FRIDAY" to reach out to members (known and not so well known) to just say Hi! And ask what they have been up to in their quilting journey. I have had delightful conversations with all of the charter members as a result of "Friendly Fridays". I am grateful for this opportunity; I hope you can find joy in doing so, also.

See you on Zoom,
Jane

Thank you Crazy Quilters

Thank you to everyone who made our September Anniversary Celebration such a fun filled evening! Sue Marin and Jane Merkel did a fantastic job leading the way, coordinating everything from the drive through treat bag pick up to the parking lot trunk shows, to the drawing of the winning raffle quilt ticket.

I would like to thank everyone also for the very thoughtful and beautiful gift, the framed amish quilt print, that was presented to me as outgoing president. I absolutely love it! I have been an admirer of amish quilts from way back. I used to go on a two day bike ride with my family in Indiana Amish country every summer back in the 1980's, and one of the highlights was wandering through shops admiring the handmade quilts. The print will hang in a place of honor in my sewing room.

Thank you also for all of the kind words that were sent my way in notes and cards. I enjoyed serving as the president of the Crazy Quilter's Quilt Guild. I learned a lot in my short term. I learned a lot about bylaws and policies but more important I learned a lot about what a supportive, creative and kind group of quilters we have in our guild. Even a pandemic couldn't keep us from our craft.

I look forward to next year with all of the programs that are already on the schedule and to many more years of enjoying quilting together.

Best always,

Val

Quilt Journey

Sam Cetrulo

We would love to hear about your quilt journey. Whether your journey is new or long, we would love to hear more. Attached is a questionnaire to help you get started. We will be sharing your responses in each issue of the newsletter this year. Please email Sam Cetrulo

There is a Quilt Airing at Red Mill Museum Village on October 4th from Noon to 4pm. Go to theredmill.org for information.

Tell me about your quilting journey over....

30 years, 30 months or 30 days

Whether your journey is new or long, we would love to hear more.

Good news: Only 10 questions

How did you learn how to sew?

How would you describe your quilting style?

Has it changed over time?

Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

Do you pick fabric or pattern first?

What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

What is your least favorite part and why?

What other things do you sew?

What is your favorite sewing saying?

What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Name: _____ Length of Quilt Journey: _____

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The original charter members contributing are in alphabetical order: * Marilyn Banta, Joanne Barnes, Alison Berger Boor, Jean Bryan, Linda Post-Bushkofsky, Mava Case, Arlene Clower, Liz Dimmich, Beryl Faryna, Christine Gilbert, Shirley Gober, Sandra Hammann, *Tami J. Hoch, Patricia Karo, Mary Ann McLaughlin, * Gloria Roth, * Joan Diane Roth, Eleanor Shupp, Rachel Tamm, Pamela Thyng, Lillian Ward, * Carole Whaling, Stacye White, Laura Zumberge
*indicates cookbook committee, also Joyce B. Haeflinger, Kathryn Meyer(not charter members)

If you have a copy of this cookbook and would like to select a recipe or two to be featured in our newsletter, please send it to me and I will forward it to Karen.
Otherwise I will choose some myself to share each month.

APPLE CHIP CAKE (Pat Stahley)

Mix: 1 ½ C. salad oil, 2 eggs, 2 C. sugar

Add remaining ingredients by hand: 1 C. chopped nuts, 1 tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 tsp. baking soda, 3 C. flour, 3 C. diced apples with skin

Spread batter in a greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 1 hours. Serve plain with ice cream or dusted with confectioners sugar before serving

ZUCCHINI PIE (Joyce Haeflinger)

Mix together: 3 small squash, 1 C Bisquick, 3 eggs, ½ C Parmesan Cheese, ½ C oil, Bake at 375 for 30 min. Serve at once.

POTATOE PANCAKES (Tami J. Hoch)

1 C. flour, 2 tsp. salt, 2tsp. baking powder, 2 eggs, 1 C. milk, 4 T. melted butter, 2 T. grated onion, 3 C grated potatoes, drained

Mix and drop by spoonfuls into lightly greased pan or fry at 350 for 2 to 3 minutes. Makes 24 pancakes.



2020 – 2021 Programs Offer Diverse Opportunities

Sue Marin

Our September meeting and guild trunk show was well received. It was so good to see everyone again, along with seeing the new (and perhaps older) projects everyone completed. The highlight of the evening was, of course, pulling the winning raffle ticket.

October's guest speaker is Amy Friend of During Quiet Time. Amy's presentation deals with "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs." The program will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 6. Members are asked to sign into the Zoom meeting no later than 6:45 so that everyone is logged in and ready to go when Amy begins her presentation. A question and answer period will follow. An email with the link to the meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. We will close with our business meeting and Show and Tell. Members who want to participate in the Show and Tell should forward your pictures to Lorraine Bujnowski.



November's meeting will feature a 52-minute DVD entitled "Pieced Together" which tells the story of Donna Sue Groves whose grass roots initiative founded the Barn Quilt Trail Movement that has spread across the country and into Canada. We have several trails in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The movie will start at 7:00 PM with a business meeting and Show and Tell to end the evening.

December will be our Potluck Potpourri filled with holiday festivities and perhaps a few surprises. The evening will feature interviews with our founding members and past presidents. A silent auction is on the agenda, I would like to have 30 items to put up for bid. Proceeds will benefit the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. If you'd like to donate something, please send me a picture or your item(s) and a minimum bid no later than November 17. If you need suggestions, call me or send me an email. I would also like to start collecting recipes for a new cookbook. This will be available to members only at this time and will span most of the year. It will be compiled and presented at a future meeting – perhaps one of the summer months when we can gather in person again. Start submitting recipes now. Everyone has a favorite holiday recipe. Please share yours! Speaking of the holidays, all members attending that evening are encouraged to wear something "festive". It could be a simple sprig of holly, jingle bells, an elf hat or "ugly" sweater. Be creative. And because it's potpourri, expect a surprise or two!

January 2021 – Our Flying Geese Challenge. Are you working on your entry?

February 2021 – Pillowcase Palooza. Community Service at its best!

March 2021 – Toni Smith, AKA Quiltoni, will do a presentation on creating pixelated quilt patterns.

April 2021 – Dr. Leo McCormick and staff will present a lecture on Ergonomics for Quilters.

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.

All of our programs are listed on our website. Please check the Meetings and Events page each month for updates, details of the various programs and important messages.

Always ~

Sue Marin
Programming Chair

Flying Geese Challenge for January 2021

Judy Walker

There are so many different ways to make flying geese and I am always amazed when I find another one. I just open a quilt book someone gave me, entitled the Big Book of Quilting and found a way I had never seen. It's made with strips and you can cut two different colors into triangles and then sew them together. I also saw a way to add a different finish to the edge of the pattern when you make it with the one-seam geese block. After block is finished, gently roll the loose edge toward the center of the block forming a curve. Then topstitch in place.

The committee is still thinking of the best way to hold the challenge program online with zoom and still do the voting without too much trouble. We are learning all the time and finding better ways. Stay tuned for more info. In the meantime, I do need you to text me or email me, if you are planning on making a challenge quilt. I have heard from 6 people so far. Hoping to hear from you all.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Thank you to all members who turned in completed projects and took kits for placemats, pillowcases and premie quilts at our September meeting. We are especially thankful that everyone is anticipating the need to work on pillowcases at our homes, in the event that our February Pillowcase Race meeting may not be held in person. Judy Walker and her sister have been especially productive, and we thank them for their work, and we are grateful for EVERYONE who participates in their own ways.

Mercedes and I will be obtaining a new batch of pillowcase kits next week. We are both eager to collect your completed placemats for Meals on Wheels through the end of October. We will also accept any donations of fabric. We will be happy to pick up/drop off at your homes while we are not meeting in person each month. Please contact Janet to make arrangements. Janet lives in Northampton, and Mercedes is in the Emmaus area, and we are both happy to make this work out.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

A card of get-well wishes was sent to Rhonda Moore to help her recover. If you have any Sunshine or Shadows news to share you can reach me.

Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Pictures of quilts for Show & Tell are to be sent to me. Please send by September 30.

Membership

Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We all enjoyed the chance to see one another in person at the September drive-thru meeting and it was lovely to have a chance to actually talk in person while enjoying the show and tell from the back of member's cars. There were 46 members who attended. We are both looking forward to seeing you all at the next zoom meeting. It will help us both enormously if you would be sure to display your name on the zoom screen.

We have two new members in September. Both were referred by Suzanne Nelson.

Georgine Gilligan

Intermediate quilter

Retired elementary librarian and still volunteer in my old library.

Two grown daughters and four granddaughters

Reads a lot and loves to travel

Interest in Guild activities and committees:

Bus trips - Community Service - Library - Modern Bee - Retreat - Sit N Sew – Workshop

Pat Wolfe

Intermediate quilter

Retired

Hobbies include reading - quilting - needlework, puzzles (jigsaw, Sudoku, crossword)

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October

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| Michele McLaughlin | Oct 4 |
| Roberta Whitcomb | Oct 4 |
| Ann Lineberger | Oct 5 |
| Doris Horwath | Oct 12 |
| Lyndda Cromeans | Oct 13 |
| Nancy Scholz | Oct 13 |
| Maria Hance | Oct 24 |
| Patricia Piasecki | Oct 29 |
| Judy Walker | Oct 29 |

New Store!

With fabric stores closing it's nice to see a new one.



Join us for our Grand Opening!

Friday October 9 - Sunday October 11, 2020

313 Bridge Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460

Raffle Baskets, Giveaways, Refreshments

10 am - 5 pm

Parking in the municipal lot behind the store

Find the latest in contemporary, natural fabrics including quilting cottons, canvas, linen and a large selection of Kona solids.

We've selected some of our favorite notions, and curated an array of sewing and quilting books and patterns that are truly unique.

And if you don't sew (yet!), you'll find gifts for sewists and non-sewists alike.

More at www.SeamlessSewingArts.com

Committee Chairs

Challenge: Judy Walker

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Communication Chain: Diane Pesola

Historical: Rhonda 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: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton

Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert

Website: Nancy Scholz



Deadline for the next newsletter is October 21st.

Sewn Pumpkin Pincushion



Difficulty rating: Beginner

Designer: Patti Milazzo

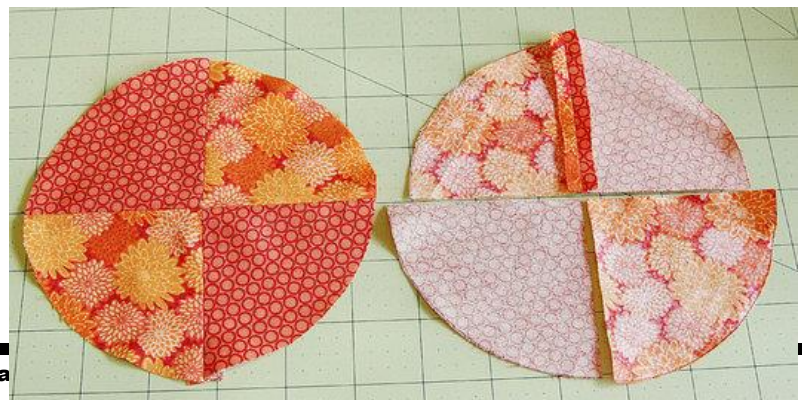
In preparation for the cooler fall weather and more crafting time, I've made a cute fabric pumpkin pincushion for my upcoming sewing projects. It's covered with festive orange patterned fabrics and is just 4 inches wide. With Fiskars Supersize Shape Template and sewing tools it's a cinch to make.

Instructions:

1. Choose 2 patterned fabrics with a fall theme or color scheme. Using the 6" Supersize Shape Template, trace and cut 2 circles – one from each fabric.
2. Use the Rotary Cutter and Acrylic Ruler and the Cutting Mat to cut both circles into even quarters.
3. Swap the quartered pieces to alternate the pattern for each circle.



4. Start stitching (right sides facing in) along one side of the two adjacent pieces. This will form one half of the circle. Press the seam flat.
5. Repeat step 4 for the other half of that circle and do the same for the other circle as well.
6. Then join the halves of each circle together and press seams flat.



7. Next, match up the two circles with right sides facing in and with the pattern of the top and bottom circles alternating.

8. Stitch around the edge, leaving a 1.5 inch opening. Be sure to back stitch at the beginning and end to secure.

9. Turn the piece right side out and stuff with polyfil until the piece is somewhat firm. This will help to create a plump pumpkin.

10. Stitch the opening closed by hand.

11. Using a long doll or embroidery needle and 24" of coordinating embroidery thread pierce the center of the pumpkin from the bottom through the top center.

12. Wrap the thread over and around the pumpkin along the seam line between two fabric patterns. And again pierce the pumpkin from the bottom through the top center and pull the thread firmly to start shaping the pumpkin.

13. Continue this pattern along each of the remaining 3 seams (pulling the thread firmly) and then begin dividing each quarter of the pumpkin to complete the plump sections ending with the thread through the bottom. Pull the thread firmly and knot.

14. Cut out two leaf shapes from green fabric, sew edges with right sides facing in and leave a small gap to turn out. Turn the leaf out, tuck the opening in and machine stitch around the edges.



15. Attach the leaf and curled ribbon to the pumpkin with thread or glue. The pumpkin pin cushion is now ready to use

Tip: Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees. To curl ribbon, tightly and evenly wrap grosgrain ribbon around a narrow wooden dowel and pin each end in place with wooden clothespins. Lightly spray the ribbon covered dowel with spray starch. Place on a cookie sheet and bake for 4-5 minutes. Let cool, unwrap and use on projects.

https://fiskarscraft.typepad.com/my_weblog/2011/10/sewn-pumpkin-pincushion-difficulty-rating-beginner-designer-patti-milazzo-in-preparation-for-the-cooler-fall-we.html