



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

This is my last letter to you as President of the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. It has been a rewarding experience for me to serve as President. I have learned a lot and I've gotten to know a new group of Guild members a little better. I would recommend that everyone take a turn serving on the Guild Board at some time. Next time someone asks, think about saying "yes".

It's been an unusual year, but because we are a strong, vibrant and creative guild we have managed to make the most of it. At our meeting on September 1st we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary. This special occasion will be marked with a drive-by meeting at Holy Spirit. We will have the drawing for the winner of our beautiful raffle quilt and if the weather cooperates we will have a "trunk show and tell" in the parking lot (masks and social distancing required). We will also install the newly elected officers. We have a great team to lead us into the next year. Sue Marin, the new Program Chair already has a full calendar of programs lined up for 2020-2021. Jane Merkel, President, and Sam Cetrulo, Vice President, have a lot of new creative ideas to keep us all connected. I look forward to the time when we can meet again in person but until then I look forward to seeing you on Zoom!

Best always,

Val

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

Monthly Guild Meetings:

September 1, 6:30-8:00 (Parking Lot of Holy Spirit)



Congratulations Crazy Quilters on our 30th Anniversary! Celebrate we will, but a different style of celebration is called for this year. We look forward to sharing activities with you in new and varied ways. We will "launch" our anniversary year by enjoying the events, Sue Marin, program chairman, is coordinating for us for Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Through this pandemic time, I have focused my attention on my piecing projects and learning to be more tech savvy (I have had moderate success with the first, and am still struggling with the second). I am much more aware of how the internet monopolizes our time and energy not to mention weakening our eyes. With that said, I did spend time researching what was going on in the world 30 years ago in 1990....George H W Bush was president...Operation Desert Shield Begins...The Space Shuttle Discovery places the Hubble Space Telescope in orbit revolutionizing astronomy...Microsoft releases Windows 3.0...First in-car GPS was developed and sold....Tim Berners-Lee published his formal proposal for the www in November... Demolition began on the Berlin Wall...The Simpsons became an instant hit on TV! Do these reflections bring back memories?

It is perhaps easier for each of us to look at our own history over the last 30 years. It is a shock to recall that my oldest son graduated from high school in 1990. For part of those 30 years I was a Fabric Store/Quilt Shop owner and just learning about the remarkable Eleanor Burns! It was in 1990 that she began her popular TV series, "Quilt in a Day". This famous lady entertained us on every bus trip I took to Paducah. She has authored over 80 books. Alex Anderson is another household quilting personality that flourished during these years. She too has a long list of book credits, but her first was a book of poetry.

This brings me to another part of my message. Will you please consider sharing your quilting journeys with us? Which quilting personalities influenced your personal work? How has your work changed over the years? How have your taste in fabric selection changed over the years? WE all know that quilting has stabilized us and added comfort to our busy lives, share your funny moments, your meaningful moments, your awards etc. How has the guild added to your quilt journey? How has travel influenced your quilting attitudes? How has the confinement of the pandemic changed your quilting plans?

Please consider sharing some of your personal story with us. Write your story, share your thoughts, let's record our history, so the members of Crazy Quilters of the future will know who we were and who we are.
Happy Quilting!

"Still crazy for quilting after all these years!"



Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild 1990 - 2020

Happy Anniversary Crazy Quilter

Sue Marin

What a way to start a new year! In addition to holding our raffle quilt drawing on September 1st, we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our guild's founding. Please take a moment to thank Tami Jones, Pat Karo and Carole Whaling for their part in creating such an active, community-orientated guild!

Registration will begin between 6:15 and 6:30 PM at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Emmaus. Members attending this evening will be directed to pull up to the registration table where you will sign in and receive your goodie bags. Don't forget to wear your name tag! I'll have a special raffle gift that evening. Once you've registered, please park in the upper parking lot. If you are participating in the CQQG Trunk Show, you can open your trunks and start arranging your quilts and/or projects for display. Please remember to keep an empty space between each car. You don't need to limit your projects to new creations. Get creative. Long-time members may want to display a range that depicts your growth throughout the years. I know several members have won ribbons at various shows. Here's your chance to proudly display them. Let them be an incentive for others. You may also want to display various techniques - include the easy ones as well as the more difficult ones. It's your trunk show!

CDC guidelines will be in force. Wear your face mask and keep a physical distance of six feet between each other. The raffle will take place at 7:00 PM under the canopy. After the drawing, we will install our officers for the 2020 - 2021 year. You are free to walk around afterward to see all the quilts in the trunk show. The trunk show will, of course, depend on favorable weather. If you don't feel comfortable being around people yet, that's okay. We will make arrangements to get your gift bag to you at a later date. We also plan to photograph and video the proceedings and post it on our web site for future viewing. The meeting should conclude by 7:45 or 8:00 PM. **(Please note:** We will not have access to bathroom facilities while at Holy Spirit. Plan accordingly.)

Good luck everyone!

Coming in October: Amy Friend will present a virtual lecture on "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs." Her program will begin at 7:00 on October 6. She will send us a link a few days prior to that date so that we can join her via Zoom.



Programs for November 2020 - August 2021 are posted on our website. Please visit the site at www.crazyquilters.org and click on the Meetings and Events tab for a full listing.

Flying Geese Challenge for January 2021

Judy Walker

Hope you are planning to make a challenge for our January meeting. I am thinking that we will have to do this meeting on Zoom. My committee and I are trying to see how this will happen. We will need a picture of your project after it is completed and we will incorporate it into a power point presentation. In order to vote on line, we may have to do this a week or so before the regular meeting so that everyone can view the quilts and then vote for their favorite. **The deadline for you to send a picture of your finished entry is Dec. 28.** More on this later.

Remember there are two categories, Small - less than 30" on each side; Large greater than 30" on each side. This means less than 120" for the total circumference/perimeter or more than 120" in total.

Here are two videos on making flying geese with only one seam. The second is a Missouri Star video. This makes it very easy to make flying geese.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc2gj6VkdJA>

<https://www.youtube.com/cwatch?v=15Cblb8J6i0>

Ruth Skinner is to be congratulated for sewing 200 children and 100 adult size masks, putting our Guild total at over 4,000 masks completed!

I have been informed by Kathie Laposata that she has now sent a total of 60 completed quilt blocks for the Quilts of Valor organization. This should be enough for 2 quilts to be made for veterans, and the members of our Guild who have participated with this project are to be congratulated! We will continue to support this organization in the upcoming year -- please stay tuned for more information.

As a new year begins for Crazy Quilters, we extend a special Thank You to Kathie Laposata for her several years of chairing this Committee, and also to the members of the Committee who have worked together so well. We have met together to exchange information and materials for the Committee, and are happy to say that we plan on continuing the projects that have been so successful in the present and past.

All the projects can be found on the Guild's website, under the Community Service tab, and then following the link that will open up a wonderful world of instructions. Again, we are thankful that we stand on the shoulders of those before us, who have been so successful in organizing all this information to benefit us all.

Of special notice this year is the change needed for the placemat drive, which needs to be completed one month earlier, November rather than December. This has been requested by the Meals on Wheels organization, as they need extra time to ensure the safety of the cloth placemats before being offered to their clients. They have also asked that the fabrics chosen be free of any religious themes. We will have some placemat kits available, and we know that many of the Guild members are generous with their stash of fabrics and "orphan blocks" that have found beautiful expression in the placemats of previous years.

Mercedes and I will be present at the September meeting at Holy Spirit Church, ready to accept your donations of completed items or fabrics, and will have some kits available for you to take for completion if you choose to help us out. We will keep you informed of drop off/pick up opportunities as the pandemic creates the need for alternatives to our usual in-person monthly meetings.

Looking forward.



5 Health Benefits of Sewing

- 1. Relieves Stress***
The meditative action of sewing encourages positivity and feelings of relaxation.
- 2. Promotes Brain Growth***
The creative nature of sewing encourages the formation of new brain cells!
- 3. Happiness!***
Sewing increases dopamine in the brain, which makes us feel HAPPY
- 4. Fights Dementia***
Sewing keeps the mind clear, focused & active, which can help prevent dementia as we age.
- 5. Improve your Hand/Eye Coordination***
Sewing requires a certain type of attention to detail, that encourages coordination, especially hand/eye.



Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

Sunshine in the way of get-well cards were sent to Irene Magdalena after thyroid surgery and Ann Lineberger as she recovers from a knee replacement. They are both doing well.

Julie Davidovich was happy to announce her retirement from Mack Trucks after 47 years. Thank you Julie for helping keep those Mack Trucks rolling off the line. Next you will be quilting many of our COVID 19 quilts. A retirement card was sent to her.

If you have any Sunshine or Shadows news to share you can reach me.

Retreat

Sandy O'Connor

The November retreat will be canceled.

Since we're not having our meetings. I'll call and book us for next November.

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

We enjoyed our August 2020 meeting via Zoom, with 34 members attending. Please hold onto your current Membership cards as we move forward into 2020-2021. We have enjoyed helping our Guild over the past two years, and now welcome Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore in this role.



September

Sharon Yurkanin	Sept 2
Carole Whaling	Sept 10
Karen Rush	Sept 12
Agnes Rayome	Sept 13
Tami Jones	Sept 20
Julia Davidovich	Sept 22
Linda Anderson	Sept 29

Thank You From Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

I received this from Rooster, my contact with the Allentown School District Liaison Project and wanted to share it with all of you.

“Dear Friends,

I hope this finds all of you well and the world has been kind to you during these trying times.

As I am now retired, I will never forget how (going back to Jennifer Mann and continuing with Mike) you have done so much for children and families who have so little.

I do not think that I could have lasted as long as I have without your assistance. Right when I thought I would need to purchase basics; I would get a call and you magically had those items. All you have done cannot be measured. What can be measured is you made this world a better place for many children.

Rooster”

Rooster's heartfelt thank you truly validates the value of this project! Thank you to all for your toiletry donations.

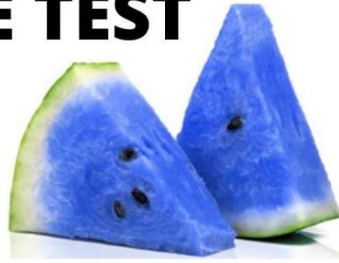
I know you have not been traveling this summer but I am still happy to collect what you have including full size toiletries. I have made larger bags this summer to hold full sizes of shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, etc. So the next time you are at the store please remember the kids and pick up one for them.

I will be assigned a new liaison at the beginning of the school year and I know there is a tremendous need during this difficult time for the homeless students. Please call or email me and I am happy to come to you to collect your donation until we are able to meet again in person. Thank you for all your support for so many kids.

I miss seeing all of you!! Stay well!!! Quilt on!!



EYE TEST



If you see this watermelon

Red - You're Normal

Green - You're a Bit Odd

Blue - You Need To Buy More Fabric

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

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

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Deadline for the September newsletter is Monday September 21st.