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From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters,

This article contains Past, Present, and Future news!!!

Past: August, was a terrific month for our guild. We resumed inside Sit and Sew at Faith Church. Contact Linda Wojciechowski on the Friday prior to the dates given. Lindberg Park Pavilion has proved to be a wonderful venue for outside Sit and Sew. There was always a breeze and a conversation and a quilt being shown. Our program with Dr. Leo McCormick was both entertaining and informative regarding ergonomics for quilters. It was so good to both laugh and learn. Kudos to Sue Marin for scheduling this event.

Present: Being adaptable to changes in the last year has not always been easy, and this September will not be different. For the next four months, we will return continue our virtual meetings via Zoom. This is a change from our plans of last month. Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is not comfortable with more than 30 people in their Fellowship Center, therefore we cannot hold our meetings there for the present. Researching other venues will be a task to face in the next quilting year.

Future: Tour de Quilts is rapidly approaching. You are a major part of both our publicity and our display. Please send reminder notices via e-mail, text, phone to your friends. Responses have come in slowly. The purpose of this event is safe, outside, sharing of our guild talents. Make the most of this day.

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

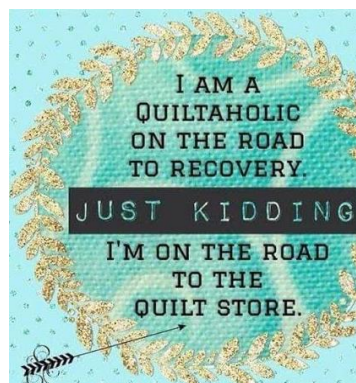
Monthly Guild Meeting: September 7th, 6:30-8:00

Via Zoom

Sit & Sew: September 4 & 18, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Faith Presbyterian

TOUR de QUILTS: September 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



August 3, 2021: Paint-by-number with fabric? Yep! That's one way collage quilter Emily Taylor described her collage quilting techniques. She also compared it to the techniques that Impressionist painters used. Her program inspired many members to explore this technique further at her workshop held on Saturday, August 28. Members who have taken other classes with Emily agree that this type of quilting is easily addictive. Who will become our guild's new Monet or Van Gogh?

What do golf balls and Silly Puddy have in common? The 19 members who attended Dr. Leo McCormick's program at Lindberg Park on August 17 know! They are simple, commonsense tools used to exercise and relieve pain in tired feet and hands. Dr. Leo's engaging and fun program provided many insights and tips that will keep us all sewing longer and with less pain.

September 7, 2021: What better way to start off a new year than with a program centered on why we spend so much of our time creating things? Meg Cox will offer her thoughts on "Making Meaning." This meeting will be held by Zoom only. Due to the recent surge of Covid cases again, our meeting space at Holy Spirit is not available, so we will continue with our virtual only format.



October 5, 2021: Robin Long of Robin Ruth Designs will do a program on creating the Mariner's Compass Star using her unique strip piecing method.

November 2, 2021: Lilo Bowman will share her thoughts and experiences on "Adapting for Change."



December 2021: Our Annual Potluck Potpourri gathering. This year's theme will be "Christmas Past." A few activities may take some planning on your part, so start thinking about how you can contribute, now. One of the games will be "Santa's Babies" – a test to see who can match the most current members with their baby pictures. Browse through your family photo albums so that you can send your picture to me in November. Think about past Christmas/holiday celebrations that you remember the most. What made them special? Was it a favorite carol? A family recipe? Perhaps a treasured ornament that holds significant meaning for you? We will take time to share them with each other.

Since our first Silent Auction went so well, we will do it again. Items do not necessarily have to be quilt/sewing related. The cookies and fudge were big sellers!

January 2022: This year's challenge topic is "The Brighter the Better!" You should have received your invitation in the mail. I hope you'll make the world a bit brighter and join the fun!

February 2022: Our annual Community Service project – Pillow Palooza.

March 2022: Diane Murtha will encourage you to join the fun in 2023 with her presentation on "Accept the Challenge!"

April 2022: Elly Levie will present her "Not for Mother's Day Only" program. I am also in conversation with her to do her workshop on quilt weaving in April.

May 2022: Travel with Debbie Wendt to Egypt as she shares her experiences with the Egyptian Tent Makers.

June 2022: Guild member, Julia Davidovich, will present “Begin with the End in Mind: Everything You Wanted to Know about Having Your Quilt Top Longarmed.”

July 2022: EPP anyone? Our own Kathy Moore, Vicki Pede will do a program on English Paper Piecing. I can guarantee you will see and learn a lot more than Grandmother’s Flower Garden!

August 2022: Another Crazy Quilter with loads of talent, Julie Borden will present a program on “Wool Applique.”

Sue Marin Programming Chair 2020 - 2022



Thank you to all of the Crazy Quilters who made meals, provided rides, sent cards, and offered up tons of encouragement while I was recuperating from my fall. I appreciated every kind thought and deed you bestowed.

I especially need to thank those of you who had my back and notified me of suspicious email activity when my email account was hacked a few weeks ago. Dealing with that aftermath was definitely more painful than wearing a neck brace for eight weeks!

Sincerely,
Sue Marin

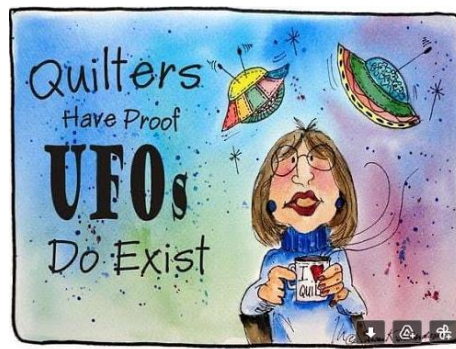
Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Suzanne Nelson, Karen Hartzell, Sue Marin and Karen Shaffer for sharing their quilts with us last month. Please send photos of your quilts to Nancy Scholz, nscholtz13@aol.com and me, lbujnowski@verizon.net by Sept. 5.

Dirty Dozen:

I am hoping that many of you have created your list of 12 UFO’s that you intend to work on and complete during the next year. For the month of September, you are to work on the project listed in the #3 spot. Hopefully, in October we will have a showing of several completed projects from many of you.



Sit & Sew

Mark your calendar for Sept. 4 and 18, 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!

Sunshine and Shadows

A get-well card was sent to Pat Piasecki. We all hope that she is recuperating nicely.

If you have any news that you would like to share, please email me at or call me.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

We have had a FABULOUS year of our members' generosity of time, talent and treasure! We have also been the grateful recipients of fabric donations from community members of the Lehigh Valley who have reached out to us via our website, and we thank Nancy Scholz for alerting me to these outreach opportunities.

For the 2020-2021 year, 130 breast comfort pillows, 684 pillowcases, 476 placemats, 9 premie bears, 148 premie quilts, 390 masks, 2 twin quilts, and 1 Quilt of Valor quilt have been beautifully crafted and generously donated to the Lehigh Valley community and beyond.

We recognize the following Guild members for their supportive efforts this year, with the listing beginning simply from my "diary entries" during pick up/drop off times, beginning in September 2020 and ending in July 2021: Judy Walker, Jane Merkel, Maria Hance, Diane Martin, Linda Wojciechowski, Ruth Hoffman, Debbie Heeps, Val Johnson, Kathy Moore, Phillis Walden, Kathie Laposata, Janet Tryson, Nancy Dunham, Lorraine Bujnowski, Diana DeFanti, Cheri Hess, Sue Marin, Nancy Keeler, Mercedes Gurniak, Kim Orndorf, Karen Rush, Sandy Mugridge, Vicki Pede, Jackie Leipert, Pat Piasecki, Linda Bieber, Diana Campbell, Nicole Folino, Julie Borden, Karen Hartzell, Dawn Martrich, Nancy Skok, and Sharon Shaffer.

I apologize if I have missed anyone's name and ask that you please bring it to my attention so that I can be sure to acknowledge your efforts as well.

It has been a very rewarding and interesting year for myself and Mercedes in taking on this new role with the Guild. I have had to utilize every nook and cranny in my home to keep up with the beautiful bounty of your generosity! We look forward to continuing all these efforts for the upcoming Guild year of 2021-2022.

Linda Wojciechowski



Jackie Leipert

Allentown Fair

Sam Cetrulo

The Allentown fair has invited us back to help collect quilt entries prior to the fair. If interested in volunteering on Thursday 8/26 or Friday 8/27, please contact Darlene.

If you have entered the fair, you will be going at this time anyway to drop off your entries. I checked with Darlene and no one from the guild has volunteered this year. Please consider giving her a call. It is a beautiful way to see the quilts up close and meet fellow quilters who may or may not be in our guild.

Last Quilt Journeys

Sam Cetrulo

I have not received any additional entries this month so this will be the last two entries!

Here is the summary of the quilt journey entries:

Our most popular hobby is reading followed by gardening. Would anyone be interested in submitting a book to feature every month for the newsletter?

Our total years of quilting experience is 550 years. If that was our quilting age, we should probably answer in dog years or we would be very very old.

Name: Samantha Cetrulo **Length of Quilt Journey:** 12 Years

How did you learn how to sew?

Self taught. Thanks to the Sew4Home website!! I bought a house and wanted to make fun pillows and curtains. My grandma asked if I could take some embroidery squares and make it into a blanket for her. This was my first attempt at a quilt.

How would you describe your quilting style?

Modern and bright colors. I like large prints

Has it changed over time?

I've definitely learned more about what fabric works best and avoided buying certain kinds like directional prints.

Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

Tula Pink! I love how she sneaks items in her fabric and her sense of humor.

Do you pick fabric or pattern first? Fabric. Pattern? What pattern? I make things up as I go or use a photo for inspiration.

What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

The design process

What is your least favorite part and why?

100 of the same block. I do not like doing the same thing 100 times.

What other things do you sew?

I love making bags! They get done a lot faster than a quilt.

What is your favorite sewing saying?

"Nothing haunts you more than the fabric you didn't buy."
Also," I like big blocks and I cannot lie."

What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Baking, Walking the dogs and Bike rides.

Name: Karen Rush **Length of Quilt Journey:** 6 years

How did you learn how to sew?

I had sewing in Home Ec. in Jr. High where I made an apron. But most of my learning came from my mother who made all my pretty dresses when I was young. It was the era of mother/daughter dresses. Later she started making quilts and cloth dolls. I didn't think too much about wanting to quilt until I saw all her beautiful fabric. Then I was hooked because I knew I had to make good use of her stash.

How would you describe your quilting style?

Eclectic – I like a wide range of styles. It's whatever catches my eye whether it's a pattern I want to try or fabulous fabric.

Has it changed over time?

No. I'm still learning and there's so much I want to try.

Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?

I like the Gail Kessler Dimples line of fabric. The pattern is so versatile and such a wide selection of colors. Other than that it's whatever catches my eye.

Do you pick fabric or pattern first?

Depends. Sometimes I play with my fabrics (can't believe I just admitted that) and when I find pieces that will look good together, I try to figure out a pattern. Other times I'll see a pattern on Facebook or a quilting magazine and decide to try. Then I go to my stash (most I inherited from my Mom) and see what I have.

What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?

The binding because the quilt is almost finished.

What is your least favorite part and why?

Making the quilt sandwich. Takes me what seems like forever to get everything straight. I pin then see that I'm short on one side. Ugh! Well, that's not what I usually say.

What other things do you sew?

In the past I have made clothing, embroidered gifts and recently I discovered I enjoy hand applique, especially wool.

What is your favorite sewing saying?

If you can't see it from the back of a galloping horse, no one will notice.

What other hobbies do you enjoy?

Over the years I have done a little bit of everything; ceramics, cross-stitch, latch-hooking, crochet, scrapbooking, jewelry making. My basement looks like a hobby store!

Membership

Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We had 44 members attend our August 3rd meeting.

We had a previous member rejoin the guild. Welcome back to Sharon Schaffer who has come back after taking a few years off to care for her mother. She is looking forward to renewing her hobby of fabric rescue and quilting!

I was quite looking forward to collecting all of your annual membership renewals in person but as it turns out that will have to wait until next year. However I can look forward to the daily mail delivery as I hope to receive all your renewals in the mail by the end of September.

Please send a check payable to **Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild** for **\$45.00** to **Kathy Moore**

I will also be prepared to accept membership renewals at the Tour de Quilts on Sept. 11. I'll be volunteering at Val Johnson's house for the day. Many thanks to the 14 people who have already renewed!



September

- 2 Sharon Yurkanin
- 10 Carole Whaling
- 12 Karen Rush
- 15 Vicki Pede
- 20 Tami Jones
- 22 Julia Davidovich
- 29 Linda Anderson

Quilt Shows (Gathered from guild newsletters)

September 2021

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show Online - September 9-11, 2021. This virtual experience will include live, interactive educational opportunities, shopping options and more. For more info visit <https://quiltshow.com/>

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza - September 16-19, 2021. Presented by Mancuso Show Management, the largest and most prominent quilting arts event in the Northeast all under one roof at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. For more info visit

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/pennsylvania-national-quiltextravaganza/>.



October 2021

Quilt Show 2021 - October 16-17, 2021. Presented by County Line Quilters at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. For more info visit <https://countylinequilters.org/quilt-show-2021>

International Quilt Festival Houston - October 28-31, 2021. Quilts, INC. produces this show at George R. Brown Convention Center at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas. For more info visit

<https://www.quilts.com/quilt-festival/quilt-festival-houston/>

CORRECTION -- November 2022

14th Annual Exhibition of Quilts - November 12-14, 2022. Presented by Lebanon Quilters Guild at the Lebanon Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA. For more info visit <http://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>

TOUR de QUILTS

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 10:00am - 4:00pm

8 Locations



Over 200 Quilts!

ROAD TRIP! Join us for a day of quilt appreciation at 8 locations throughout the Lehigh Valley. Porches, decks, lawns, fences will be colorfully adorned with quilts. Wander among the quilts, meet the artists who made them, talk quilts and get some creative inspiration from this one-of-a-kind tour! Local, state, and CDC guidelines observed.

COST: \$10.00 if purchased by 6:00pm, September 10, 2021, **\$15.00** on day of event at any location.

Visit crazyquilters.org for additional information.

Mark your Calendars for the Penn Oaks Quilters Market

When: Saturday September 25th from 9AM to 1PM

Where: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 400 Lancaster Ave, Malvern, PA 19355

Admission is FREE

Penn Oaks Quilters is hosting a Flea Market to support our guild.

Available for purchase is a large selection of items including:

- Quilt Fabric, books, patterns
- Sewing notions buttons, binding, zippers, tools, scissors, rulers
- Yarn and needle arts supplies
- Home Décor -- Pictures, vases, collectibles
- Kids Craft supplies
- Kitchen and Dining -- dishes, kitchen gadgets, glasses
- Jewelry and Accessories - scarfs, bags, personal items
- Consigned Finished Items



Penn Oaks Dresden Plate Catering will also host a bake sale featuring our Carrot and Lover's Knot Chocolate Cakes as well as other sweet goodies

For additional information visit our website <http://www.pennoaksquilters.org/>

The poster for the 2021 Giant Fabric Sale is framed by a wooden ruler with inch markings. At the top, the title "2021 Giant Fabric Sale" is written in a bold, serif font. Below the title, the text "Find all of your sewing and craft needs in one place!!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The dates and times for the sale are listed: Thursday, September 23—6 PM to 9 PM; Friday, September 24—10 AM to 8 PM; Saturday, September 25—10 AM to 6 PM; and Sunday, September 26—11 AM to 1 PM. Below the dates, the text "Come check out our large variety of fabrics, notions, crafts, yarn, patterns and more to sell at great prices!" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the location "Montgomery County 4-H Center" and "1015 Bridge Road • Collegeville PA 19426" is listed. A blue flower illustration is in the bottom left corner, and a white thread spool is in the bottom right corner.

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FABRIC SALE

October 8 & 9, 2021

9 am to 2 pm

4457 S. Sunset Dr, Coopersburg, PA

(1.2 miles south of Wedgewood GC off Limeport Pike by Kozy Corner Road)

Senior citizen, Quilter/Seamstress/Crafter is downsizing

Scores of fabric: Vintage to recent purchases:

Beautiful cottons, blends, flannel, Christmas

Various sizes \$2.00 per yard,

Fat quarters 50 cents, Quilt books \$1,

Patterns, ribbon, zippers, notions.

PROCEEDS TO BETTY LOU'S PANTRY

(Southern Lehigh Food Bank)

Doris Horwath (484-764-0317)

An invitation to a fairly local quilt show:

We want to let you know about our biennial quilt show and tell you how much we welcome attendance by members of your Guild in October on the weekend of October 16-17, 2021. Our theme is "Colors of Fall", and I have attached our flyer.

We hope that you will share this information with your membership via your club newsletter, website, and/or Guild meeting. Our own website

is www.undercoverquilters.com is the place to find all the details.

“Quilts for all Seasons”

Saturday, October 16 – 10:00-4:00

Sunday, October 17 – 10:00-3:00

Brookhaven Municipal Building

Community Room entrance

2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA 19015

Admission: \$10.00 (children under 12 free)

Admission ticket is for the entire weekend



Committee Chairs

Challenge: Linda Green
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: Linda Wojciechowski
Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert
Website: Nancy Scholz

Deadline for the next newsletter is September 21st.