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From The President

Donna Gasser

Bingo is Upon Us! Literally right around the corner! We worked hard to make this happen so come and enjoy the event! A great big thank you to the Bingo committee: Vicki Pede, Jane Merkel, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Julie McDonell, Phillis Walden, and me. We could not have pulled this together, nor will be able to pull off the event, without your help September 10th. Vicki has another update in this newsletter. If she is asking for any help, please let her know you can volunteer.

And then, let us all enjoy the fall season. Take a walk, get inspired with the beautiful color and less humidity. As busy schedules for fall start up again, Lorraine Bujnowski and I are sewing quilts for the displaced people of the Maui wildfires. As well, Sandy O'Connor has put out the details of our Retreat. Check them out and sign up if you want/need a get-away fun place to sew with a lot of friends, good food, and encouragement.

To start off our new guild year, on September 5th, our meeting will be hybrid with a program entitled "Persimmon Dreams", from Kim Lapeck. I have heard she is a delightful speaker. I hope to see you there as we induct our new program chairs and finish up Bingo details.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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Guild Officers

President: Donna Gasser

Vice-President: Vicki Pede

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Sue Marin

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 5th

Quilters Studio 5:45, General meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Sit & Sew: Saturday Sept 2nd and 16th, 10 am – 4:30 pm
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



Quilt Bingo

Vicki Pede



The Ways and Means Committee (BINGO this year) continues to meet and, most recently on Monday, August 21st. At that meeting it was stated again that we need to ask you to PLEASE bring in any ticket money or unsold tickets that you have to our September 5th meeting. If you are unable to make the September meeting, please contact Donna so that she is aware of the situation. This is vitally important as we are trying to see where we stand on money coming into the guild.

Jane Merkel and Sue Marin are continuing to put the Tricky Tray baskets together and certainly appreciate your response to their request. Donations are no longer being accepted as we need to finalize all the donations. So you are aware, we will also be having ten (10) quilts as part of the Tricky Tray for folks to venture to win. It will make a fabulous display and great “eye candy” for those coming into the bingo venue. Thank you to so many who have made this wonderful display of giving talents so great...the guild will certainly be the beneficiary of all of your donations.

Pat Piasecki is heading the sale of our baked goods. You should know that we would like any baked goods placed in a baggie to sell at \$1.00 a baggie. Now we know you may ask, how many cookies or brownies or whatever in a baggie? We thought about that and wrestled with diameters and other sizes of goodies. Then we decided that we should simply say that you should use your judgment. What would you pay \$1.00 for? We could use some more bakers, so if you are able to help in this area, please let Pat know. I know she will gladly add you to the list!

We WILL have tickets again for sale at the September meeting. Please consider buying one for the sake of the guild fundraiser. Remember that the pre-sale price is \$25.00. Should you have any questions at all, feel free to ask them at our September meeting and we will try our best to answer them. Again, since this will be our only fundraiser for 2023, we are hoping that it is really successful for our guild and YOU are the determining factor in that. Anyone who has offered to help at the bingo (and you can still play bingo), should plan to be at the fire company by 11:00 in the morning.

Committee Members: Donna Gasser, Sue Marin, Julie McDonell, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede, Pat Piasecki, Phillis Walden

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

September 5, 2023 – Start the year off with some humorous tales by Kim Lapcek of Persimon Dreams. Kim’s lecture, “Wildly Careening into Quilts: What I Learned by Not Knowing What I Didn’t Know” is intriguing all by itself. I can’t wait to hear what Kim will share with us.

This is a hybrid meeting. We will gather at Calvary, but Kim will join us via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

September 23 & 24, 2023 -- Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter, YouTube Livestream Event. Presenters instruction sheets will be available the week of Sept 10th.



October 3, 2023 – Cyndi Hershey, Education and Development Director at the Kutztown Folk Festival will present a lecture on the importance of the Quilt Barn at the annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Her presentation will be live.

November 7, 2023- Yes, it’s election day. Get out and vote! Then join us for an at-home Zoom only presentation by Nina Clotfelter. Nina’s lecture, “THREADS – What’s the BIG deal?” will feature the various of types of threads used in quilting, the unique characters of each type and how to use them.

December 5, 2023- Our Annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner.

Programs for 2024 can be found on the [Crazy Quilters website](#).

Quilters Studio September: RSVP is required

Julie Borden

We will be meeting before the general meeting at 5:45. Bring along a basic sewing kit. We will explore the basics of hand quilting. If you are a hand quilter and have tips to share and teach please join us. Also bring along any hand quilted samples you would like to share. I will provide a small sample kit to practice hand quilting. Please RSVP by Sept. 2nd so I can prepare the kits. The first 10 who RSVP will receive a kit. When you RSVP indicate if you need a kit or are sharing your talents. **RSVP.**

Thank you, and happy stitching.

Crazy Quilters - Quilt Retreat 2023

Sandy O'Connor

November 9, 10, 11, 12. Weekend!

Set up your sewing machine for the weekend! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

Located in Denver PA at the Blue Lake House 3 miles from Burkholder's Fabric. We can take 15 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast and lunch, will be on your own. Thursday dinner I'll make reservations at K-ville Hotel & Tavern and you will pay your own check. Friday dinner, Saturday brunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch we will split up into groups to prepare meals. Cost is 2 nights \$130.00 and 3 nights \$180.00 per person. Payment is due by November 1st.

If you're interested in the retreat, please text /call.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



As we enjoy the beautiful weekend weather, please get outdoors, or at least near a window to enjoy the beauty of nature! There will be time to return indoors and enjoy the inspiration as we work on projects to help our community. Please remember to save the calendars that are extras for you and turn them in to us at upcoming meetings for distribution to Meals on Wheels, along with our placemats for the Autumn Placemat campaign.

Please plan on joining us for our Service Sewcial on October 28th at Calvary Baptist Church, for an all-day time to sew together and help each other on Community Service projects. We will need many sewers willing to bring their machines, cutting boards, and people to iron our pieces as we progress them along in the sewing process. We would like to ask a few of you to please consider being our "point person" for a particular topic, such as pillowcases, placemats, kennel pads, or easy ways to prepare and cut fabric for a simple quilt. These "point persons" would give the group a quick 10–15 minute demonstration of how the project is done, and then just be available during the day in case a participant raises a question while working on the project. This would give people the opportunity to learn something new and have a helper available as you work on it. Kind of like having your mother or grandmother in the house to ask for help exactly when you need it -- a sweet memory I wish to keep! The "point persons" are then NOT required to only work on that topic during the rest of the Service Sewcial, (you can then do whatever service project you wish), but you could be the person that could guide others to success. I will have some donated fabric to get us started, but please consider bringing along some fabric and batting that we know can easily be joined together with others to create some beautiful things together.

We look forward to seeing MANY of you on October 28th, beginning at 8:30 through 4:00-4:30. We can supply coffee and tea, and you can please bring your lunches for an enjoyable time together. The room is large, has great lighting and tables and electrical outlets to help us. Let's have some fun together!

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

Hello, fellow Whatnots! This summer has absolutely flown by. My travels to Italy and then to California to baby-wrangle grandson #3 meant I didn't get to spend much time in my sewing studio, but doesn't absence make the heart grow fonder? Or the stitching fingers grow itchier? At any rate, I am eager to reconnect with my Simple Whatnots journey. I hope you are too! Here's the schedule for the upcoming months. As always, no pressure. Even if you are lagging behind, be sure to bring in any projects you have finished so we can enjoy them. I'm happy to hear that some of our Simple Whatnots have found their way into the baskets for our quilt bingo event.

September:

At guild meeting, share Twirligigs

In your sewing room: work on Village Squares, pg. 81 (remember that the appliqué border can always be fused)

October:

At guild meeting: share Village Squares

In your sewing room: work on Ribbon Candy, pg. 89 (a fun opportunity to use scraps!)

November:

At guild meeting: share Ribbon Candy

In your sewing room: work on Cross Purposes, pg. 95 (little, scrappy, easy)

December:

At guild meeting: share Cross Purpose

In your sewing room: work on Midnight, pg. 99

Only two more projects left in the book!

Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

I'm hoping that everyone participating in the "Better Done than Perfect" challenge is working on completing their list of projects during these "dog days" of summer. We are looking forward to seeing all your diligent work!

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for Saturday September 2nd & 16th, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Sit 'n Sews will be on the first and third Saturdays of each month with the exception of December when we will meet on the first Saturday only.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies, your lunch and a \$7 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!

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

I hope you are busy working on your challenge entry.

Reminder of the rules for the Challenge:

- Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.
- Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023
- The challenge is open to guild members only
- There will be four (4) categories:
 - Large — (40X40 or larger)
 - Small — (less than 40X40)
 - Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc
 - Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.



Submission deadline is December 22. More details on the deadline in the future.

Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and competition of all completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Many thanks to the members who provided the toppings and water at our August ice cream social. They were Paula Jacobus, Sandy O'Connor, Lori Smith, Nancy Ayers.

September volunteers are Linda Griest, Kirsty Michaelis, Val Johnson, Julie Borden, and Mercedes Gurniak. An email message/reminder will be sent the week before the September meeting.

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

I want to thank Dawn Martrich for her many years of service to the library. We will need someone to help man the library table to sell tickets for the monthly gift and 50/50. If you are interested in helping, please stop by the table in September or email me!

Irene Oehmke has graciously volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the month of September. Thank you Irene!

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

September is membership renewal month. Dues for the year are \$45.00. Please make sure your checks are made out to Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild or if you are paying in cash you must have the exact amount, \$45.00.

At the August meeting we welcomed 5 new members!

Alex Unangst who lives in Allentown. She and her fiancé just bought a house and will be tying the knot in December. She has 2 rescue dogs named Cooper and Delilah.

Joyce Patterson recently moved to Bethlehem from Williamsburg VA. She loves history and worked as a Historical Interpreter at Jamestown Settlement.

Margaret (Peggy) Keiffer lives in Center Valley. She was a member at one time and has returned.

Linda Johnson lives in Whitehall. When she retired from work she decided to learn to quilt. She has been learning by making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Jessica Dayon lives in Schnecksville with her husband and 4 children. She is a quilt and pattern designer who has written 3 books on quilting. She also has a big following on instagram!



September Birthdays:

Sharon Yurkanin	9/2
Carole Whaling	9/10
Karen Rush	9/12
Vicki Pede	9/15
Irene Oehmke	9/16
Tammi Jones	9/20
Linda Anderson	9/29

Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Historical: Kathy 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: Sam Cetrulo and Lizzie Riccaboni

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Lizzie Riccaboni

Website: Nancy Scholz

Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Vicki Pede, Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Sue Marin, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Phillis Walden

Deadline for the next newsletter is September 21st.



Link to the YouTube Livestream will be sent out to guild members the week prior to the event.

Presenters' instruction sheets available the week of Sept 10th.

All-Star Sampler Platter

**Youtube Livestream Event
6 hours of amazing demos
by some of GQC's very best teachers**



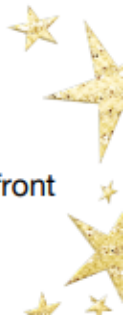
Saturday Sept 23, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Kelly Ashton: Kelly's "Partial" to Partial Seams; You Can Be, Too!
Dara Tomasson: Doodles to dazzling designs
Jennifer Houlden: Creating Eye Catching Fabric Runs is as Easy As 1-2-3
Beth Cunningham: POP! POP! Punch Needle(an ancient embroidery technique)
Katie Lewis: No-Reverse Applique Design Transfer
Cyndi McChesney: Surprising settings for Multi Image panels
Emma Powell: Itty Bitty Dolls for Applique based on South American Arpilleras
Dana Jones: Demystifying Design for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)
Lyric Kinard: Foil + Fabric = Fun!



Sunday Sept 24, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Nanette Zeller: Painterly Applique Using Colored Pencils
Elizabeth DeCroos: A Quilt that's not a Quilt
Julia McLeod: The 4 'S's of Piecing with Silk
Jane Houprich: Fear The Negative No More!!
Carole Lyles Shaw: Vibrant Stitching - Big Stitch Hand Quilting
Melissa Marginet: Dot-to-Dot Walking Foot Quilting
David Owen Hastings: Backing, Binding, Batting, Beauty: designing a quilt from back to front
Stephanie McIntyre: Sew Sustainably! Recycled Leather Reverse Appliqué
Kristin Echols: Add a Bold Seminole Band to Your Next Project



Upcoming Events

Sept 9-10th – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2023, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven PA. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5

September 10th – Crazy Quilters BINGO at the Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown - Get Your Tickets Now !!!

Sept 14-17th – 30th Annual Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA
[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management \(quiltfest.com\)](#)

Sept 23rd & 24th – Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter, YouTube Livestream Event

Sept 30th – Penn Rose Quilt Guild – Quilters Buffet 2023, Schoeneck Moravian Church 316 North Broad St. Ext. Nazareth, PA 18064 Register by Sept 16th, \$55. The Quilters' Buffet is a "Round Robin" of instruction for quilters and fiber artists. It's a great way to learn a new technique or to learn tips that may improve your skills. Six mini-seminars are offered. You select three to rotate through seventy-five minutes of instruction and discussion. There will be opportunities to shop our vendors and Boutique and to participate in a Tricky Tray. [Penn Rose Quilt Guild](#)

Oct 13 – 15th – Undercover Quilters Quilt 2023 Quilt Show, Brookhaven Municipal Bldg, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven PA [Sew Many Colors A Fall Festival of Quilts – Undercover Quilters](#)

Oct 27th – Nov 11th – 20th Eastern PA Shop Hop "Walk in the Woods"
More information on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop>

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April 10th-13th – Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

If you discover any events to be added, please send to Karen Rush.

