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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

I hope everyone is having a wonderful spring! Everything is blooming and looking beautiful. I usually look forward to working in the garden at this time of year. But this year, I didn't do a big spring garden like I usually do- only lettuce, kale, and a few other small plants. I'm planning to have a big summer garden and if I have the stamina, a fall garden. Time will tell!

I have been making lots of projects and have really been enjoying my time sewing. I hope you can all find time to work on a new or old project in your sewing space too!

As a reminder from last month, Phillis Walden is the chair of the Nominating Committee. She will be contacting members of the guild to see if they are willing to hold officer positions. If you are interested in a specific position, please contact Phillis.

Also, I will be away for the May meeting and workshop, and Donna will be filling in for me at both the meeting and workshop. I will miss seeing you all this month and I'm looking forward to our June meeting already!

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: Jessica Dayon

Vice-President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

Programming Officer: Cassandra Kriley & Jessica Dayon

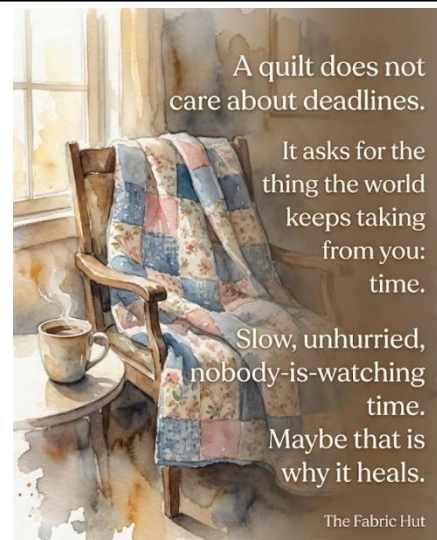
Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, May 5th, 7 p.m.

No Quilters' Studio

Sit 'n Sew: In-person, May 16th; Virtual, May 27th



A quilt does not care about deadlines.

It asks for the thing the world keeps taking from you: time.

Slow, unhurried, nobody-is-watching time.

Maybe that is why it heals.

The Fabric Hut

President's Message – Continued

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no Quilters' Studio in May since I will be away.

If you have any ideas or would like to teach at a Quilters' Studio, please let me know.

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The President's monthly challenge for the month of April challenge was to make a house block- any pattern, any project, as long as it has at least one house block in it.

The President's monthly challenge for May, June, and July is to work on the mini quilt challenge for the August meeting. Details for that challenge below in the Programming section.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

At the May meeting, we will show Lesson 9. The schedule is below for your reference.

America the Quilt Along Schedule			
Working Period	Assignment	Blocks to Make	When to Share
August	Purchase pattern & gather fabric	None	None
September	Lesson 2- Strip Piecing & Chain Piecing	1 Long Checkerboard, 1 Short Checkerboard, 2 Short Fence Blocks, and 1 Long Fence Block	At the October Meeting
October	Lesson 3- Stitch & Flip	9 Snowball Tree Blocks 4" x 8"	At the December Meeting (November is a Zoom only meeting)
November	Lesson 4- Flying Geese	5 Flying Geese Tree Blocks & Flag Block	At the December Meeting
December	Lesson 5- Pieced Squares	4 Mosaic Blocks & 78 Border Half Square Triangles	At the January Meeting
January	Lesson 6- Making & Using Templates	8 Template Tree Blocks	At the March Meeting (February is a Zoom only meeting)
February	Lesson 7- Arranging Patches	4 House Blocks	At the March Meeting
March	Lesson 8- Half- and Quarter-Square Triangles	1 Fields Block, 1 Mountains Block, 1 Shining Sun Block	At the April Meeting
April	Lesson 9- Pressing Tips & Strategies	3 Bounty Blocks	At the May Meeting
May	Lesson 10- Fabric Considerations	1 Church Block, 1 Schoolhouse Block, 1 Barn Block	At the June Meeting
June	Lesson 11- Applique	Applique stars	At the July Meeting
July	Lesson 12- Assembly, Quilting, Binding	Assembly	At the August Meeting

Programs

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

May 5, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts.... Folklore & Superstitions"

"Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts – Folklore & Superstitions" provides quilts that represent some of the most colorful Pennsylvania quilts made in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's. Their unique designs and quilting patterns have created the "Dutch" folk art that is collected today. Discussion will include the connection of "quilts", "hex signs" and the world of "folklore and superstitions."



CANCELLED -- WORKSHOP -- May 6, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Armenian Love"

June 2, 2026 - Elizabeth DeCroos – Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells my journey from Canada to Korea and back again. While in Korea, I studied the ancient art of Pojagi, Korean patchwork. Back in Canada, however, the Korean materials are more difficult to find, so I adapted pojagi techniques to readily-available western materials with some great results.



ZOOM WORKSHOP -- June 6, 2026- Elizabeth DeCroos - Korean Reversible Patchwork: Pojagi Improv Window Hanging

Use fat quarters or 8" x 10" pieces of batik to create a one-of-a-kind pojagi project. In this class you will learn two different methods of pojagi seams and when to use them. If you struggle with getting started with improv piecing, working in a group will get you going, Once you start, you won't be able to make just one – you will want to experiment with different colours and arrangements. Finished size: 20" x 30", but can be easily personalized.

This workshop is a 5 hour, Zoom workshop that you can participate in from the comfort of your home.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm, with a 30 minute lunch break from 12-12:30

Cost for guild members: The cost for this workshop is a flat fee so it decreases per person the more people that we have signed up. If we have 15 people sign up, it is \$45 per person. If we have 20 people (the maximum allowed) sign up, it is \$35 per person. **Class Registrations closes May 7th.**

July 7, 2026 – Teresa Duryea Wong - "Sewing and Survival" Native American Quilts from 1880 – 2022"

This lecture covers a tumultuous period in Native American culture beginning in 1880, when Native lands were taken away, buffalo herds were decimated, forced relocations were happening all over North America, and the educational system changed dramatically. Indigenous American spent the 1880s and the next few decades learning to adapt. As Western missionary women made their way into the loves of American Indigenous communities, they introduced quilt making skills and provided fabric and supplies. Native American women with adept needle skills adopted Western patchwork quilts and eventually made quilts that reflected their own cultural heritage.



August 4, 2026 – Annual Social- Live Event Only

This year our social will be Ice Cream Parlor themed.

We will enjoy games and snacks (more info on both of those to come) as well as a mini quilt challenge!

Here are the details of the mini quilt challenge:

Quilts must measure between 12" and 24", no larger or smaller

The design must be ice cream or popsicle themed

Only one entry per person

First-, second-, and third- place ribbons will be awarded.





All-Star Sampler Platter

Youtube Livestream Event
6 hours of amazing demos

by some of Global Quilt Connection's very best teachers



Saturday May 16, 3-6- PM US Eastern

- Karen Bolan *Make Tumbling Blocks the Easiest Way*
- Anna Buzzalino *From Sketch to Stitch with Inktense Pencils*
- Annie Smith *Pro Tips for Accurate Piecing*
- Gunnel Hag *Extraordinary Prints from Ordinary Objects*
- Torreah "Cookie" Washington *Making Baskets and Rugs to Save the Planet*
- Laureen Smith *Fusible Appliqué with the Look of Custom Quilting*
- Diane Harris *Fabric Flair: Best Kept Secrets*
- Cathy Perlmutter *Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts*
- Pattie Klimek - *Fast and Easy Hand Piecing*

Sunday May 17 3-6 PM US Eastern



- Pat Daniels *Marker Mania - Scribbling on Fabric*
- Lisa Shepard Stewart *African Prints 101*
- Leona McCann *Echoes of My Ancestors: My Journey with Celtic Quilt Design*
- Beth Helfter *Accordion Sewn Variations - More than 1/2 Square Triangles!*
- Kim Brownell *Mixed Media Magic*
- Linda Sullivan *Wonky Piecing - The Ultimate Immediate Gratification Technique*
- Jane Haworth *Kids Art Collage*
- Margaret Willingham *Create Mola Magic*
- Lynn Christiansen *One Pattern, Three Ways!*

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The link to this event will be sent out in a separate email the first week of May

Better Done Than Perfect

Kim Carlo

Remember to sign in at the membership desk with the name of the project from the list you submitted. You will show your finished projects during Show 'N Tell section at the monthly meetings.



Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The in-person Sit 'n Sew will be held on **Saturday, April 18th, 10:15 – 4 pm**. Bring your project or work on Community Service projects.

Virtual Sit n Sews from May through October will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The time will alternate between evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and afternoon (1:30 – 4 PM). The virtual Sit n Sew in May will be **Wednesday May 27, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**.



2026 Challenge

Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin, Quinn Pagano

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's quilt challenge. This year's challenge will be a little different because there will be two main categories: Upcycled/Recycled and America 250.



For Upcycled/Recycled, make a quilt or other item using repurposed fabric from old clothes or an old quilt. You will be asked to provide a photo of the recycled items used and a description.

For America 250, create something to celebrate America's 250th birthday.



For both of these options, we will have the following categories:

- Large Quilt (40" X 40" or larger)
- Small Quilt (less than 40" X 40")
- Other (placemats, totes, garments. Wearable art, etc.)
- Original (any product, quilt or otherwise, that was not a purchased pattern created by someone else. This must come out of your own imagination. If your product was inspired by another creator, please give them credit).

In addition, we will have some other special awards:

- Best Quilt that falls into both categories
- Best Use of Color
- Best Workmanship
- I Wish I Made That

We hope you will consider joining in the fun this year! All entries will be displayed and voted on at our January 2027 meeting. If you have any questions, contact Quinn Pagano, Deb Goodwin or Kim Carlo.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the members who provided the refreshments for the April meeting. They were Jane Rossetti, Carol Willis, Pat Vaccaro, Karen Rush and Quinn Pagano. Also, to the person who brought handmade chocolate peanut butter eggs. What a treat. It is always appreciated.

Members who signed up for May 5th meeting are Cathy Schadler, Kathie Laposata, Linda Johnston, Kathy Moore and Suzanne Nelson. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Decaf coffee and tea are always available during the evening.

Quiltfolk

Karen Hartzell

Quiltfolk - The Delaware Issue of the Quiltfolk Magazine was awarded to Roberta Whitcomb. Since Delaware is so close to home, there were many recognizable mentions in this issue.

Community Service

Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

Thursday, April 30th, 10 am - 3 pm, then clean-up, at the **Emmaus branch of New Tripoli Bank**, 4892 Buckeye Rd. Pull-up to the entrance temporarily to unload equipment, but park in the last row, by the grass. Go through the first door on the right inside the entrance, and take the elevator to the well-lit basement. Some people indicated they'd like a weekday option. So, we hope we get a good turnout!

Saturday, May 30th, 12:30-4:30 pm in the **Zirkel Room at Parkland Community Library, 4422 Walbert Ave.**

At both Sewcials, we'll need some people to bring machines, etc., but most people can just show up, period, without bringing any supplies because we will work together in a seated "assembly line."

To help us plan and set-up, please RSVP to Dawn Dengler &/or Pat Piasecki, especially if you will bring a machine, so that we know to reserve a spot for you near an outlet.

Please bring your own refreshments (NO alcohol permitted).

You can come and go as you like and stay for as little or much of the time as you like.

At both the **May 5th** monthly meeting at Calvary Baptist and again at the **May 16th** Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian, we plan to have a **variety of precut kits** available for members to sew at home or onsite at the Sit and Sew.

Also, if you would like some Hobbs Bonded Fibers Heirloom Premium 80/20 Blend Quilt Batting **for Community Service Charity Quilt(s)**, please let Dawn Dengler know the size(s). (First requested, first served; we still have over 24 yds of 96".)

Since the April newsletter, we collected the following completed projects, in addition to kits that have been prepared for others to sew:

2 large charity quilts

5 wheelchair blankets for Cedarbrook Senior Care and Rehabilitation

35 premie blankets for LVHN NICU babies

15 premie prone bears for LVHN's NICU

1 Teddy Bear for an EMT to give to a child experiencing trauma

6 pillowcases for hospitalized kids to be distributed by the Lehigh Valley-Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles, <https://www.facebook.com/people/Case-for-Smiles-Lehigh-Valley-Berks-Chapter/61587626488524/>

27 placemats to add to our annual autumn donation for clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://mowglv.org/>

3 cancer comfort pillows

24 chemo port-protecting pillows that were delivered to The CHEMO Bag and included with previously collected cancer comfort pillows and other comforting items in the Bag of Hope totes that the organization distributes to area infusion centers, <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>



Wow! Thanks for another month of your amazingly productive and generous community service contributions!

Show & Tell – April

Anna Blanchette



Cathy Schadler



Doreen Gramling



Debra Goodwin



Karen Rush



Jane Rossetti



Pat Piasecki



Laurie Murray



Linda Anderson



Pat Richardson



Pat Wolfe



Ruth Smith



Irene Oehmke



Diana DeFanti



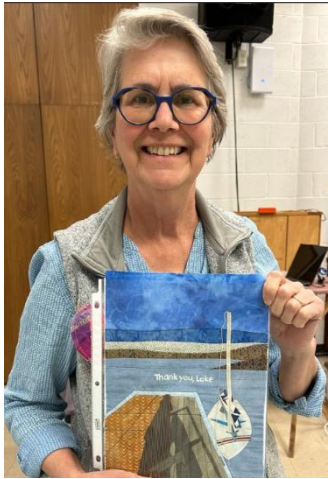
Nancy Ayers



Suzanne Nelson



Katrina Idleman



Kathy Moore



A good day starts with fabric.



[Massachusetts quilt guild creates one-of-a-kind Boston Marathon-inspired art installation](#)
Thanks to Lorraine Bujnowski for sharing

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

We had 71 members present in April; 1 guest, and 1 new member.

Please welcome Becca Borge, who has recently moved to our area with her husband and pets. She enjoys baking, reading, gardening, and sailing.



DAYON	JESSICA	9-May
MARTRICH	DAWN	12-May
MAURER	LORI	18-May
MUGRIDGE	SANDRA	28-May

Committees

Challenge: Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer, Sue Marin

Historical: Karen Hartzell

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Newsletter & Communications: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Lori Maurer

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski (In-Person) & Cathleen Kilpatrick (Virtual)

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

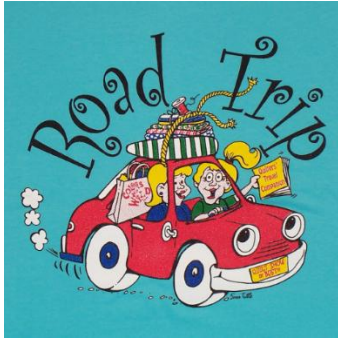
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz



**Reminder: Newsletter Deadline is always the 21st of the Month
Mark your calendars!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

April 30 -- CQQG Community Service Sewcial at Emmaus Branch of New Tripoli Bank, 4892 Buckeye Rd. 10 am - 3pm See Community Service section for details. Contact Dawn Dengler or Pat Piasecki with questions.

May 2 – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Downtown Palmerton & Palmerton High School. Theairingofthequilts.com

May 15-16 – [Four Country Quilters Quilt Show](#), “When Life Gives You Scraps, Make a Quilt”. Frederick Event Center, 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

May 15-17 – [Genesee Valley Quiltfest](#) Rochester NY

May 16-17 – All Star Sampler – Virtual Workshops – separate email

May 29-31 – Brandywine Valley Quilt Show, “1776-2026 Evolution & Revolution”. Neumann University Mirinda Center, 501 Convent Drive, Aston, PA [2026 Quilt Show - Brandywine Valley Quilters](#)

May 30 -- CQQG Community Service Sewcial at Parkland Community Library in the Zirkel Room, 4422 Walbert Ave. just east of the Rte 309 intersection 12:30-4:30 p.m.

We'll be making chemo port-protecting pillows assembly line style. See Community Service section for details.

June 6 -- ZOOM WORKSHOP -- June 6, 2026- Elizabeth DeCroos - Korean Reversible Patchwork: Pojagi Improv Window Hanging

June 8-15 – Quilters Paradise Summit. This is a free online, week-long event featuring over 25+ workshops focusing on techniques from foundation skills to advanced quilting. The next event will be held on June 8-15, 2026. *No link available at this time.*

June 18-20 – A Quilter’s Destination Quilt Show, Burlington, Vermont [Vermont Show Info | A Quilter's Destination](#)

June 19-20 – Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show. Central Columbia High School, 4777 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, PA.

July 23-25 – A Quilters Destination, NE Ohio Guild show, Ashland, Ohio [Ashland, OH | AQuiltersDestination](#)

Sunday, July 26 -- Group Chemo Port Pillow Making at Union UCC, 5550 Rte 873, Neffs, PA Noon to 3 p.m. Stay as much or as little of the time as you're able. If you're bringing a sewing machine, please let Dawn Dengler know ahead of time. Otherwise, you can just show up and take turns prepping materials, sewing on someone else's machine, stuffing &/or bagging.

Sept 17-20 – Pennsylvania National Quilt Show Extravaganza, Oaks, PA [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#)

October 2-3 – Berks Quilters Guild quilt show, “Quilts From the Heart of Berks”, Leesport Farmers Market, 312 Gernants Church Road, Leesport, PA.

October 9-10 – Keystone Quilters Quilt Show, “Freedom of Expression”, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA. [Keystone Quilters](#)

October 22-24 – [Faithful Circle Quilters' Guild](#) 2026 Quilt Show, Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md, 21045

November 6-8 – Fall Harvest of Quilts, Pleasant Valley Community Firehall in Westminster, MD

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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