



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Happy August! This is the last month of our quilt guild's year and I love that we end the year with a social! Our August meeting is looking like it'll be so much fun. Katrina and Sue have planned some great games to do at the meeting. They have worked hard for two years planning our programs and this is their last hurrah! Thank you both for all of your hard work! In the meantime, our new programming chair, Cassandra has been working so hard to fill our programming slate for the 2025-2026 year. Thank you, Cassandra! We are looking forward to all that you have planned for us.

Something new that I'm planning that I'd like to share about, if there is enough interest, I'm going to be hosting a quilt along for anyone in our guild that would like to participate. We will be making the America the Beautiful Quilt pattern from McCall's Quilting. There will be a new section in the newsletter that shares the details so continue reading the newsletter to find out more.

We are in the final countdown for our 'Crazy About Quilting' show. This is our fundraising event for this year. The money we raise will go directly to the guild to fund programs and events that we do together. Our guild really needs everyone to contribute- both in handmade items and also in volunteering your time during the show to make sure the event is successful. Thank you for all of your hard work making items and spreading the word for our 'Crazy About Quilting' show.

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: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, August 5th

Sit 'n Sew: Saturday, August 16th at 10:15 a.m.. Faith Presbyterian Church.

Sit 'n Sew at Lindberg Park: Tuesday, August 19th, Noon to 4 p.m.

Virtual Sit 'n Sew: Wednesday, August 27th, 1:30 – 4 p.m.



MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The August monthly challenge is to finish any work in progress/unfinished object.

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no Quilters' Studio in August since we will be setting up for the County Fair themed social.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

The America the Beautiful quilt was designed by Lynn Lister. The pattern can be found on the McCall's Quilting website (Quilting Daily- <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/product/mccalls-quilting-america-the-beautiful-quilt-along-pattern-download/>). The current cost of the pattern is \$7.99. The pattern is broken down by lesson, so it is very easy to use it as a quilt along/block of the month.

To participate in this quilt along, you will need to purchase the pattern, and the fabric needed. We will work on a different portion of the pattern each month and share our progress at the meetings after Show & Tell.

If there is interest, I can also teach how to make each month (or the months that look tricky) at the Quilters' Studio. Hopefully this will give you confidence if you want to make this quilt but are unsure of how to make all of the blocks in the quilt.

The schedule we will follow is below.

Please email me if you are interested in participating and if you would like the blocks taught at Quilters' Studio.



| America the Quilt Along Schedule | | | |
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| 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

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

August 5, 2025 – LIVE ONLY EVENT

Come celebrate "The County Fair". Join in the fun as we share the best of events seen at a County Fair. In addition to sharing popcorn, ice cream, lemonade, iced tea, and summer salads. Several members will participate in a mini-quilt challenge." Please come to cast your vote!



Due to space and time constraints, we will not have a free table or show and tell at this meeting. However, items for the Crazy About Quilting Show in October may be handed in to Sharon Yurkanin or Val Johnson. They will collect your items in the lobby.

New Program Year Begins!

Cassandra Kriley

September 2, 2025 – Bethanne Nemesh will present her lecture on "Yarn Couching: Freemotion to Fine Art". You won't want to miss her fabulous fashion show featuring her designs.



October 7, 2025 – Susan Suhre, a Berks County resident, shares her lovely, appliqued quilts, many of which have won prizes at major shows. Her trunk show will include 40 or more of her creations. You'll be able to get a close up look at them.



Sue has agreed to do an in-person six-hour workshop on Saturday, October 25th when she'll teach us her invisible machine applique technique. Details and registration for Sue's class will begin in August.



November 4, 2025 – David Owen Hastings brings a modern twist to this ZOOM ONLY presentation of "20 Modern Quilts from Around the World". David will do a 3-hour Mini Mid-Mod Quilt Zoom workshop on Tuesday, November 11 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

December 2, 2025 – Annual Holiday Potluck Social

January 6, 2026 – Annual Guild Challenge. This year's theme is monochromatic and will be held at Calvary Baptist Church (our regular monthly location).

Our quilt show is about 2 months away. I hope you are finishing up projects and enjoying your summer. A few things for you to be aware of:

Jane Merkel is still looking for more quilts to display.

Silent Auction -- Cathleen needs to know if you are working on a quilt for this area. For the silent auction, we're looking for donations of quilts and other homemade items valued at least \$50. If you donate something, we'll ask you to make a starting bid for your item. We plan to set a 'buy it now price', so if someone doesn't want to risk losing an auctioned item, they can make a purchase on the spot. We have so many talented quilters in the guild, please consider making something for the auction. Please let Cathleen know by the September meeting if you're willing to commit to the silent auction. Donated items must be delivered to Calvary Baptist Church no later than Friday October 3. If you can't make it to the church on Oct 3, please bring your item to the August or September meeting, or contact Cathleen to arrange for pick up or drop off.

At July's guild meeting, I had mentioned a display in the lobby with a quilt and a table for smaller items we make. Since then, I think we will not display any smaller items as I don't want another area that needs staffing. The table will be for our membership information and for those of you that have a business selling fabric/long-arming/sewing, blogging, etc. from your house or on internet to advertise via pamphlets or flyers. Also, any other quilting events in area can be advertised here.

Sign-up sheets for staffing all areas of the Quilt Show should be available at our August guild meeting. Our show is October 4, 9-3 with Quilt display, Demo/classroom, boutique, quilters cupboard, silent auction, and admissions area needing constant staffing. Please schedule yourself for some of those areas.

All items for Boutique and Quilter's Cupboard must be brought in and delivered to Sharon Yurkanin or Val Johnson by the September 2 Guild meeting. Sharon and Val will be organizing and pricing during the month of September and will accept nothing following our September guild meeting.

October 3 from 9 am until we are finished, we are setting up Calvary Baptist Church for the event. All areas will need helping hands setting up displays, arranging tables for admissions, etc. We will appreciate any time you can give to help that day. All quilts are requested by Jane Merkel to be brought in from 9-1. She has forms for drop off and pick up to make the process easier. If you are unable to get your quilt there at that time, you need to contact Jane. Please come to help and bring your lunch.

October 4 show is from 9-4, followed by a clean-up from 4-6 and getting Calvary back to the way we found it ready for church services. Again, the more help, the easier it goes. Please stay and help if you are able to do so.



CRAZY QUILTERS -- INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUILT SHOW DROP OFF

When you drop off your quilt on **Friday, Oct 3, between 9:00am and 1:00pm**, please bring each quilt in its own pillowcase. We will give you two index cards for each quilt. One to pin your name and number on the pillowcase and one to pin your name and number on the bottom right back corner of your quilt.

We will then ask you to sign a release form for each quilt, one copy for you, one for us. To retrieve your quilt after the quilt show, bring the signed release back and patiently wait for us to find your quilt, place it in its pillowcase and return it to you.

If someone else is picking up your quilts, make sure we know who they are and have their name on your index cards and on your release form.

If someone else is bringing your quilts, make sure they are also named on your index card and on the release form.

If you cannot bring your quilt on that Friday, I will accept a few of them at September meeting and bring them to my house to keep till October.

Same procedure will be followed. It would be helpful if I knew that you were bringing your quilts to September, so please let me know. Thank you!

Same procedure for all quilted, display items, such as pillows, jackets, etc. If you happen to have large safety pins to lend us, that too would be helpful.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



In person Sit 'n Sews will be the third Saturday of the month, 10:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mark your calendar for **Saturday August 16th** at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies and your lunch. 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. If you don't want to pack up all your supplies, bring a hand project instead or just come by to chat.

The Virtual Sit 'n Sews will be the 4th Wednesday of every month and will alternate between afternoon and evening. The next virtual Sit 'n Sew will be August 27th, 1:30 – 4 p.m.

SUMMER DAYS AT LINDBERG PARK, 2800 LINDBERG AVE, ALLENTOWN, PA. (Lindberg Ave is between S. 24th St., and S. Cedar Crest Blvd.) Tuesday, **AUGUST 19**

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Many thanks to the members who provided our lovely dessert table for the July 2025 meeting. They were : Quinn Pagano, Donna Gasser, Karen Hartzell, Deb Veshinsky and Dawn Martrich.

The August meeting with a County Fair theme includes several different food items. Popcorn will be the appetizer followed by salads, drinks and ending with ice cream. Five members have signed up to bring a salad. They are Karen Landis, Jessica Dayon, Nancy Shannon, Pat Vaccaro and Debbie Heeps. Drinks (lemonade, iced tea) are provided by Donna Iobst, Lori Smith, Julie McDonell, Lori Maurer and Sandra Mugridge. Coffee will NOT be on the menu for August.

A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Looking forward to the exciting evening.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

I have had the privilege this month to deliver 2 dog beds to Peaceable Kingdom, 19 quilts to Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley, and 13 pillowcases for Ryan's Cases for Smiles. You are truly a very special group of generous people helping others around you.

Pillowcases are always appreciated, and before we know it, the time will be here for our placemat delivery to Meals on Wheels in the Fall. I respectfully ask that you put your emphasis on these two causes in the weeks ahead.



Quilt Challenge 2025

Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

The challenge this year will be to make a "Monochromatic" quilted piece. The definition of Monochromatic is having or consisting of one color or hue. You can use a variety of shades of a single color or hue. OR, you can use black, white and grey. To make it more interesting you may optionally add one additional color. The added color may only be used in less than 10% of the piece. The fabrics used may be solid, blenders or patterns, but the overwhelming color in each fabric should be the selected monochromatic or added color. For more information, see the [May newsletter](#), or contact Cathleen or Quinn.



Sign-ups for the challenge will begin at the September meeting.



Crazy Quilt Retreat

Sandy O'Connor

Get ready! It's time for the Crazy Quilt Retreat!!!

Just as the last several years, the retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House in Denver, PA. The retreat length will be 5 days like last year. The dates for this Sew/Vacation are Wednesday, November 5th, to Sunday, November 9th.

Set up your sewing machine for the 5 day sew! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

Wednesday, all meals are on your own. Thursday/Friday morning meals are on your own. Group dinner on Thursday evening will be at the K-ville Hotel & Tavern and you will pay your own check. The remaining meals; Friday dinner, Saturday brunch and dinner, will be split up into groups for meal preparation. Sunday will be leftovers. Each of these meals will be assigned to a group of people to plan and prepare.

The cost for all four nights is \$245.00 per person.

We can take 14 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Call now to reserve your spot.

In September/October, more information will be sent to those who have signed up. Last year we planned on some additional activities to do during the retreat.

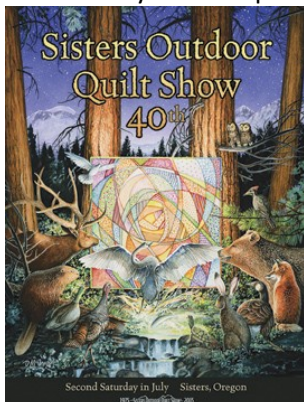
If you're interested in the retreat, please text / call Sandy O'Connor or email.



Art from Sisters Quilt Show

Samantha Cetrulo

I really enjoyed seeing more of Diane Phalen's artwork when she spoke for our guild recently and the stories behind the artwork. I was lucky enough to go to Sisters Oregon for the 50th anniversary of their quilt show. I went the day before and previewed the new book in the quilt shop called: Sisters, Oregon—Five Decades of Quilting in America. In the book there are lots of quilt pictures but also the quilt posters from over the years. I believe there is a contest to create the poster each year. Some of them were done by Dennis McGregor. The common theme was landscape with quilts in them. It reminded me of Diane's work and I enjoyed meeting him the next day. He signed a book for my daughter and I took home a poster that he did for another guild's quilt show. You can see some more of his work here: [Dennis McGregor | Quilt Fine Art Prints | Sisters, OR](#) This was my favorite poster that he did with the animals for the 40th anniversary.



Some of my favorite quilts from the show were t-shirt quilts that had previous quilt show t-shirts in them. Here is another artist and his posters. [Posters — Dan Rickards](#) If anyone is planning on going and would like travel tips, send me an email. -Samantha Cetrulo.

This is a great summary of the show by Stacey Lee of Stacey Lee Creative. [Is the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Worth It? Here's What I Loved \(and What to Expect!\)](#)



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| SCILLA | NINA | 7-Aug |
| GURNIAK | MERCEDAS | 15-Aug |
| JOHNSTON | LINDA | 16-Aug |
| GILLIGAN | GEORGINE | 22-Aug |
| LANDIS | KAREN | 22-Aug |
| IDLEMAN | KATRINA | 24-Aug |
| MARTIN | DIANE | 26-Aug |
| KILPATRICK | CATHLEEN | 27-Aug |

Attendance for the July meeting:

In person: 49

Online: 10

No guests

Total: 59



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

Upcoming Events

2025

July 1 – August 31 – [All Mid-Atlantic Shop Hop](#), Six States, 125 Shops!

July 11-12 – [Quilt Show - Ladybug Quilt Guild](#), Rays of Hope, Wilmington, Delaware

July 17-19 – [The North East Ohio Quilt Show](#), Wayne County Fair Event Center, 199 Vanover St, Wooster, OH

August 9 – October 26 - [Cutting Edge: Inventive Nineteenth-century Quilts from the Collection of Arlan and Pat Christ](#), Allentown Art Museum

September 6 & 7 – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2025
– Winter Whimsy, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA.



September 7 - Community Chemo Port Pillow Making Session at Union UCC, 5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA --- Everyone can help, sewers and non-sewers. Noon – 3 p.m. Drop in for part or all of the time to join the "assembly line." Contact CQQG member, Dawn Dengler for details.

September 10-13 -- [American Quilter's Society](#) – AQS Quilt Week, Manheim, PA

September 11-14 -- [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#), Oaks PA

September 20 - Keystone Quilters Quilt Bingo – Tylersport Fire Station, 11 am doors open. Start 12:30 pm. For digital tickets call Sue Wilsey 267-261-6202. Physical tickets can be purchased as well from guild members.

September 25 – 28 – [Montgomery County 4H Giant Fabric Sale](#), Farm, Home & Youth Complex, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA

October 4 – Crazy About Quilting Show, Calvary Baptist Church, 4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA

October 11 – [Doll Quilt History](#), Noon – 1 p.m. Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary St., Pennsburg. This is a ticketed event.

Oct 17-19 – Undercover Quilters Quilt Show, “Quilty as Charged”, [Undercover Quilters – PO Box 1334, Brookhaven, PA 19015](#)

Oct 25 – Susan Suhre, Invisible Machine Embroidery, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church.



Nov 11 – [David Owen Hastings](#), 3hr workshop Mini Mid Mod Quilt via Zoom, 6-9 p.m.

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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