



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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January 2020

## From The President

Valerie Johnson

Happy Holidays! The Crazy Quilter Holiday Season got off to a great start at our December meeting with a Potluck Dinner and a rousing game of (Fabric) Strip Poker. Many thanks to Diana Defanti for organizing the food, to Sandra Mugridge for helping set up and to Sam Cetrulo for organizing the game and prizes. As usual, the buffet tables were filled with an abundance of delicious foods and the dining tables were filled with much talk and laughter. It was a festive gathering of quilting friends.

I like to look back at this time of year and take note of all that I have to be thankful for. Near the top of my list are all of the great people I have met in the Crazy Quilter's Quilt Guild. I have had the good fortune to be a part of this guild for about 10 years. During that time I have been able to take advantage of the great programs we have at our meetings and have been able to participate in a variety of workshops. I have been able to learn so much from fellow Quilter's Studios and inspirational Show and Tell. I am thankful that we have a vibrant guild that is financially secure and able to attract new members. It's thanks to the many members who step up to help out, sharing new ideas, sharing talents, and providing a welcoming environment that keep it that way.

I'm looking forward to our January meeting, the Guild Quilt Challenge, "Optical Illusions" on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that we will meet at Faith Presbyterian Church that night.

I wish you all the Happiest of Holidays. See you in 2020!

Best always, Val



My cat, James "helping" me finish a Christmas gift.

## **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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Emmaus, PA

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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

Jan 7 – **Guild Meeting**, 7pm,

Optical Illusions Quilt Challenge

\*\*Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N 2nd St, Emmaus

Jan 11 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

## \*\*Please note\*\*

Our meeting location is a bit irregular for the next few months due to our needs (space to display challenge quilts) and the church's needs (space for special mid-week Lenten services).

January – Meet at Faith Presbyterian

February – Usual space at Holy Spirit

March – Lower level space at Holy Spirit

April – Lower level space at Holy Spirit

Please pay attention to the website and notices in the newsletter for updates.

## Programs and Workshops

### Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

March: Topic will be Batting, led by Carol Whaling and Sharon Yurkanin.  
Group will meet before the guild meeting in a small room downstairs.

April: Topic will be Bias Binding Tricks.

### Scrappy Square Quilt Sew-In

Rae Wong

A sew-in is being planned to make the Scrappy Square Quilt. This contemporary scrap quilt requires 800 - 2 ½" squares. In conjunction with the project, a swap of 2 ½" squares will be made among the participants so that everyone will have 800 different 2 ½" squares. For those who wish to participate in the swap, they will select 50 fabrics from their stash and cut one 2 ½" strip width of fabric (WOF). The WOF is then cut into 2 ½" squares. Fifty WOF strips will yield 800 - 2 ½" squares. The squares will be handed-in a month prior to the session and redistributed to the participants. For information on this project contact Rae Wong.

The date for the sew-in session will be announced in the near future.



### Optical Illusion Quilt Challenge January 2020

Samantha Cetrulo

It's not too late to finish up an optical illusion piece for the challenge meeting in January. I know that I am currently focused on Christmas gifts and still have work to do on mine. I hope to spend my new years eve sewing.

I have already received a few completed projects at the last meeting. All pledge sheets received an email reminder. If you did not receive an email from me, please contact me to let me know an estimated size and when you will be dropping it off.

Please contact me with any questions or to arrange drop off.

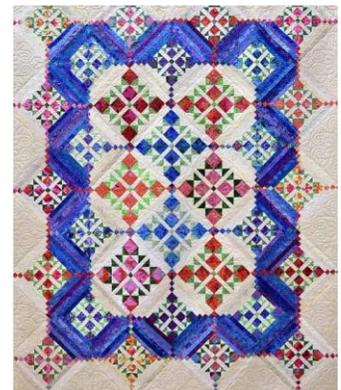
If you are not going to be at the meeting and submitted a project, please tell me what inspired your project so I can share with the group. <http://www.crazyquilters.org/challenge%20quilt.html>

### Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin

We are doing well with our ticket sales. Thanks to those of you who have already picked up and pre-paid your tickets. If you picked them up at a previous meeting and have not yet paid for them, please remit your \$30 at the February meeting. If you are paying by check, make it payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild.

As I mentioned at our December meeting, I was able to get us a table at the AQS Lancaster Downtown meeting in March 2020. That will be our best opportunity for big ticket sales. I will have sign-up sheets available at the February Meeting. However, if you know you're going to attend the show and would like to volunteer a few hours, send me an email with your preferred day and time. The dates of this year's show are March 25-28, 2020. Hours are 9:00 - 5:00 Wed - Fri and 9:00 - 4:00 on Saturday.



Due to health issues with a staff member, the Hershey Show was cancelled this year. I will continue to look for other local events throughout the year and will keep you all posted as they become available.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

## Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, January 11th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

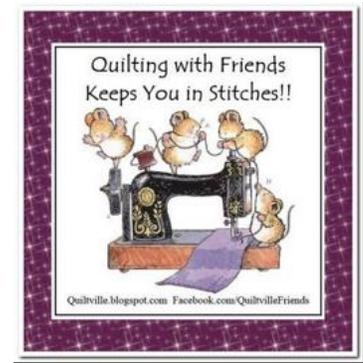
There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.

## Spring Retreat

The Spring retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House, May 1-3, 2020.

Signups will begin in March. We need at least 10 people to go.

Contact Sandy O'Connor with any questions.



## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Julie Davidovich, Jane Merkel, Karen Hartzell, Suzanne Nelson, Pat Piasecki, Carole Whaling, Julie Borden and Sam Cetrulo.

## Community Service

Kathie Laposata



You've set a new record for placemat donations! The 562 placemats delivered to Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley exceeded last year's donation by 50. Here's part of the thank you letter that I received:

*"Gifts like yours helped to bring a smile to all our clients who are home-bound. Many of our clients live alone, and our volunteers who visit them are often the only person that the client sees in a given day; the holidays can be particularly hard as a result. But thanks to you and others, so many clients received both a practical and meaningful gift that brought them some cheer. We are so grateful for your generosity."*

As you enjoy your holiday meals, give thanks for this organization that provides healthy meals to over 1,000 seniors in our community.

Our February meeting will be devoted to making pillowcases, but I will also have kits available at the January meeting that you are welcome to take and make at home. It's something fun to do when you are stuck inside during bad weather. The directions are in the Community Service section of our website. Remember to wash the completed pillowcases in unscented detergent and don't use any scented products in the dryer either. If you don't have that, simply return them unwashed to me and I will see that they are washed and packaged.

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you members for providing an evening filled with food and fellowship. The variety of delicious platters, crocks, bowls and casseroles always astounds me. Our poker skills could use some practice and a lot of luck.

Members signed up to bring a refreshment for the January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus are: Sue Marin, Maria Hance, Jackie Leipter, Nancy Ayers, Jane Merkel, Karen Rush and Nancy Scholz. You will receive a reminder after the new year.

## Library

Michele McLaughlin

No basket raffles for December and January.

## Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel



I had the pleasure of sitting at a delightful table at our December Pot Luck dinner. Two of the ladies I had hoped to feature in this column were also seated there, so I snapped away on my phone. You will meet one now and hopefully the other next month.

Pat Piasecki is a quiet, capable, delightfully talented Crazy Quilter! She is a relatively new member, having joined in 2014 after retirement freed her to pursue more of her passions. She was a longtime social worker for Cedar Brook Fountain Hill. Pat resides in Whitehall (ironically only a little over a block away from my son, small world?). She has two sisters who do not sew/quilt, but her mother did (thus her interest at an early age). Pat was doing Project Runway with dolls and doll clothing long before it was a hit TV show on Bravo. She is currently enjoying teaching two of her four grandchildren to love and enjoy sewing.

There are seven sewing machines in her home where her living room has been converted to a sewing studio. She is involved with other quilting groups through her time at Quilted Crow and through her best friend who is part of County Line Quilters. Pat is especially proud that the small group of quilters in Palmerton donated 27 quilts to Family Promise of Monroe and Carbon County. She is also the local coordinator in Palmerton for Quilts of Valor. Community service is just a natural part of Pat's personality.

Crazy Quilters is enjoyed because it offers so many opportunities to learn new techniques and to see what others are doing through Show and Tell. Please don't hesitate to "Chat with Pat" regarding any sewing or quilting topic. She has wealth of knowledge to share with you.

## Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Fifty (50) members attended the December 3rd meeting, and Lyndda Cromeans' granddaughter, Sophia, returned for a second visit. PLEASE remember to stop by the sign in table every month so we can get an accurate count, especially if you arrive before the sign-in sheet does.

We have 72 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year (plus the 3 charter members for 75 total). Membership renewals will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.

The 30 members who wore a name tag were entered into a raffle for a fat quarter prize; Roberta Whitcomb was this month's winner. We encourage all members to wear a name tag so newer members can get to know you.

Happy New Year!



## **January**

5 - Jackie Leipter  
19 - Lorraine Bujnowski  
24 - Suzanne Nelson  
25 - Deb Veshinsky

If anyone has Sunshine or Shadow news to share, please contact me.

**Member News and Requests**

**Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group**

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

**Long Arm Machine Quilting Help**

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. Her email is [rjaartdealer@gmail.com](mailto:rjaartdealer@gmail.com).

**Stamps for the V.A.**

Mercedes Gurniak

Please bring cancelled stamps, **with ¼ inch of the envelope remaining around the stamp**, for the V.A. The stamps are used to decoupage items for sale in the gift shop.

**Yarn for Cedarbrook**

Ruth Skinner

I am still accepting yarn of all size skeins or balls to make shawls for Cedar Brook Nursing Home residents.



Quilt Counseling

**Committee Chairs**

- Challenge:** Sam Cetrulo
- Community Service:** Kathie Laposata
- Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola
- Historical:** Rhonda Moore
- Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti
- Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich
- Modern Bee:** Nicole Folino
- 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

## **Events**

### **2020**

March 25-28, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Double Tree Willow Valley Resort. [www.lancasterquiltweek.com](http://www.lancasterquiltweek.com)

March 25-28, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster County Convention Center.  
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-pa/>

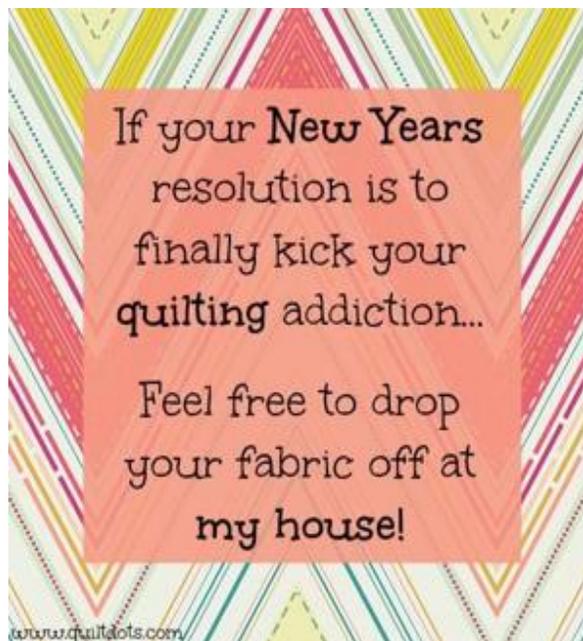
March 28-29, County Line Quilters, A Quilters Home quilt show, St. Cyril Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. [www.countylinequilters.org](http://www.countylinequilters.org)

March 29-May 2, Art Quilt Elements, Wayne PA  
[www.artquilelements.org](http://www.artquilelements.org).

April 4-5, Allentown Fiber Fest, Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown.

May 2-3, Colonial Quilters Guild, Quiltfest 2020  
Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township  
4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA

August 5-7, AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster-The Nook,  
The Nook Sports and Events Center,  
<https://www.quiltweek.com/locations/lancaster-the-nook/>



The deadline for the January newsletter is **Monday, January 20th.**