



## Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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### From The President

Donna Gasser

I hope every single one of you had a wonderful holiday season and that 2024 finds you in good health and ready for another exciting year with our Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild. I am looking forward to our January 2nd meeting that will be held at Faith Church with our Quilt Challenge competition. Irene Oehmke and a few of her helpers have been planning and anticipating this contest. She should have your entries by this writing (December 18) unless you have made special arrangements with her. On January 2nd she is asking for some help setting up the contest at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus. If you can help, please give her a call.

Our February 6th program should prove to be interesting and fun with David Sirota as he discusses quilter's quirks. It is Zoom and in person and will be followed up by a Zoom only workshop on February 17th, called "Collide-o-scope." David Sirota's presentations should prove to be a great kick-off for our 2024 program year. Sign-ups for the Zoom Workshop were taken at our December meeting and will be available again in January.

As the weather turns wintry, I hope you are all enjoying your free time with your sewing machines. I have a few projects going for myself and a few more for charity sewing.

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

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Programming Officer: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

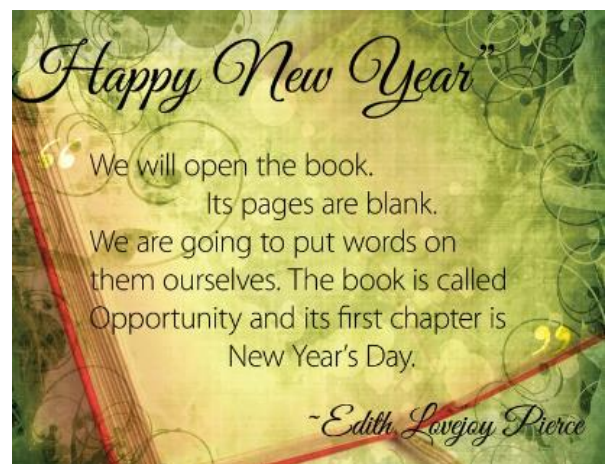
### Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Challenge

**Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus**

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



## From the President - Continued

If you have never attended a Sit & Sew session at Faith Church this might be a great time to try going to one the first or third Saturdays of each month, 10:15-4 pm. Attendees bring all they need to work on their projects. In between our own sewing, we chat, look at what everyone else is working on, have lunch, and offer suggestions if anyone is running into a sewing problem. Cost is \$7 per session which is donated to Faith Church for letting us use the room without a set fee. An email goes out about the Sit and Sew sessions for sign-up. Sit & sew sessions are cancelled if not enough members sign up or if Faith Church needs the room for an event at their church.

Happy New Year to you all! I thank you for all the support you have given our guild and me this year.

Happy Sewing!

## Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

**December 5, 2023-** What a great way to start off the holidays! Our annual Holiday Potluck was a huge success with LOTS of food, games and music. Thank you to all who came out and participated in the fun.

**January 2, 2024-** Hearts Quilt Challenge at **Faith Presbyterian**. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Oehmke. I'm looking forward to being surrounded by all the love in your heart quilts.



**February 6, 2024-** David Sirota will present his lecture, "Quilt While You're Ahead" on Zoom. This is a hybrid meeting. Members will gather at Calvary Baptist, weather permitting.

**February 17, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - David returns to teach his "Collide-o-scope" quilt technique. Zoom at home only. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with an hour break for lunch. The cost is \$40 for each participant. Make checks payable to "Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild". Very limited "special" supplies are needed. **The guild will supply the velum, Elmer's glue sticks, and dental floss for each participant. I will have the materials ready for pick up for paid attendees at both the January and February meetings.** If you'd like to see a preview of the materials list, go to David's website, [www.quiltmavendave.com](http://www.quiltmavendave.com). He has lists for each of his virtual classes there. Although this is an "old" pattern, Dave promises to make it fun and easy using his "No more tears" paper piecing method. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Sue Marin. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the December and January meetings. If you can't make either of those meetings, send me an email or call me.



**March 5, 2024** - Dana Jones will present her program, "Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island." Hybrid Zoom presentation; members gather at Calvary.

**April 2, 2024** – Patricia Belyae, "The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts" – Hybrid meeting.

**April 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** – Heather Blokzyl will teach Barn Quilt painting at Calvary. Three patterns will be available. \$50/person. All materials included. Live program only.

**May 7, 2024** - Barbara Dann of Alleycat Quilts will do a live lecture and trunk show.

**May 8, 2024 - WORKSHOP** -- Technique Class - Barbara returns on Wednesday morning to teach the Snail's Trail technique. This live technique class is fun and rewarding. You'll finish a block within the allotted three-hour class.

**June 4, 2024** – Lisa Shepard Stewart – Sewing with African Fabrics. Live lecture, truck show and “retail therapy” opportunity.

**July 2, 2024** - Brita Nelson, also known as “The Questioning Quilter,” will do a live lecture, “Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks”.

**July 20, 2024 - WORKSHOP** - Brita returns for a live, six-hour workshop – The Disappearing Block Sampler. At the end of the day, you will have completed nine blocks.

**August 6, 2024** – End the year with our Crazy Quilters' version of the Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Party. Everyone gets to celebrate! In-person only.

We hope you will enjoy and support the wide variety of meetings and workshops presented this year.

### **Save the Date!**



The next Global Quilt Connection's sampler platter event will be held on April 13 and 14, 2024.

### **Quilters Studio**

Julie Borden

Quilters Studio will be on hiatus until February 2024. We will pick up with English Paper Piecing.

### **Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



We wish everyone much hope and goodwill for our New Year of 2024! Our thanks for everything you have contributed during 2023, and we look forward to helping with your generosity of talent, time and treasure in 2024.

Mark your new calendars for our next Service Sewcial to be held on April 20, 2024 at Calvary Baptist Church.

## Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

December was the conclusion of the Better Done than Perfect Challenge for this past year. Michele McLaughlin was the winner of the challenge and she did complete many quilts that were on her list.

There is ongoing discussion about continuing the challenge this next year. February will be the beginning of the new year so stay tuned for more information.

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday January 6 & 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Sit 'n Sews will be on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Any deviations from this schedule will be announced as the month approaches.

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!

## Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Holidays! I wish you a safe and happy New Year with lots of sewing!

At the January meeting, there will be no raffle basket because of the celebration of the challenge quilts. The raffle baskets will resume in February.

Happy sewing!

## Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

It's a brand new year and notable for our group since we will be finishing out our journey through Kim Diehl's book, Simple Whatnots 3. If you have fallen off the Whatnots wagon, just hop right back on. Everyone enjoys seeing these fun little quilts, so it doesn't matter if you aren't caught up to this schedule. Bring in what you have made and we will applaud your creativity!

- January:            In your sewing room: work on Cross Purposes (pg. 95)  
                          At the meeting: no Show and Tell due to Challenge Quilt program
- February:           In your sewing room: work on Midnight (pg. 99)  
                          At the meeting: finally show Cross Purposes
- March:              In your sewing room: work on Making Waves (pg. 107)  
                          At the meeting: show Midnight
- April:                In your sewing room: work on October Sunset (pg. 113)  
                          At the meeting: show Making Waves
- May:                 At the meeting: show October Sunset

If all goes according to plan, we will wrap up our journey through Simple Whatnots 3 at the May meeting. I hope everyone has been enjoying this sewing expedition into the world of small and (usually) fast quilts. My goal was to never buy fabric expressly for a Simple Whatnots quilt; I wanted them to be stash busters. My only complaint about these small-scale projects is that they have not made much of a dent in my stash!

## **Membership**

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

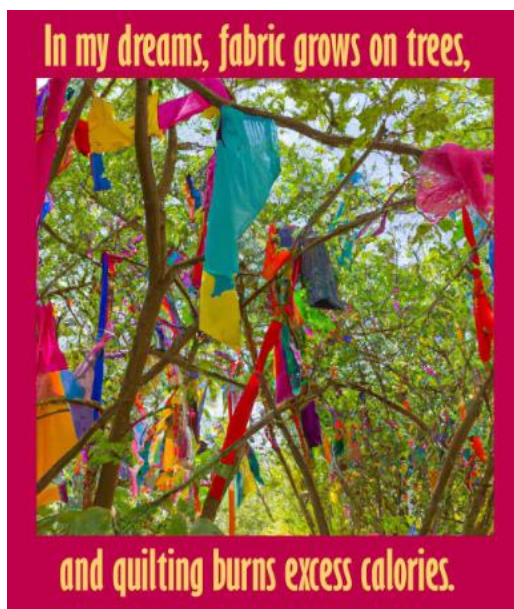
At our December in-person only meeting, 36 members attended including 3 visitors. Visitors were a husband, a sister & a daughter of our members. We are a family of quilters!

Our guild total of paid members for 2023/24 is 82. Dues for the current year are \$45.00, dropping to \$22.50 in March.



### **January Birthdays:**

Jackie Leipert - 1/5  
Lorraine Bujnowski - 1/19  
Janie Rossetti - 1/12  
Suzanne Nelson - 1/24  
Deb Veshinsky - 1/25



***Epecially this time of year!***

**Hospitality**

Diana DeFanti

On December 5th the guild members gathered to bring a dish to share for our annual potluck dinner. The variety of food brought to the table reflected the diverse tastes and culinary skills of our members. After everyone enjoyed the feast, music was added to the festive atmosphere. Then an interactive group activity fostered a sense of shared enjoyment. Wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all the members who provided their assistance in making the annual potluck dinner a resounding success. They were Karen Rush, Sue Marin, Sandy O'Connor and Karen Hartzell.

Members who signed up to bring an item for our January meeting are: Kim Carlo, Nancy Skok and Linda Green. We could use one or two more members willing to bring a snack. Email me or call me.

A few photos from our December Holiday Meeting.



## Committees

**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke

**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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

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**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin

**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

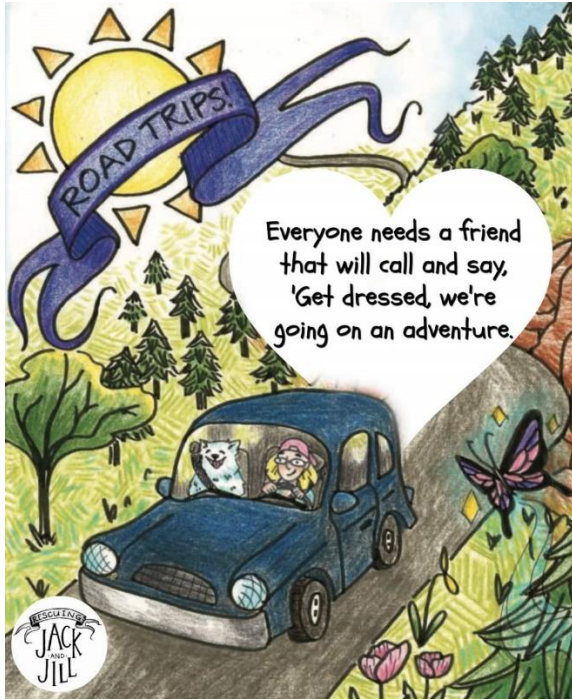
**Technology:** Kim Bringham, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



**Deadline for the next newsletter is January 21st.**

## Upcoming Events



### 2024

**April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** – Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

**April 13 & 14** – Global Quilt Connection Virtual Sampler. Save the date!

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA 9 am – 5 pm  
Quilts Displayed Across Town. Save the date!

**September 11-14** – AQS Quilt Week, Spooky Nook  
Sports Conference Center, 75 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA 17545  
[American Quilter's Society -](#)

**October 4 & 5** – Berks Quilters Guild, Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.

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

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