



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Happy Holidays and New Year! I hope you have had a lovely holiday season so far and that you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! I hope you all find time for some peaceful sewing in your space amid the holiday busyness.

Unfortunately, winter weather got in the way of our December potluck dinner. I hear that some members were able to get to Calvary that evening and that they had a wonderful evening together!

January is our annual challenge meeting! I am so excited to see all the entries and the hard work and effort that was put into each one. As a reminder, our challenge meeting is at our normal meeting place, Calvary Baptist.

In case you missed it in previous newsletters, we are still looking for help in the Programming area. The volunteer can be one person or a group of people. Cassandra has planned all the speakers and workshops through next August (2026), but we need help finalizing contracts and coordinating the planned workshops. Also, Cassandra will not be continuing as the programming Chair for the 2026-2027 year. As per our By-laws, we need the full year of programs announced at the September meeting. We have plenty of time for this, but we need someone to take on the role for the Chair next year. Please email me if you are interested in helping. There is a ton of support to teach you how to fulfill this role and we won't have programs or workshops without a Chair or Co-Chairs.

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

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 6th, In Person Only

Sit 'n Sews: In-person, Jan 17th; Virtual, Jan 14 & 18 (See page 5 for times)



President's Message - Continued

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

We will be taking off the month of December for the monthly challenge.

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no Quilters' Studio in January due to the challenge set up. If you would like to volunteer to teach a Quilters' Studio, please let me know.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

At the January meeting, we will show Lesson 5. You may also bring along Lessons 3 & 4 to show if you didn't make it to the December meeting. In January, we will be working on Lesson 6 and will share that at the February meeting. 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

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

February 3, 2026 – Cyndi McChesney- Panel Palooza Trunk Show

In this informative and entertaining trunk show Cyndi will show us how to take a panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll experience my good, bad and AH HA moments as Cyndi learned how to work with the different styles of panels and how adding interesting block treatments and borders and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué results in a truly special quilt.

Cyndi will be joining us via ZOOM.



Programs - Continued

CANCELLED -- February 4, 2026 -- Workshop: Panel Palooza- 6 hour workshop via ZOOM with Cyndi McChesney

March 2, 2026 – March 3, 2026- Joyce Hughes- "My Journey into Quilting"



This is a very open and inspiring talk about how I started quilting, leading into Art Quilts with Thread Painting. Finishing with ideas to use with Panels as Art Quilts. Many people leave very excited and enthused to try something new with their quilting. My main subject matter will be working with fabric panels. Showing many "Before and After's". Exploring how panels can be used on personal projects. Many panels are looked at and passed over. I often hear, "What do you do with this? It is so big, The colors are dull, etc., etc.". With added thread painting on the fabric, and possible additional embellishments, the project soon becomes a

piece of Art! Learn about the preparation of the panel for the project and explore the freedom of using thread painting. This shows how the layering of threads lets you achieve the different effects on the quilts. Then, add embellishments of ribbons, fabric markers, crystals, etc. The panel/project is now unique and One of a Kind!

April 7, 2026- Jamie Davis- Loopy Tulip Designs- "History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts"

The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War. Discover how the industrial revolution, the struggle over slavery and the social and moral climate of the time contributed to this beautiful art form. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilts leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them, and find out how a pregnancy, a Christmas gift and a quilt class gone horribly wrong helps to explain the mystery behind why these quilts disappeared almost overnight. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures.



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."

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



The "Armenian Love" design was inspired by a doll quilt in the Christ Collection dated circa 1840. This design is often referred to as a "Pomegranate" or "Love Apple." According to Armenian mythology the pomegranate symbolizes fertility, abundance, and good fortune. This workshop will teach you the "prepared edge" technique. You will learn how to create smooth curves...beautiful points and bias stems. The shell of the pomegranate with the large number of seeds can also symbolize the universe with its stars and planets. Applique can bring you endless rewards as you take one step at a time. The world of applique will take you on a trip that goes beyond infinity.

Cost and sign up details coming soon.

The challenge is finally here, on January 6. We have 35 quilts to be displayed, please come out to see them! We'll be awarding ribbons based on your vote for the following:

- Large Quilt, 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Small Quilt, 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Original Quilt, 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Other, 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Best monochromatic color scheme
- Best workmanship
- 'I wish I made that!'

Show and Tell

Suzanne Nelson

For February's meeting, we are inviting our members who will be participating in the meeting via Zoom to submit quilts for Show and Tell. If you were a member during the Covid years, you may recall that we did this when all our meetings were virtual. Important note: this is **ONLY** for members who are attending on Zoom. All members who are in person will be sharing their quilts up close and personal at the actual meeting.

So, if you are a Zoomer, in February and want to participate in Show and Tell, here's what you need to do.

1. Take a photo of your whole quilt. If there is interesting fabric or a detail on the back, consider flipping a corner of the quilt over to showcase that. Be sure your quilt is in focus. Extra "ahhhh" points given for any pets who sneak into the photo.
2. Send the photo by Friday, January 23..
3. Be sure to include your name, the name of the quilt, and the size.

Any questions, contact me. We look forward to seeing the creative work of our Zoom members.



In case you are looking for something new. On-Demand Workshops are available from Global Quilt Connections. Click on the link below.

[On Demand Workshops](#)

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick



The in-person Sit 'n Sew will be held on January 17th, 10:15 – 4 p.m. Bring your project or come work on Community Service projects.

The virtual Sit 'n Sews in January will be:

- Wednesday January 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Wednesday January 28 from 1:30 – 4 PM

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thanks to the members who were able to attend our potluck dinner on December 2. It initially appeared to be an appetizer and dessert event but finally crock pots appeared. Plenty of food and fellowship connected us for a lovely evening.

Members who signed up to bring a food item for January are: Carol Willis, Judy Walker, Jackie Leipter, Carol Sigmund and Pat Richards. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.

Show & Tell from December – We had a small, talented group brave the weather.



Community Service

Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

In December, we wrapped up 2025 by delivering **56 Christmas print preemie blankets** (exceeding the 40 that were specially requested) for photos of NICU babies with Santa. Some of our blankets are visible in the photos included in LVHN's press release that was seen on December 17's 11 pm broadcast of CBS News Philadelphia and posted here by The Valley Ledger.



Additionally, in December, we collected and delivered **15 more standard preemie blankets** for LVHN NICU babies and **66 cancer comfort pillows** that will be included in Bag of Hope totes distributed by The CHEMO Bag, to area infusion centers.

For the New Year, we challenge each of you to make at least 1 community service kit or project each month.

That could be as simple as 1 cheerful pillowcase for a hospitalized child or 1 flannel sided preemie blanket for the NICU, or a preemie prone bear, or use your scraps from other projects to make a small chemo port-protecting pillow or to piece together 1 side of a cancer comfort pillow or a placemat for our annual autumn collection for Meals on Wheels recipients, or make a kennel bed stuffed with scraps for shelter cats and dogs.

Our committee will help by bringing kits and supplies to the monthly meetings and Sit & Sews when possible. At January's meeting, by the sign-in table, we'll have some pre-cut lap robe sized kits in addition to pillowcase, cancer comfort pillow, preemie prone bear and placemat kits available for members who want supplies to take home.

Thank you, we're looking forward to continuing a great year with your support!!



Twenty-eight attended the Holiday Potluck in December.



BIELING	MARIE	1-Jan
LEIPERT	JACKIE	5-Jan
MURRAY	LAURIE	8-Jan
ROSSETTI	JANIE	12-Jan
BUJNOWSKI	LORRAINE	19-Jan
NELSON	SUZANNE	24-Jan
VESHINFSKY	DEB	25-Jan

Kathie Laposata found this interesting article we thought you would enjoy.

My Connection to an Antique Pioneer Quilt, Cut in Half

Published: Jul 19, 2025 by [Amy Smart](#) ·

I've got a remarkable story to share about a pioneer quilt made in 1857-and later cut in half. Here in Utah, Pioneer Day at the end of July marks the arrival of the first non-native settlers in 1847. This quilt was stitched by some of those early settlers, and both halves have miraculously survived to tell the stories of the women who made it-including one with a special connection to me. I've shared this story before, but a few months ago, I finally had the chance to see both halves in person for the first time in 20 years! I was more impressed by the work of these women than ever.



You can read the entire article at: [The Tale of a Pioneer Quilt, Cut in Two | quilting | Diary of a Quilter](#)

Committees



Challenge: Cathleen Kilpatrick & 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: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Julie Borden & Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson

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

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!**

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
QUILT CHALLENGE**

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

Create original works interpreting the theme 'America the Beautiful.'

Your quilt may reflect any aspect of our nation's story: its natural beauty, cultural diversity, historical moments, vision for the future, and everything in between.

Selected works will be showcased as part of our 250th anniversary celebrations, offering a collective portrait of the American spirit in fabric and thread.

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**FEBRUARY
15, 2026**
FOR OUR MAY 29-31, 2026 SHOW



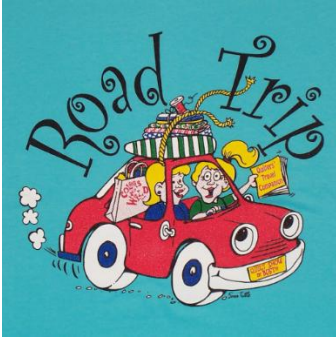
**BRANDYWINE VALLEY
QUILTERS**

Neumann University, Aston PA
BrandywineValleyQuilters.org/challenge

Selected quilts will be displayed at the
Brandywine Valley Quilt Show May 29 - 31, 2026.

[America the Beautiful Quilt Challenge -
Brandywine Valley Quilters](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

Feb 26-March 1 – Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA [Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival » Mancuso Show Management](#)

March 25-28 – The Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

April 8-11 – AQS Quilt Week, Hartford, CT [New England 2026 - American Quilter's Society](#)

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

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](#)

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 Germants Church Road, Leesport, PA.

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

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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