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From The President

Donna Gasser

Spring is trying to come! Daffodils are starting to bloom, weeping willows are going yellow, and buds are starting to swell. I don't mind winter, but after a few snows, I am more than ready to see signs of spring.

At our Board meeting on February 17th, a few things came up:

Kathie Laposata volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee with Kathy Moore and Jackie Leipert serving with her. They will soon be discussing filling positions that are being vacated in September— President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership chairs. The job descriptions for each of those positions is on our website under Members Only section in our By-Laws. Filling these positions with enthusiastic members is a positive way to ensure our guild's vibrancy. As I mentioned last month, I know all members currently holding these positions had a lot of support from other members. I have had two members volunteer already for the Membership chairs positions—I will be forwarding that information to Kathie. Programming is being continued by Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman for another year.

I have had a few members ask me if we are having Bingo again this year. We are not doing any fund-raising in 2024 but we need to start planning for an event in 2025.

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

Secretary: Nancy Ayers

Treasurer: Pat Wolfe

Programming Officer: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officer: Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

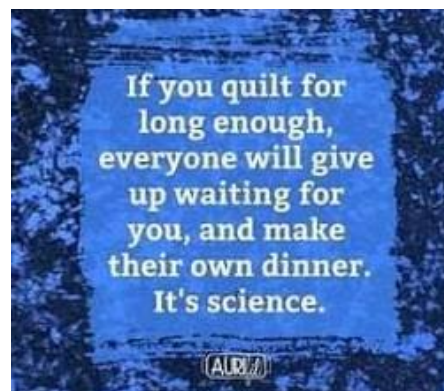
Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Mar 5th

5:45 pm - Quilters Studio. Meeting starts at 7 pm

Sit & Sew: Saturday Mar 2nd & 16th 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



From the President – Continued

That event needs to be presented by the Ways and Means Committee for our guild to vote upon. With that in mind, I will be contacting the former members of that committee to meet. If anyone else in the guild wishes to be on that committee, please contact me until a new chairperson is established.

Jane Merkel has volunteered again to set up Sit & Sews during the summer in our local parks. Started during Covid, these get-togethers have been continued because they are such fun social events. We bring sewing projects that do not require electricity (although I believe there is electricity available) and we come and leave as our schedules require. As soon as Jane has these dates, they will be announced.

David Sirota gave us a fun and informative workshop on the 17th. Not only did we learn his method of doing paper-piecing painlessly, but also while we were working a lot of discussion was held with him, our guild members attending and the 6 or so other attendees from various guilds that signed up for his Zoom session. The 6 hours flew by. He showed us a lot of his creative work. Sue Marin is rescheduling our missed presentation due to internet glitches and will announce that date when it is confirmed.

Coming up at our next meeting on March 5th is Dana Jones presenting a hybrid meeting called Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island. I am hoping to see most of you there!

Happy sewing,
Donna Gasser

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

March 5, 2024 Program (Hybrid – In Person and Zoom) -- Dana Jones, Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island



Dana Jones first identified herself as a quilter on September 14, 2003. Her professional roots as a journalist pinned the date, and the impact of attending a three-day Martha Pullen quilt event in Huntsville, Alabama eventually led to a second career in the world of quilting. Dana served as editor and head of Quilters Newsletter magazine and editor of SAQA Journal (Studio Art Quilt Associates), before stepping away to research and write her book *Pagtinabangay: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island*.

Caohagan is a tiny island in the Philippines on which the Pagtinabangay art quilting style has emerged. Pagtinabangay translates to “working together”. Over one hundred men and women of Caohagan Island produce and sell art quilts to support themselves. The community spirit of cooperation has led to beautiful quilts with stories to tell. Join us in March to share in that spirit!



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

Patricia Belyae made her first quilt at age 53 from garments purchased at Goodwill. She felt that she had found a home in quilting. She discovered yukata cottons during travels to Japan. A yukata is a lightweight, informal, Japanese kimono whose name translates to “bathing cloth”. Yukata were historically worn to local bathhouses. Today, yukata are widely worn as casual summer garb. Modern yukata fabrics have strayed from the traditional indigo and white to lively multicolored designs. Patricia’s Zoom lecture will lead us into “The Alluring World of Japanese Yukata Quilts.” When not lecturing or teaching workshops, Patricia and her daughter Victoria Stone are the owners of Okan (“mom” in Japanese) Arts. Their West Coast business imports vintage textiles from Japan, runs quilting workshops, leads tours to Japan, and offers quilts by Patricia in its online gallery.



April 27, 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

At the March meeting we will be continuing with English Paper Piecing. For those who joined in February, please bring your 'hexi' homework project to share. We will be starting at 5:45.

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our February meeting, 52 members attended in person, 5 members attended on zoom, and 5 visitors, for a total of 62 in attendance. Our total of paid guild members for 2024 is 82.

A proposed change to the membership dues was approved by the executive board on January 18, 2024. Beginning September 1, 2024, member dues will be \$30.00. We will be voting at the March 5th meeting.

See by-law revision, Article 3, #2 & Article 13 below:

Article 3. Membership and Dues

2. Annual dues are ~~\$45.00~~ \$30.00 per year, with a half off fee after March 1st; dues may be changed consistent with Article 13 of these By-Laws.

Article 13. Amendments These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of The Guild by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment(s) has been submitted in writing at the prior regular meeting and has been published as part of The Guild newsletter.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

We hope you have all been safe and cozy during these few days of snowy winter weather, and perhaps you found yourself comforted by sewing! Sometimes, just thinking about sewing and looking at patterns and fabrics at this time of year is similar to the happiness a gardener feels as those seed and garden equipment catalogs are showing up to enjoy.

Please remember that we will hold our Community Service Sewcial sew day on April 20, beginning at 8:30 am and ending by 4:00. Come for the whole day or any part you would like. Bring your lunch and drinks, and any snacks you may wish to share. I'll have the coffee for you. Fabrics will be available, along with suggestions of how to put them together, especially for quilts to donate to Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley, who very much appreciated our donation last year. I have a good stash of 2 1/2" strips available to work with, or feel free to bring some of your own. We will be meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, where we are holding our regular monthly meetings. We hope to see you there.

Better Done Than Perfect Round 2

Lorraine Bujnowski

I'm hoping that everyone has finished up compiling their list of UFO's. This will be the last month for handing in a list. I'll be collecting lists this month as well as payments. If anyone has not paid their money for the "kitty" please see me. Let's get busy with sewing our UFO's because Spring is just around the corner and you know what that means....gardening! At my house, gardening will consume some of my sewing time. Sometimes it's a hard choice for me!

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday March 2nd & 16th, 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 News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Carol Willis has kindly volunteered to bring the gift for the March basket raffle. Thank you, Carol!

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

It was so much fun to see all the different color and fabric combinations at the February meeting show and tell. It really reinforces how much creative input quilters get to enjoy every time we make a project. And it was great to see the "catch up" projects from previous months. I encourage all the Simple Whatnotters to bring in any project from the past that they may be just now finishing up. Better late than never, right? I've been trying to display our projects somewhere in the room before the meeting so members can get a chance to see them up close and personal. So, in March, check in with me or glance around the room to see where to put your project.

- 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, the grand finale!



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the following members for providing desserts and appetizers for our February meeting. They were Nancy Skok, Julie Borden, Irene Madalena, Gail Shearer, and Cathleen Kilpatrick.

March volunteers are Carol Siegmund, Susan Marin, Linda Anderson, Dawn Martrich, Kathy Moore, and Karen Shaffer.

Any concerns or questions, contact Sandy O'Connor. You will receive a reminder prior to the March meeting.



March Birthdays:

Quinn Pagnano - 3/1
Sandy O'Connor - 3/2
Rhonda Moore - 3/5
Pat Karo - 3/9
Pat Vaccaro - 3/10
Irene Madalena - 3/12
Diana DeFanti - 3/15
Peggy Keiffer - 3/18
Lizzie Riccaboni - 3/20
Nancy Shannon - 3/23

Committees

Challenge:

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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

Historical: Kathy Moore

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

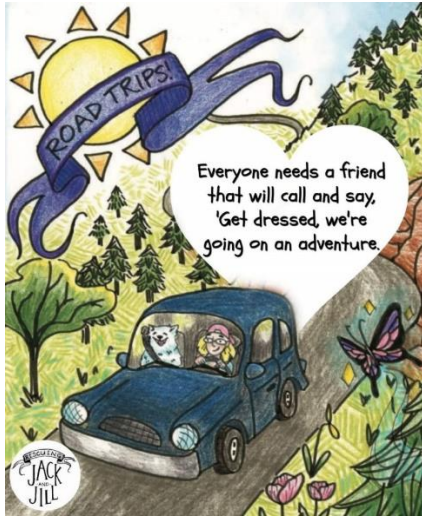
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

Website: Nancy Scholz



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

Upcoming Events



2024

February 29 – March 3 – [Mid Atlantic Quilt Festival](#), Hampton, VA

April 10 - 13 – [Lancaster Quilt Show](#), Lebanon Valley Expo Center

April 11 – 13 – [Three Rivers Quilt Show](#), Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, Washington PA

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

April 20 - COMMUNITY SERVICE SEWCIAL. Held at Calvary Baptist Church, 8:30 am to 4 pm

April 27 - WORKSHOP – Heather Blokzyl - Barn Quilt painting. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

May 5th - Quilt Bingo - Presented by Heart in Hand Quilt Guild, American Legion, 2260 Courier Rd, Easton PA. Doors open at noon, Games start at 1:00. Lunch/ Refreshments Available, Tricky Tray too. 20 game, 5 specials, Tickets are limited. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door - For Tickets call Vicki Pedi 908-310-3526

May 8 - WORKSHOP - Barbara Dann - Snail's Trail technique. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

May 11 – Airing of the Quilts in Palmerton, PA 9 am – 5 pm
Quilts Displayed Across Town. Save the date!

June 21-23 – [Brandywine Valley Quilters](#) – Lazy Crazy Days of Summer Quilt Show, Neumann University, Aston, PA

July 20 - WORKSHOP - Brita Nelson – The Disappearing Block Sampler. Held at Calvary Baptist Church.

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

September 12-15 – [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza](#), Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA

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

October 18 & 19 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA

October 25 – November 9 – Eastern PA Shop Hop

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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