

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## From The President Julie McDonell

The Guild currently has a lot of irons in the fire! Thank you so much to all of you who have offered up your time for the benefit of everyone in our group.

The Nominating Committee has begun the annual search for those among us who are willing to help share the work load. The Bylaw Review Committee is meticulously working on a line-by-line update. And then there are several committee chairs looking to make their website information more user friendly. Although usually behind the scenes, the work our Website Chair performs is ever so evident now, as her tweaking abilities are being put to the test.

There's also more time than usual being spent on Raffle Marketing, due to an unfortunate road block that came up with quilt show ticket sales in New Jersey. Bless our Raffle Sales Chairperson, who keeps spinning out new ideas. Be sure and note her Raffle Quilt Marketing section.

Also, you may find some decor inspiration by stopping by this month's Quilters Studio. You're a good candidate to attend if you can relate to the following:



## The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

meets the first Tuesday of every month  
except November at  
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
7:00pm

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## Community Service Kathie Laposata

What a successful project our Ryan's Case for Smiles was this year! So far you've turned in 357 pillowcases, which is 50 more than last year. I know a few more are still to come. Thanks to everyone who came to our February work meeting, made them at home, contributed fabric for making kits, and helped wash and package them. Our contribution to the charity will cover about one month of the pillowcase needs of kids hospitalized at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Our unscheduled request for quilts for babies and young children in Puerto Rico was met with contributions of 13 quilts. Thank you so much. They were sent off with our good wishes to the Union Church of San Juan.

We're almost to the end of our 2017-2018 year, and we end up the biggest projects that we plan for our group – Camp Erin quilts and veterans' quilts. The Camp Erin quilts (about 50 by 70 inches) go to kids ages 6-17 who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives. These kids enjoy traditional camp activities like arts & crafts, games & sports, and campfires. However, there are also therapists who help them develop healthy coping strategies. This year's camp will be held in Montgomery County in early June, so the quilts should be delivered at the May meeting. Call me if you have a quilt but can't make the meeting. Thanks for brightening the bunks of these campers. I'm sure that as they take the quilts home, they see a daily reminder of what the camp taught them.

There were 46 Classic Elements blocks turned in at the April meeting. I've turned 30 of them into a quilt top and will keep collecting more to make another quilt. Is there anyone who would like to use these to make a veteran's quilt? We'll collect the quilts in June/July and they will be distributed to veterans using the services of the Veteran's Administration Clinic and Hospital here in eastern PA.



COMING Tuesday, **May 1, 2018** - 7 pm at **Holy Spirit** - member **Michele McLaughlin** presents Designs *STILL* Worth Doing: A Celebration of Ruby Short McKim

This trunk show focuses on Ruby Short McKim, one of the most innovative and diverse quilt designers of the 20th century. Not only will the program feature vintage quilts she designed, but examples will also be provided on how her patterns can be incorporated in to 21st century projects. Over 30 pieces are featured in the trunk show.



COMING Tuesday, **June 5, 2018** - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** guest speaker **Mary Kerr** will present quilts from her newest book, Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist.

This fabulous collection features modern quilts that were created using vintage textiles. Join in the fun as Mary shares her unique approach that gives us permission to play with vintage textiles in new and exciting ways.

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018** - 9 am to 3 pm at **Faith Presbyterian**, A Wonky Star: Improv with a Vintage Twist.

Embrace the magic as you are given permission to combine the love of vintage with a fun modern aesthetic. Work with vintage textiles to create a wonky star with lots of negative space for modern quilting designs. The workshop is packed full of tips for working with vintage fragments and ways to showcase these treasured pieces. Students are encouraged to bring their own vintage blocks and fragments or they may purchase a kit of their choice in class for an additional fee. Finished sizes will vary.

A \$25 workshop fee paid to the guild is required to hold your space. Sign up at the May meeting with Julie or Donna. A workshop description and supply list attached to this newsletter.





## Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will be held this month, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday following the meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus from 10:15 – 3:00/4:00.



## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

The Quilters Studio for May will be sharing your best sewing organizing tips. I have just reorganized my studio and have some ideas to share. I'll bring my new favorite organizer and a video of my new sewing school area. Please bring your organizing tips or pictures of your favorite place in your house - your sewing room. RSVP to Julie Borden.



## Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Jackie Leipter has volunteered to bring library the raffle gift for the May meeting.



## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you Hospitality volunteers who had signed up to bring refreshment for the April meeting. The volunteers were Linda Schmoyer, Nicole Folino, Linda Anderson, Lois Drendall, Ann Lineberger and Ronnie Moore.

May volunteers are Val Johnson, Suzanne Nelson, Dawn Martrich, Ruth Hoffman, Jane Merkel, and Roberta Whitcomb. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Thanks again, members, for making this an enjoyable part of our meeting.



## Membership

Judy Walker

At the April meeting we had 65 members attend. We also had 3 new members join. They are:

**Lyndda Cromeans** - She hails from Texas and loves animals. She used to breed and show cats. She is a beginner quilter and has a son, daughter-in-law and daughter and 4 grandchildren. She retired from working in Newark, NJ as an Executive Assistant and just moved to Orefield from Bethlehem Township.

**Linda Green**, - She is newly retired from teaching 1st grade. She has a husband, Jeff, and 4 children. Two are married and they each have 2 boys so she is a grandmother. She has hooked rugs but is excited about learning quilting. She likes to garden and read. She has indicated she would like to help with the Historical and Hospitality committees.

**Nancy Keeler**, - Nancy is an intermediate quilter. She repairs antique quilts and is interested in Programs and Workshops.

They have been added to the membership list which is attached to the newsletter. We have 99 paid members at this writing. Dues are half-price, \$12.50, until August when I will start collecting 2018/2019 dues at \$25. We had 38 members wear their name tags in April and the winner of this month's fat quarter was Betsy Golden. Since we did not have a meeting in March and we have canceled the July meeting, we only have 3 more meetings for this year, and I have 6 fat quarters left, so, there will be two drawings for the name tag contest. Make sure you wear your name tag at the next 3 meetings!

Linda Anderson is requesting us to remove her home phone number and replace it with her cell. This change has been made on the attached membership list. Please note this if you have her number on a phone list or committee list somewhere.

There also was a question about Kathy Moore's phone number not being correct, but the number on the membership list is correct.

### MAY Birthdays

Suzanne McMullen	May 4	Dawn Matrich	May 12
Nancy Bergstresser	May 5	Janet Tryson	May 27
Maureen Horowitz	May 8	Sandra Mugrudge	May 28
Nancy Horning	May 10		





## Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The Modern Bee meets once a month, the last Wednesday of the month, alternating mornings and evenings to accommodate all of our members who are interested in attending. You may attend some, any, or all of the meetings, mornings and/or evenings at your convenience. Locations will be announced in the newsletter.

We will have Show and Tell, talk modern quilt aesthetics of design and color, etc., sew, snack, and converse. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish.

I am so thrilled with all the work you all did on your modern log cabin mug rugs. Great job everyone! The Modern Bee will meet at Roberta's home on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. We will be discussing ROYGBIV and the prominent use relating to modern quilting. Please bring some rainbow colored fabric from your stash.

<u>9:30a.m. -1:30p.m. Odd Months</u>	<u>6-9p.m. Even Months</u>
May 30, 2018	April 25, 2018
July 25, 2018	June 27, 2018
	August 29, 2018



## Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

We have two shows in April:

- Allentown Fiber Festival on April 14th and 15th
- NJ Quilt Fest April 26-29<sup>th</sup>

We did well at the Lehigh Valley Fiber Festival, and I hope we do the same at the Allentown Fiber Festival. The NJ show is in Edison, NJ, a new location this year. The new location should expand the show and increase the audience and exposure to our raffle quilt. I hope those that are going will find some inspiration at the quilt show.

### NJ News Flash

If you were at the April meeting, you are aware it had come to our attention that we needed to do considerable research regarding the laws surrounding raffle sales. We have our fiscal year license for Pennsylvania. However, this does not make us legal in the state of New Jersey - nor are we eligible to purchase a NJ license.

The New Jersey Show is organized by Mancuso Show Management. In order to remain in good standing with the Mancuso organization, we must honor our commitment to white glove. (Mancuso also promotes and manages several large quilt shows, including Oaks, PA.)

After considerable thought, we have come up with a new marketing strategy for this show, while displaying our gorgeous quilt and promoting the considerable charitable work of our Guild members.

**Thank you to all of the guild members who volunteered! We couldn't do this without you!**





## Challenge

Jane Merkel

A new story board will be coming each month. They illustrate IDEAS that you might find inspiring regarding using fabric panels. (I now see panels everywhere!) Also, if you have been rooting through your stash and found panels to share with others, bring them along to give away. I hope this challenge will be FUN for you. A new story board will be coming each month. ENJOY!!

## **CRAZY QUILTERS 2018 CHALLENGE**

### “PANEL” PLAY

1. **USING A FABRIC PANEL CREATE A QUILT OR A QUILTED ITEM.**
2. **THERE IS NO SIZE RESTRICTION, BUT KEEP IN MIND WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH DISPLAYING A LARGER QUILT (BUT WE WILL MAKE IT WORK).THERE WILL BE TWO CATEGORIES, QUILT AND/NON- QUILT. BOTH CATEGORIES MUST USE THE PANEL IN A QUILTED FORM. QUILT CATEGORY MIGHT INCLUDE WALL QUILTS, TABLERUNNERS, AND BED QUILTS. NON- QUILT ITEMS MIGHT INCLUDE TOTE BAGS, PURSES, PILLOWS, OR QUILTED CLOTHING.**
3. **YOU MAY ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES, AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE.**
4. **YOU MAY DONATE PANELS FOR OTHERS TO TAKE AND UTILIZE. JUST BRING THEM TO A MEETING, PLACE THEM ON THE BACK TABLE AND PUT A NOTE ON THAT IT IS FOR THE 2018 CHALLENGE.**
5. **THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.**
6. **PRIZES AWARDED IN BOTH CATEGORIES.**
7. **QUESTIONS: CONTACT Jane Merkel.**



## Member News

### Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

Summer is coming soon and as we travel I want to remind you to collect the small hotel toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Project. Again, this year the ASD has over 600 homeless students attending the Allentown Schools and fear there will be even more in September when school begins again. At Christmas time, they look forward to the little toiletries bags in their bright, festive fabrics filled with products the children so desperately need. Many times, this is the only gift they receive. I have begun collecting Christmas fabrics as they are beginning to appear in the fabric stores. I will make as many as I can. But I also need your help.

If you have small travel size toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or anything small tucked away from your hotel stays or pick up a few small hygiene items in the travel section at your grocery store or Target please consider bringing it to a guild meeting. Please take a look in your linen closet, bathroom drawers or even your suitcases and see if you don't have some small bottles tucked away, but nothing previously used, please. Bring your items to a guild meeting between now and November and we will see how many bags we can provide for the kids this year.

This project started years ago with the women who attended the Guild Retreat and has grown tremendously – our first year we made and filled 20 bags. Last year with your donations I was able to fill 250 bags which were so gratefully appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

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## Modern Quilting Resources

Hi, Crazy Quilters! Thanks so much for inviting me to speak at your meeting. It was such a pleasure to meet you and see your beautiful show and tell!

The following is a list of resources you can use to learn more about modern quilting. Feel free to email me with any questions at [quiltyhabit@gmail.com](mailto:quiltyhabit@gmail.com). Happy sewing!

--Jessica Skultety, [www.quiltyhabit.com](http://www.quiltyhabit.com)

- [The Modern Quilt Guild mission, history, and their definition](#)
- ["What Defines a Modern Quilt?"](#) (from The Seasoned Homemaker – she talks more about minimalism)
- ["There Are No Rules in Making a Modern Quilt, But Just In Case: Five Things You Should Know"](#) (from Wanda's Life Sampler)
- [The Wonky Press](#) (links to some of the 61 previous issues of my bimonthly modern quilting newsletter, which contain inspiration and links)
- [QuiltCon 2018 Quilt Show Winners](#) (from The Modern Quilt Guild blog)
- [Minimalist Design quilts](#) from QuiltCon 2015 show, as shared by The Plaid Portico
- ["Top 10 Tips: Creating Alternate Gridwork in Modern Quilts"](#) (from Quilty Habit)
- [Alternate Gridwork explanation and graphics](#) (from The Modern Quilt Guild blog)
- ["5 Tips for Using Negative Space"](#) (from Craftsy)

### As mentioned in the presentation:

- Jacquie Gering's [blog](#), Tallgrass Prairie Studio
- [Sisters' Ten quilts](#) (modern traditional quilts – the first quilt I showed)
- ["Today I Feel!"](#) wholecloth quilt story (words quilt)
- [Creative Webinar: Quilting Words with Free Motion](#) – if you're a member of the Modern Quilt Guild, you can watch my recent webinar on word quilting
- ["Fall Spectrum"](#) quilt story (autumn tree quilt)
- ["Home" quilt story](#) (tree quilt)
- ["Reflection"](#) modern quilt tutorial

### Fabric shops I like with modern fabric:

- [Pennington Quilt Works](#) (my local quilt shop in Pennington, NJ – you can order online, too!)
- [Hawthorne Threads](#) (online)
- [Gotham Quilts](#) (in person and online – based in NYC)
- [Fat Quarter Shop](#) (online)

Workshop description and supply list:

A Wonky Star: Improv with a Vintage Twist \$25 paid to the Guild

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Supply list: basic sewing kit with neutral thread, rotary mat, cutter and basic ruler, one yard of solid cotton for background, one yard of vintage patchwork ....top fragment, blocks or a partial top. The smaller the piecing, the better!

Vintage kits are available for \$20 and may be paid directly to the instructor. Bring your solid cotton and choose a favorite fragment





## Calendar of Events

from the editor

April 21, Sheep and Fiber Day, Daniel Boone Homestead.

April 26-29, The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ.

May 4-5, A World of Quilts Quilt Show, Calico Cutters Quilt Guild, The Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, PA.

May 5-6, Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD.

May 5-6, 10am-4pm, Quiltfest 2018, Colonial Quilters Guild, Charles Chrin Community Center, Palmer, PA, \$8.

May 18-19, Celebration of Quilts 2018, York Quilters Guild, York College of PA.

May 18-19, The Penn Dry Good Market Antiques Show & Sale, Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA.

June 9, Main Line Quilters, Trash to Treasure Sale, Tredyffrin Township Library.

July 19-22, Quilt Odyssey 2018, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

September 13-16, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

November 17, Mail Line Quilters, Quilt Show and Holiday Boutique, Berwyn United Methodist Church.

## Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, May 1, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

April 26—29, **raffle quilt and white gloving** at The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, Edison, NJ

May 5, 2017 – **Sit & Sew**, First Presbyterian Church Emmaus, PA, 10:15 – 3:00/4:00.

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## Guild Officers

**President:** Julie McDonell

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**Second Vice-President (Membership):** Judy Walker

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