

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Julie McDonell

Well, it appears that Michelle Scott hasn't changed a bit in the years since we last saw her – still a hoot and then some. She certainly has a way of not only figuring a way out of fabric blunders, but then turning those situations into her own version of stand-up comedy. Bless her for giving us a few laughs along with some new ideas.



By the time you read this, it will be old news, but I just heard about the 20 inches of snow around Minneapolis. I miss several things about the Midwest, but the incredible snowfall is NOT one of them. Although I have been enjoying our emerging springtime, but after hearing that newscast, I've decided that our weather is absolutely delightful! Hmm, amazing how much a different perspective can change your entire attitude about something. I just saw a documentary called "Heal" (which I highly recommend,) that addresses the impact of our mindset, (among other things,) on health and the healing process. Keeping a good thought always helps getting through a bad time, possibly more that we can imagine. So, how does this apply to quilting?

Well, a change of perspective can made a difference when those quilting "surprises" occur. You know the surprises I mean: a rotary cut in the wrong place, (hopefully involving only fabric and not body parts); seams that absolutely will NOT match; color bleeding due to a steam iron; etc. How often that can turn out to be one of those blessings in disguise! Seriously, otherwise would you have thought of sewing buttons here, adding lace there, or incorporating an appliqué piece? And then the aftershock is when others comment that those changes are what made your work special!

What if every time a fabric accident happens, you view it as an opportunity for an unplanned happy ending? What a great way to keep your stress level in check. Although Michelle Scott can sound utterly irreverent about quilting at times, she truly isn't. Her mindset is simply to view the whole process as one life-long lesson in learning how to quilt. And shouldn't we all?! Let's stop stressing and learn to "chuckle at the challenge" while finding a solution!

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM  
except November at  
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
3461 Boulevard  
Emmaus, PA  
Cedar Crest

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## Programs and Workshops

Nicole Folino

Our May program is by Melanie Tuazon. Melanie found her creative voice designing quilts after years of writing about creative people for trade magazines. She became obsessed with quilting in 2011, squeezing time with her machine into every available scrap of time and devouring tutorials on quilting blogs. Now, she travels to teach workshops and writes about her quilts on her own site [www.melintheattic.com](http://www.melintheattic.com). Her award-winning quilts hang in shows and museums, and her designs can be found in magazines in the US and Europe. A self-professed process nerd, Melanie encourages students to develop a personalized quilting practice that is fulfilling from start to finish. She lives with her family in the New York suburbs of New Jersey.

Melanie's Lecture will be "Incorporating Curves in Modern Quilt Design". Melanie will profess her love of quarter circle blocks and tell the story of how she came to design modern curved quilts such as Flounce, Floret, Trill, and Wave. She'll share tips and insights about how Drunkard's Path and quarter circle rulers can be used for exciting modern curvy designs. She'll also highlight technique with useful tips, including glue basting, trimming tips, and blending curves from block to block.

Looking forward to June! We will have our trunk show and workshop with Heather Kojan (photo below). The workshop fee is \$25 and will be collected at the May meeting.



## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Do you use templates to machine quilt on your home machine? This could be our topic at our May Quilters Studio if there is enough interest. Please RSVP to Julie Borden.

## Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will meet the Saturday, May 11, from 10:15 to about 4, 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.

## Community Service

Kathie Laposata

We're almost to the end of our 2018-2019 year. Our annual finale projects are 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. If you still need a Project Linus label to add to your quilt, see Lorraine Bujnowski at the beginning of the meeting for a label, and we'll have needle and thread for you to sew it on.

## Library

Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

Nancy Ayers has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the Month of May.

## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Show & Tells for April were presented by Pat Piasecki (1), Sandra Mugridge (1), Kathie Laposata (1), Suzanne Nelson (1), Diana Campbell (1), Karen Hartzell (3), Nancy Dunham (2), Lois Drendall (2), Julie Davidovich (1), and Lorraine Bujnowski (1).

## Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The Modern Bee is still hibernating.

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you to the hospitality volunteers who brought refreshments to the April meeting. They were Diane Pesola, Linda Anderson, Nancy Scholz and Sandra Mugridge.

May volunteers are Nancy Skok, Cindy Fantasia, Pat Piasecki, and Kim Bringhurst. You will receive a reminder a week before the meeting.

## Phone Chain

Diane Pesola

The phone chain has been updated and callers notified of changes.

## Houston International Quilt Show

Jane Merkel

The Houston trip is full. A waiting list will be started.



## Optical Illusion Quilt Challenge January 2020

Samantha Cetrulo

Optical Illusion Challenge –“How did they do that?” Optical illusions are often easy to do with careful planning. Do you often see Optical illusion quilts and wish you could have one of your own? Now is the time to make you own!

At April's month's meeting, I showed a top made from HSTs. I used a book from the library from Nancy Zieman. (This pattern also available online) HSTs are a great basic block to use in the optical illusion challenge!

There is an event for this year's challenge on Facebook. Please go to the Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild Facebook page and click that you are interested in the event. This will allow you to see posts with related optical illusion projects to motivate you.

Questions or inspiration to share: contact Sam.

## Raffle Quilt Creation

Jane Merkel



The raffle committee is looking for suggestions for a name for our quilt. I will have papers ready for members to suggest a name or maybe two names. Just drop the paper in the container, with no need to identify yourself.

## Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

We had 58 members in attendance at the April 2, 2019 meeting. We welcomed back previous member Lyndda Cromeans, and have another new member, Connie Straccia.

Connie heard about us through the newspaper. She is fairly new to quilting, and enjoys doing machine embroidery. She had three grown children who live in NYC. Now that she's retired, she'll have more time to sew. We welcome Connie to our guild and encourage her to reach out to other members with questions, and/or attend the monthly Sit and Sew to learn more about our favorite activity. We hope she'll share her creations at an upcoming Show and Tell.

This brings our membership total to 82, including 3 charter members.

We again held a prize drawing for wearing a name tag, and 38 members participated by simply wearing their name tag! Kathie Laposata was the lucky winner of a fat quarter prize.



### May Birthdays

- 8 Maureen Horowitz
- 12 Dawn Martrich
- 27 Janet Tryson
- 28 Sandra Mugridge

## 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.

The meeting has been changed in April due to Easter activities at the library. The next meeting to study old quilts is Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the Hellertown Library. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. You are welcome to bring an old quilt you have or just come to learn about antique quilts!

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

### Allentown School District Homeless 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.

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. 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. Thank you for your support.

### Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. She just bought a long-arm when she moved to PA so this is a way to learn and help others at the same time. She has a Jewel Crown long arm and a 12' table.

She would also be willing to work with people who are interested in working on a project together. She's available most weekends. 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.



- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups water
- 3-4 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup rubbing alcohol

Combine salt and 2 cups of water and bring to a boil. Combine flour with 1 cup of water and shake well. Pour flour mixture into boiling water, turn down the heat and whisk until thick. Let set until room temperature, then pour into a spray bottle, and add the alcohol. Shake mixture before each use.

## Valor Square – based on design by Denise Siegel of QOV

10-1/2 inch block

### Cutting

Measurements include 1/4 inch seam allowances.

- From dark or medium blue (solid or print), cut two 2-1/2 inch by 6-1/2 inch strips.
- From red (solid or print), cut six 2-1/2 inch squares.
- From white or light cream, cut two 2-1/2 inch by 6-1/2 inch strips and seven 2-1/2 inch squares.

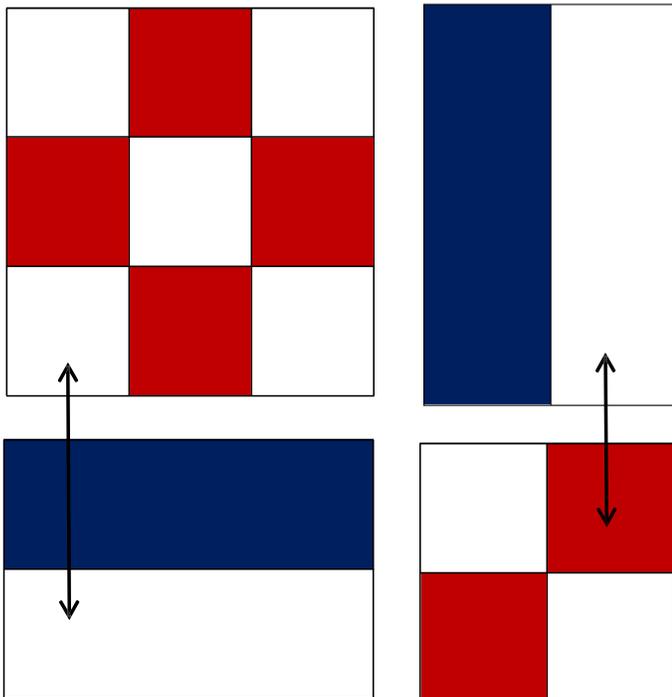
### Block assembly

1. Sew four red and five white squares alternating colors to create a 9 patch square. It should measure 6-1/2 inches square.
2. Sew two white and two red squares to create a 4 patch square. It should measure 4-1/2 inches square.
3. Sew each blue rectangle to a white rectangle. The two resulting rectangles should measure 4-1/2 by 6-1/2 inches.

### Referring to Diagram

1. Sew 9 patch block to one of the 2 strip blocks.
2. Sew 4 patch block to the other 2 strip block.
3. Assemble the two units as shown.

Your completed block should measure 10-1/2 inches.  
Finished blocks when sewn together will measure 10 inches.



## Events

from the editor

May 9-11, Quiltfest Lancaster, Wyndham Lancaster Resort & Convention Center, Lancaster, PA.  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

May 17-18, Penn Dry Goods Market, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA. [www.schwenkfelder.com](http://www.schwenkfelder.com).

June 15, Main Line Quilters Trash to Treasure Sale, Tredyffrin Township Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Strafford, PA, [www.mainlinequilters.org](http://www.mainlinequilters.org).

June 26-29, Vermont Quilt Festival, Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction, VT,  
[www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org).

July 25-28, Quilt Odyssey, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.  
[www.quiltodyssey.com](http://www.quiltodyssey.com).

August 15-17, World Quilt New England, Springfield, MA, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

Sept 7-8, Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Spectacular, Walk in Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA, [lvtosew4@gmail.com](mailto:lvtosew4@gmail.com).

Sept 12-15, PA National Quilt Extravaganza, The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA,  
[www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

October 11 -12, Keystone Quilters, 2019 Quilt Show "Beauty and the Batik, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Zeigler Rd, Pennsburg, PA,  
[www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org).

## Guild Calendar

May 7 - **Guild Meeting**, 7pm, Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA

May 11 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

October 30 – November 3, **International Quilt Show Trip**, Houston, TX

## Guild Officers

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