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Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

I hope that everyone is having a lovely spring! The weather has been up and down and back and forth. However, I think the cold is past us for now and I'm looking forward to some beautiful spring weather. This time of the year, I feel torn between the sewing room and the garden. I love both and try to balance them. I'm working on a few quilts now and I'm loving the process. They make me want to stay in and sew!

Thank you all for the projects that you are working on for our quilt show this fall. I appreciate your support of our guild and love everything that you have been making for it!

We are in need of a programming chair/co-chair starting in September. Please let me know if you are interested. Planning out the programs for our guild is a fun and rewarding experience.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our May meeting!

Monthly Challenge

The April Challenge was to make something with English paper piecing.

The May Challenge is to make something with an American flag-inspired block. The project can be big or small, one block or many. I hope you enjoy this challenge.

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: Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th

--Quilters Studio at 5:45 p.m. --Meeting at 7 p.m.

Sit 'n Sew: Saturday May 3rd & 17th at 10:15. Faith Presbyterian Church.

Virtual Sit 'n Sew: Wed, May 7th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Workshop: Sat, May 31st, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



President's Message – Continued

Quilters Studio

Linda Wojciechowski will be teaching the May Quilters' Studio. Her topic is making a t-shirt quilt. It will begin at 5:45. Please send me an email if you plan to attend.

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

Saturday, May 31 Full Day Workshop (9:00 am – 4:00 pm) Janella Macbeth presenting in person
ScrapStastic Quilts, Organizing Your Scrap Fabric Stash and Actually Using it.

The deadline to register is May 10, 2025. If you are planning to take this workshop, please let Sue Marin know as soon as possible.

May 6, 2025 – Rachel Rossi is a quilt, fabric, and surface pattern designer operating out of Lancaster, Pennsylvania who offers a variety of quilting and sewing patterns, templates, and fabric. She grew up in Central Pennsylvania with parents and siblings who nurtured her creative spirit since she was little. When her mom opened a quilt shop, she was captivated by the sense of community that this inspiring art form fostered. Having spent her childhood wandering the aisles, teaching classes, and witnessing the exciting growth of this business, she knew she wanted to be a part of it! Her goal is to keep the tradition alive with a careful balance of preservation and innovation.



Rachel's business embodies the idea of "tradition gone moders," Why? Because quilting and sewing have touched her life and brought her into deep relationships with women across generations. This is so important to Rachel, that she doesn't want her children and grandchildren to miss out on the opportunity.

Rachel will be presenting a live lecture and truck show at our May 6 meeting. She will have patterns and other items available for sale. If you can't make the meeting, join us via Zoom.

May 3 & 4 – Global Quilt Connection's All Star Sampler Platter, 6 hrs of amazing demos. This is a YouTube Livestream event and replays are available for 72 hours after the event. Links will be sent out a couple days before the event. This event is available for all our guild members. Links and other information **may not be shared with anyone outside our Guild.**

Here is the Line Up of Fabulous and Accomplished Virtual Teachers:

Saturday May 3 2025, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

David Owen Hastings - Textured Mini Wall Quilt

Rachel Derstine - Glow Up Your Landscapes with a Sun or Moon and Reflection on the Water

Elizabeth De Croos - Make and Use a Log Cabin Wrapping loth

Linda Sullivan - Hand Applique by Machine

Gunnel Hag -Painless Marbling on Fabric

Karen Bolan - How to Cut Curves with a Straight Ruler

Patty Klimek - Make a Japanese Rice Bag

Ann Wasserman - Quilt Repair Tales - Saving History One Quilt at a Time

Dana Jones -Warp Speed



Sunday May 4, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Brandy Maslowski - Scrappy Hexie EPP

Daisy Aschehoug - Any Curve Anywhere Sewing Quarter Circles

MJ Kinman - Lit From Within: Make your Quilts GLOW Using the Magic of Color Interaction

Mel Beach - Fabric Printing FUN in the SUN!

Ellen Lindner -Takeoff with Technique: Ellen Lindner's Favorite Techniques

Jane Haworth - Fabric Collage is Easy: Let's make Wildflowers.

Cathy Perlmutter - Turned Edge Piecing for Cityscape Quilts

Diane Harris - Fabric Savvy Secrets from Stash Bandit

Jen Simonic - HOW NOT TO LEAVE A MESS with the Loose Ends Project



June 3 – Diane Phalen -- How often do we quilters struggle to get those points to match and make the seams meet up properly? Can you imagine the challenge of getting them perfect in a painting? Although Diane rarely picks up a needle, she has created more than 300 original quilts within her paintings. Diane often describes her art as "Quilting with a paintbrush." Best known for her popular Americana quilt series, a vibrant collection of paintings featuring flowers, cottages, country stores, and Amish country life with a rainbow of quilts hanging from porch rails, clotheslines, and fences, Diane's goal is to convey to collectors of her art the smell of spring flowers, the warmth of a

summer day, the mood of an autumn sky, or a winter sunset and the peace and contentment of nature and her Pennsylvania heritage.

Diane has also written several books, including "Quilts from a Painter's Art: 28 quilts and Bonus Projects". In addition to sharing her painting journey with us, Diane will have items for sale that evening.



Announcing the theme for our August Social on August 5, 2025!

This year we will celebrate "The County Fair". Join in the fun as we share the best of events seen at a County Fair. We will have popcorn, ice cream, lemonade and other beverages. Expect a cook-off and a bake-off; games; and a display of quilts. Since we won't be able to judge canned goods, Katrina and I have decided that quilt entries should be fruits and vegetables. Quilts should measure 20" x 20". **Helpers are needed** the day of the meeting to set up the quilt display, decorate, and run games. A sign up sheet will be available at the table located at

the entrance to our meeting space.

Check the [website](#) for additional programming.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday May 3rd & 17th 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

Bring your quilt project, sewing machine and quilting supplies and your lunch. 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. If you don't want to pack up all your supplies, bring a hand project instead or just come by to chat.

The next virtual Sit 'n Sew will be Wednesday, **May 7th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**. Join us from the comfort of your sewing space.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thanks to the members who provided refreshments for the April 2025 meeting. They were Nancy Skok, Carol Siegmund, Katrina Idleman, Kathy Moore, Pat Piasecki.

Members who signed up to bring a food item for the May meeting are: Ronnie Moore, Roberta Whitcomb, Maria Hance, Karen Landis and Kim Orndorf. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting.

Questions or concerns please call or text. Diana DeFanti or Sandy O'Connor

Community Service

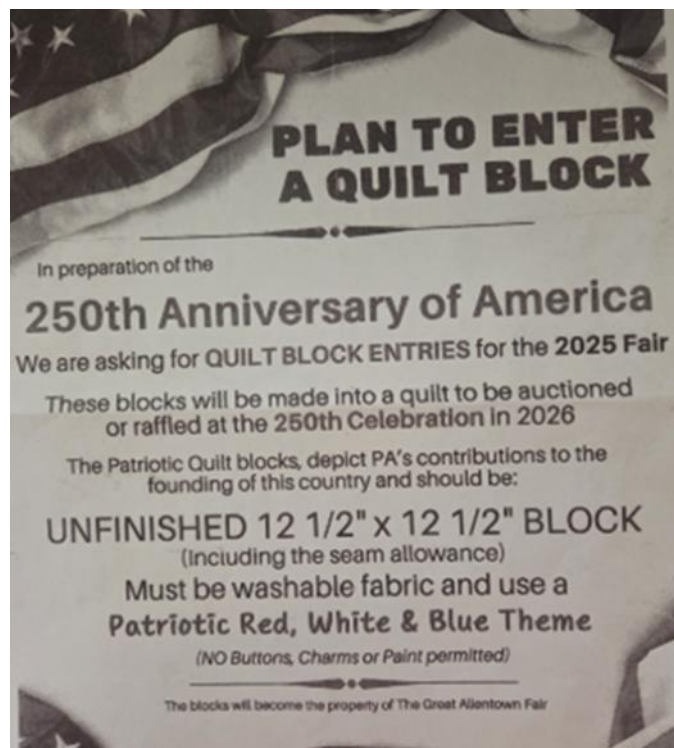
Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Community Service sewing day **THIS Saturday, April 26** at Calvary Baptist Church. We will begin at 9:00 am and finish up by 3:00 pm. Come for all of the day or any part of the day. We'll have coffee for you, and please bring your lunch and any other snacks you may care to share with others. We will have fabrics available to make your choices for our projects, along with some kits already cut and ready for sewing. We need sewers, cutters, and ironers to help us out. Please bring whatever supplies you are comfortable handling -- we will need ironing boards and irons also. It will be a wonderful opportunity to work together while providing items for donation as part of Community Service. This is an important part of our Guild efforts to maintain our non-profit status.



I was happy to deliver 46 pillowcases to Wooden Bridge as our drop off location for Ryan's Cases for Smiles.

I hope many more pillowcases and other completed items from our many service project opportunities will be completed and turned into us by our June meeting. We will be holding our drawing for a free membership for the 2025-2026 year at the June meeting -- so be sure to finish things up and get your name on tickets in our jar for the drawing!



Quilt Challenge 2025

Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

The challenge this year will be to make a “Monochromatic” quilted piece. The definition of Monochromatic is having or consisting of one color or hue. You can use a variety of shades of a single color or hue. OR, you can use black, white and grey. To make it more interesting you may optionally add one additional color. The added color may only be used in less than 10% of the piece. The fabrics used may be solid, blenders or patterns, but the overwhelming color in each fabric should be the selected monochromatic or added color.



For example, if you choose

- black, white, and gray, you could optionally add lime green in less than 10% of the piece
- teal, you could optionally add black in less than 10% of the piece
- red, you could optionally add white in less than 10% of the piece
- blue, you could optionally add orange in less than 10% of the piece

Note: to get more information on monochromatic color schemes, google the color you want to use, for example ‘monochromatic red color schemes’

All entries will have a quilter’s statement about the piece and must be completed between February 4 and December 27, 2025.

There will be four categories

- Large Quilt (40” X 40” or larger)
- Small Quilt (less than 40” X 40”)
- Other (placemats, totes, garments. Wearable art, etc.)
- Original (any product, quilt or otherwise, that was not a purchased pattern created by someone else. This must come out of your own imagination. If your product was inspired by another creator, please give them credit).

Please contact Cathleen or Quinn if you have any questions.

Crazy About Quilts Quilt Show

Donna Gasser

Hopefully you have at least put cleaning through your Quilting supplies on your To Do List. Below is a list of expected pricing and how things should be bundled and priced:

Quilter's Cupboard Pricing

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| 1. Bag of scraps 1 lb each | \$2 each |
| 2. Single fat quarter | \$2 each |
| 3. 5 fat quarters bundled | \$8 |
| 4. ½ yd of one fabric | \$2 each |
| 5. Single yard of one fabric \$ | \$5 each |
| 6. Notions bagged | \$5 |
| 7. Buttons bagged or jarred | \$5 |
| 8. Batting | ? |
| 9. Stabilizer | ? |
| 10. Thread | ? |
| 11. Hard backed books | \$2 |
| 12. Quilting magazines | \$1 |
| 13. Patterns | ? |

Diana Defanti will be making Mystery Bags to sell at Quilt Show from some of the donated above items. Any items not used for these bags will be displayed in bins which is why we are requesting they come to us bundled,

labeled, and priced. Diana has further instructions elsewhere in this newsletter. Please call if you have any concerns.

If an item is not listed above or there is a ? after it, label and price as you would like. If pricing needs adjusting, we will deal with it as we get to it. Also anything that does not sell will be heading to a donation center (Wooden Bridge or some other place that sews for charity). If you want your donation back instead of being donated, please grab it when the show is completed.

Mystery Bags

Diana Defanti

I will be accepting usable fabric scraps up to fat eighths size for mystery bags for the show. They will be pressed, sorted by color or theme, weighed and put in bags. Please go thru your fabric that you THOUGHT you would use but have not as yet. They will make someone else very happy and make money for the guild.

Silent Auction

Cathleen Kilpatrick

For the silent auction, we're looking for donations of quilts and other homemade items valued at least \$50. If you donate something, we'll ask you to make a starting bid for your item. We plan to set a 'buy it now price', so if someone doesn't want to risk losing an auctioned item, they can make a purchase on the spot. We have so many talented quilters in the guild, please consider making something for the auction. Please let me know by August 5 if you're willing to commit to the silent auction.

Quilt Display

Jane Merkel

Please continue to think about the quilts you want to share with others at our show in October. I will have forms at the meeting, but we also attached the form to a previous newsletter. Be proactive and submit your entries early.

I was thrilled at last month's show and tell; and, so gladly gave you a form you "could not refuse." Your entries do not need to be brand new so think about what you all ready have accomplished, and surprise us. I will be on the lookout for your submissions. Remember we want quilted items as well, not just quilts.

Demos "R" Us!

Suzanne Nelson

One of the special features of the guild's Celebrate Quilting event in October are demonstrations done by members. Don't pass up this opportunity to participate in a fun and easy way. I've done demos at quilt shows before and it really is a relaxed and enjoyable way to hang out with people who love the same things you do.

It would be a huge help if we could have a list of topics people are willing to demonstrate to mention in publicity and promotion materials. So if you are thinking about doing a demo, don't be shy! Step right up and let me know. I'm an easy e-mail away.

So far, we have Judy Walker doing a demo of machine quilting with rulers (thank you, Judy!!) and me doing an all-day improv piecing marathon. We obviously have room for many more! Remember, doing a demo is easy. Just figure out something you like to do, gather the supplies, and give a demonstration for 20 minutes (or longer, if you desire).

Are you a hand quilter? Appliquer? Do you make things with wool? Is EPP your thing? Share your love of quilting and help make our guild event a success. October is creeping ever closer. Signing up earlier rather than later will be a big help in promoting our event.

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

At the April meeting we had:

Members present: 67

Members on Zoom: 3

New members: 1

Guests: 3

TOTAL: 74

We have one new member, Marie Bieling from Palmerton. Marie is a recently retired English Lit high school teacher. She enjoys thrifting and gardening and currently has 450+ plants started and preparing to transfer them to their outdoor garden home. Marie has several quilts started and planning to complete them with her newly-gained flexible schedule.



Dayon	Jessica	9-May
Martrich	Dawn	12-May
Mauer	Lori	18-May
Mugridge	Sandra	28-May

Committees

Challenge: Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Fundraising & Ways & Means: Donna Gasser, Julie McDonnell, Pat Piasecki, Jane Merkel, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer, Sue Marin

Guild Quilt Construction: Jessica Dayon

Historical: Kathy Moore

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Library: Michele McLaughlin

Newsletter: Karen Rush

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Julie Borden & Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Judy Walker

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

Technology: Kim Bringham, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz



Reminder: Newsletter Deadline is always the 21st of the Month



The Quilters follows the daily lives of several quilters inside the sewing room at South Central Correctional Center, a Level 5 maximum-security prison in a small town two hours south of St. Louis, MO. From design to completion, the men reveal their struggles, triumphs, and sense of pride in creating something beautiful in this windowless, sacred space deep within the prison walls.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/K1j8RoliMi8>



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2025 Antiques Show

Note: Our weekend is moving into May

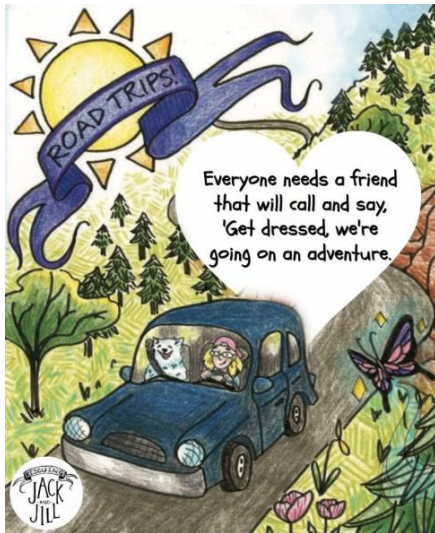
Friday, May 16, 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, May 17, 10:00 to 3:00



[Penn Dry Goods Market — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#)

The Penn Dry Goods Market is a textile-focused antiques and vintage show with dealers hailing from Pennsylvania and other locations on the east coast. Our dealers are among the best in antique textiles, offering samplers and other needlework, quilts, coverlets and woven objects, linens, yardage, sewing smalls, and sewing tools and equipment, buttons. We also have expanded into folk art and smaller items of general Americana. Visitors will find treasures from across the country and around the globe at a variety of prices!

Upcoming Events



2025

May 3 & 4 – Global Quilt Connection All Star Sampler Platter, 3 – 6 p.m.

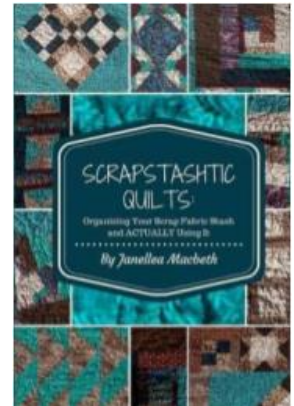
May 3 – [Airing of the Quilts](#), Palmerton, PA

May 4 – [Colonial Quilters](#) BINGO, American Legion, 2260 Corriere Road, Easton. Tickets are limited -- \$25 Advance, \$30 at the Door. For tickets call Michele at 484-894-7128 or Vicki at 908-310-3526.

May 16th & 17th -- [Penn Dry Goods Market — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#) Antique show & lectures. You need to register for lectures, so take a look now.

May 31st – All day workshop (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

ScrapStastic Quilts, Organizing Your Scrap Fabric Stash and Actually Using it with Janella Macbeth at Calvary Baptist Church.



June 5-8 – [Mid-Appalachian Quilters Annual Education Seminars](#), Gettysburg College

June 12-14 – [Quilt & Textile Show - Muncy Historical Society](#)

June 26-28 – [Road to Virginia](#), Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, VA

July 11-12 – [Quilt Show - Ladybug Quilt Guild](#)

July 17-19 – [The North East Ohio Quilt Show](#), Wayne County Fair Event Center, 199 Vanover St, Wooster, OH

September 6 & 7 – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2025 – Winter Whimsy, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Sep 10-13 -- [American Quilter's Society](#) – AQS Quilt Week, Manheim, PA

Sept 11-14 -- [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#), Oaks PA

October 4 – Crazy About Quilting Show, Calvary Baptist Church, 4601 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA

Oct 17-19 – Undercover Quilters Quilt Show, “Quilty as Charged”, [Undercover Quilters – PO Box 1334, Brookhaven, PA 19015](#)

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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