



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From The President

Donna Gasser

Happy Fall Crazy Quilters!

I am looking forward to the Fall Festivals, the Eastern PA Shop Hop, our leaves changing for fall color, and my settling into a 100-year-old house in Slatington. I will have a busy fall and winter for sure, but lots of time for sewing and unpacking/arranging/redecorating things gradually.

At our next meeting, we should talk more about making a quilt. We mentioned making one for selling at the Kutztown Folk Festival or donating it to another group to raffle. I had the feeling our guild members preferred a small group heading up this project rather than one chairperson. If any of you want to start this group, please let me know.

The Eastern PA Shop Hop starts October 27 and goes through November 11. It is a great time to take a few days to look through the shops at sales, patterns, certainly fabrics and see where your thoughts take you whether you buy the shop hop blocks or not.

October 28th is our Sewcial scheduled at Calvary Baptist Church from 8:30-4:00. Come and go as your schedules allow. Bring your lunch and maybe something to share. Bring any service projects you are working on and whatever is necessary (sewing machine, sewing supplies, etc.) to keep working. If you can bring an ironing board and iron, please let Janet or Mercedes know.

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, Nov 7th

ZOOM only General meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Sit & Sew: Saturday Nov 4th & 18th, 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



From the President - Continued

Janet and Mercedes plan to have instruction regarding making placemats, pillowcases, etc. which will be particularly beneficial for our newer members or refreshing the memories of other members. And this is a time to socialize with other members and share your thoughts.

Our November 7th meeting will be held on ZOOM only with Nina Clotfelter sharing her knowledge of different threads and when to use different types. Join in with any questions you may have. Using the correct thread on top or in your bobbin can certainly enhance any project and it can also make the finishing easy or hard. Changing tension to accommodate different threads is something I do with great hesitancy. I look forwards to Nina sharing her expertise.

Enjoy the season and Happy Thanksgiving to All, Donna Gasser

Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

October 3, 2023 – Despite the change of venue from Calvary Baptist to Faith Presbyterian at short notice, we had a very successful evening as Cyndi Hershey of the Kutztown Folk Festival shared with us the process of submitting a quilt for sale at the annual festival in July. This might be a great venue for us in the future if we need to raise money for the Guild. If you have ideas for making a group quilt and want to take the lead in getting a group together, please contact our President, Donna Gasser. Many thanks go to the members of our tech crew who made it all happen.



November 7, 2023- Yes, it's election day. Get out and vote! Then join us for an **at-home Zoom only** presentation by Nina Clotfelter. Nina's lecture, "THREADS – What's the BIG deal?" will feature the various of types of threads used in quilting, the unique characters of each type and how to use them. Those of you who attended the PA Extravaganza Quilt Show in Oaks this September got a glimpse into how using the right threads can create works of art.

December 5, 2023- Our Annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Appetizers and beverages will be available at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30. Bring your own place setting. If you missed the sign-up sheet at our October meeting, please contact Diana DiFanti with your items. It's the beginning of the holiday season, so expect some Christmas games, carol singing (with a twist) and holiday cheer. One of the games requires that you bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$15 with you that evening. I don't want to give all the fun away, but the premise is similar to playing "Right, Left, Center" or "Musical Chairs."



January 2, 2024- Hearts Quilt Challenge at **Faith Presbyterian**.



February 6, 2024- David Sirota will present his lecture, "Quilt While You're Ahead" on Zoom. This is a hybrid meeting. Members can gather at Calvary.

February 17, 2024- WORKSHOP - David returns to teach his "Collide-o-scope" quilt technique. Zoom only. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with an hour break for lunch. The cost is \$40 for each participant. Very limited "special" supplies are needed. If you'd like to see a preview of the materials list, go to David's website, www.quiltmavendave.com. He has lists for each of his virtual classes there. Although this is an "old" pattern, Dave promises to make it fun and easy using his "No more tears" paper piecing method. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Sue Marin at marinmuse2@gmail.com. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the December and January meetings.



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Quilters Studio will be on hiatus until February 2024. We will pick up with English Paper Piecing.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



Our Service Sewcial is coming up on October 28 at Calvary Baptist Church, starting at 8:30 am and ending at 4:00 pm. It should be a fun day of Community Service, with everyone working on Service projects such as placemats, pillowcases, kennel pads and quilts for those in need. Please bring any completed placemats as well, as this date will be the deadline for collection for our annual donation to Meals on Wheels. We will have instruction and hands on help available to you as you work on all projects.

Please bring your lunch and any snacks you may wish to share with others. Cutting mats, rotary cutters and rulers, ironing boards/mats and irons, fabrics and willing sewers with their machines will all be gratefully needed that day. Come for the day or for whatever part of the day is convenient for you. It should be a day to enjoy!

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

December 5th 2023 annual pot luck dinner.

Appetizers and punch available at **6 pm** with dinner planned for **6:30**

Several members have already signed up to bring an item. We have PLENTY of desserts and appetizers already but need salads, side dishes and main course. I love all the various salads and sides and can't wait to see what appears. Crock pots will be accommodated with extension cords.

In addition to your food item AND serving piece, please bring your own place setting. That includes several plates, (dessert, salads) silverware, napkin, and cup. Many members bring a placemat and decorations for their table.

Punch and coffee will be available, but we could use bottled water.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for Saturday November 4th & 18th, 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 with the exception of December when we will meet on the third Saturday only.

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!

Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

One more month to finish up your list of UFOs. December will be the finish of this challenge. A participating member's name will be chosen from the box. The more finishes, the more times your name was placed in the box, the more likely you may be the winner!!

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

I have to start by apologizing for not being at October's meeting. I must be the only clueless member who didn't realize the meeting was moved. I understand that Pat Piasecki was the intrepid Simple Whatnotter who tackled the Village Square. Good for you, Pat! I'll share mine at the next meeting. Which brings me to the "best plans always get messed up" portion of this message. As I had projected our schedule moving into the future, I failed to recognize that November's and January's meetings won't have Show and Tell opportunities. So, I have to redo the schedule slightly and I hope this doesn't mess anyone up. If anything, it gives you more time to go back and tackle that appliqué border in Village Square!

- November: In your sewing room, work on Ribbon Candy
At the meeting: virtual, so no Show and Tell
- December: In your sewing room, work ahead on Cross Purposes (pg. 95)
At the meeting: show Ribbon Candy
- January: In your sewing room: work on Cross Purposes (pg. 95)
At the meeting: no Show and Tell due to Challenge Quilt program
- February: In your sewing room: work on Midnight (pg. 99)
At the meeting: finally show Cross Purposes
- March: In your sewing room: work on Making Waves (pg. 107)
At the meeting: show Midnight



Only one more project to go after this!

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Autumn from everyone at the library! Many thanks to Lizzie Riccaboni for stepping up to help with the library and the basket raffle! Obviously, no basket raffle for the November meeting or the December meeting (we've never done it during the Potluck Dinner).

Volunteer Opportunity

I saw on Facebook that the JCC (Jewish Community Center) was looking for speakers. They would be interested in us doing a show 'n tell on 1/29 around 12:30 for seniors.

If anyone is available and interested,
please email Sam Cetrulo.

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

I hope you are busy working on your challenge entry. It's almost time!

I will be sending the entry forms, reminder of the rules and the process to turn in your entry in a separate email. Entry forms and completed quilts will be accepted at the December 4th meeting. Deadline for entry is December 22nd.

I'm also looking for volunteers to help me set up the challenge display for our January 2nd meeting. Please let me know if you're willing to help the morning of January 2, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact Irene Oehmke at mild1s@hotmail.com.



Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

At our October meeting, 56 members attended in person & 3 members on zoom, for a total of 59. We had one new member join. Welcome to all.

New member:

- ★ Quinn Pagano - Quinn works as a teacher for the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit. She enjoys sewing, rug hooking, antique shopping and reading.

We've had many new members join in the past year. I hope you take the time to get to know someone new.



November Birthdays

Kathy Moore	11/5
Julie Borden	11/14
Sue Marin	11/17
S. Jane Merkel	11/19
Donna Gasser	11/21
Rae Consigli	11/25
Linda Griest	11/26



Committees



Challenge: Irene Oehmke

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

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

Website: Nancy Scholz

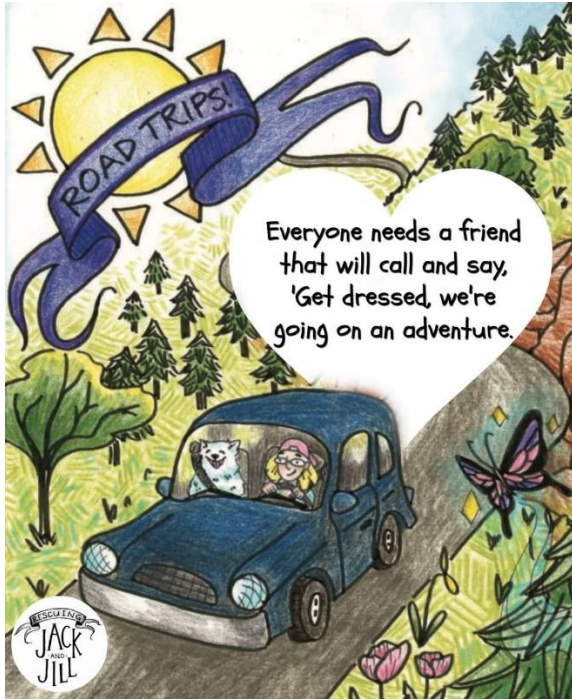
Technology: Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede

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



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

Upcoming Events



Oct 13 – 15th – Undercover Quilters Quilt 2023 Quilt Show, Brookhaven Municipal Bldg, 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven PA [Sew Many Colors A Fall Festival of Quilts – Undercover Quilters](#)

Oct 27th – Nov 11th – 20th Eastern PA Shop Hop “Walk in the Woods”

More information on their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/EasternPAShopHop>

Nov 4th – Quilt Turning at the Schwenkfelder Museum in Pennsburg

Registration for the upcoming Quilt Turning of quilts from the Goshenhoppen Historians collection is now open. It's Nov 4, with 2 sessions -- 10 to noon and 1 to 3. The turning is being held at Schwenkfelder Museum in Pennsburg (their meeting room is more easily accessible for visitors). Nancy Roan and her husband were founding members of the Goshenhoppens and were the authors of Lest I Shall Be Forgotten, and she was in charge of their textile collection for many years. The quilts on exhibit were made by Nancy who loved designing and applique. The quilts in the turning

date from 1840s to 1940 and include one with Prussian Blue and one with a pillar print between rows of flying geese. Plus a great assortment of local style PA German quilts. Link with information and a link to register - <https://goschenhoppen.org/quilt-turning-2023/>

Nov 8th – 11th – Mancuso Quiltfest Virtual Schoolhouse #6
[QuiltFest Virtual Schoolhouse #6 » Mancuso Show Management](#)

Nov 18th – Main Line Quilters Presents “Fall in Love with Quilts Quilt Show. 9:30 am – 4 pm
St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Rd, Devon, PA [MLQ Quilt Show November 18, 2023 | Main Line Quilters](#)

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April 10th-13th – Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

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

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