



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

This year is flying by! I feel like it was just the end of summer and here we are, almost beginning November! As a reminder, our monthly November meeting is a Zoom only meeting. We will have a lovely presentation from David Owens Hasting and then the business meeting following that. There will be no show and tell since we are on Zoom. You can save your November show and tell for December.

David Owens Hastings is also doing a Zoom workshop for us on November 11th from 6-9pm. You get to attend this workshop from the convenience of your sewing room, We still have spots open for the workshop so please email me if you are interested. Even if you are not a modern quilter, David is going to be teaching techniques that can be used in any style of quilting.

Cassandra Kriley, the current Programming Chair, has planned a fantastic year for us. However, she has had some health issues, and we are looking for help in the Programming area. Cassandra has planned all the speakers and workshops through next August (2026), but we need help finalizing contracts and coordinating the planned workshops. Please email me if you are interested in helping with this function.

Also, Cassandra will not be continuing as the Programming Chair for the 2026-2027 year. As per our By-laws, we need the full year of programs announced at the September meeting. We have plenty of time for this, but we need someone to take on the role for the Chair next year.

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: Cassandra Kriley

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Guild Calendar

Community Service Sewcial: Monday, Nov 3rd, 9-4 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 4th. ZOOM ONLY

Workshop: Tuesday, Nov 11th, 6-9 p.m., David Owen Hastings, Mini Mid-Mod ZOOM ONLY

Sit 'n Sew: Saturday, Nov 15th at 10:15 a.m. Faith Presbyterian Church.



President's Message Continued

Again, please email me if you are interested in helping. There is a ton of support to teach you how to fulfill this role and we won't have programs or workshops without a Chair or Co-Chairs.

December is our annual potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. It could be any kind- appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert! This is a meeting that is always great fun. Please bring your own place setting as well. In addition to the potluck, we will be doing Show & Tell.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

We will be taking off the months of November and December for the monthly challenge.

QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no quilter's studio in November or December due to meeting on Zoom only and then due to the potluck set up.

Programs

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

November 4, 2025 – David Owen Hastings brings a modern twist to this **ZOOM ONLY** presentation of "20 Modern Quilts from Around the World".

November 11, 2025 – David Owen Hastings Workshop

Join other members as we create a Mini Mid-Mod piece of art on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. This is a Zoom only class. Registration

is now open. The cost is \$45 per student. Registration forms will be available at the Program table beginning at our September meeting. As usual, checks should be made payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. Class is limited to 15 guests. The registration deadline is October 30, 2025.

Participants will learn the quilt-as-you-go method, do some hand stitching to add a sleek, linear element, and choose from various finishing techniques. If you've thought of giving the modern genre a try but didn't want to delve into a huge project, this little project might be just what you need to get inspired!



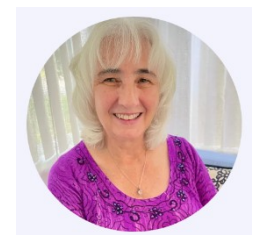
If you have any questions regarding this class or want to register via email, please contact Cassandra Kriley.

December 2, 2025 – Annual Holiday Potluck Social

January 6, 2026 – Annual Guild Challenge. This year's theme is monochromatic and will be held at Calvary Baptist Church (our regular monthly location).

February 3, 2026 – Cyndi McChesney- Panel Palooza Trunk Show

In this informative and entertaining trunk show Cyndi will show us how to take a panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll experience my good, bad and AH HA moments as Cyndi learned how to work with the different styles of panels and how adding interesting block treatments and borders and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué results in a truly special quilt.



February 4, 2026 - Workshop: Panel Palooza- 6 hour workshop via Zoom with Cyndi McChesney

In this workshop, quilters will take the panel that they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll discuss how to uncover design inspiration, square up your panel sections, add interesting block treatments and borders and cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips, and more, all guaranteed to make your panel project a success.

Skill Level: All levels

Supply List: A supply list will be provided when you sign up and pay for the workshop.

Workshop Fee: \$50. In addition, workshop participants are very strongly encouraged to purchase one of Cyndi's books - either "*Fun With Panels*" or "*Playful Panel Quilts*."

For questions on registration, please contact Jessica Dayon . I can send you sign-up information via email or I will have sign-up information at the December meeting.



Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick



In person Sit 'n Sews will be the third Saturday of the month, 10:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mark your calendar for **Saturday November 15th** 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 virtual Sit 'n Sew for November is cancelled as it falls the day before Thanksgiving.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Thank you to the members who provided the refreshments for our October meeting. They were Eileen Burgo, Lynda York, Cathy Schadler and Irene Oehmke.

Looking ahead....December is the annual pot luck celebration. Please bring a food item to share along with your own place setting and serving spoon (placemat, plates, and silverware). Appetizers and punch will be available at 6 pm with dinner planned **for 6:30**. Tea and coffee will be available as usual.



Thanks to all who helped make our first quilt show such a big success. We made just under \$8000. The breakdown will be in the Treasurers Report.



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 red in less than 10% of the piece

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).

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each category. One prize will be awarded for Best of Show. Quilters will be asked to stand near their entry as prizes are awarded for each category.

Members are encouraged to submit more than one entry but only one entry per category. For example, one large, one small, and one original.

To submit your entry, please follow these instructions:

- Cover any labels that identify you
- If you don’t want pins used to secure your entry to a bulletin board, please attach a 4-inch sleeve so it can be hung by a dowel
- Place your submission inside a pillowcase or opaque bag
- Fill out the submission form. Pin the top portion to the pillowcase/bag, put the bottom portion inside the pillowcase/bag with your entry

We’re looking forward to seeing your entries. If you have any questions, please call: Cathleen Kilpatrick or Quinn Pagano.

If you’re planning to participate in the challenge, please email Cathleen.

The deadline to sign up for the challenge is December 2.

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

Multiple techniques may be used such as appliqué, collage, foundation paper piecing, English paper piecing, pixelating, mosaic, embellishments, etc.

Drop-off:

Any Crazy Quilter meeting up to Dec 2

Dec 27 from 10 a.m. - Noon

Drop-off location:

Calvary Baptist Church
4601 Tilghman Street
Allentown, PA.

If you can’t make it to a drop-off, please call Cathleen or Quinn to make arrangements.

Our Crazy Quilters have been busy!

Thank you to the members who showed up early to October's monthly meeting to cut Christmas print fabric into preemie blanket kits to help fulfill a special request from LVHN's NICU!

Thank you to the members who signed out the Christmas preemie kits, many of which have already been sewn and returned, ready for preemie photos with Santa in December!

Thank you again to Linda in Allentown who, in July, donated much of the Christmas print and other flannel that we have used to make preemie blankets, preemie bears, EMT bears, and many of the Ryan's Case for Smiles pillowcases that we've donated over the last couple of months!

In October, Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild members donated:

3 quilts + more inherited quilt donations from our Crazy About Quilts Show - We will report where and when the quilts are delivered.

44 Preemie Blankets (12 standard + 32 special request Christmas blankets) for Lehigh Valley Hospital Network's NICU

144 Placemats to add to our annual November donation to be distributed by Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://mowglv.org/>

32 Calendars to add to our annual November donation to be distributed by Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley

5 Large Bears for EMTs to give to kids on scene at accidents, fires, etc.

11 Breast Cancer Comfort Pillows to be distributed by Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://www.cancersupportglv.org/>, or to be included in Bag of Hope totes distributed to new chemotherapy patients by The CHEMO Bag, <https://thebagofhope.org/>

12 Pillowcases to be distributed by Ryan's Case for Smiles to hospitalized kids



Upcoming Opportunities to Work on Community Service Projects Together:

Monday, November 3rd, join us at the Community Service Sewcial at Calvary Baptist, Tilghman St. to sew placemats to brighten the meals of the 800+ clients in our area that are served daily by Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley!

NOTE THE RESCHEDULED DATE

Due to a scheduling conflict beyond anyone's control, the **Sewcial** will now be **Monday, November 3rd** instead of Saturday the 1st, **opening at 9 am, cleaned up and out by 4 pm.**

Bring your machine and tools or help others with non-sewing steps.

Bring your own fabric, strips or scraps to piece together.

We'll bring some pre-cut batting and fabric that can be used for the backs of pieced placemats or both sides of basic placemats.

Starting about 11:30 am, Pat Piasecki will teach an efficient method of turning fabric strips into placemats.

Stay as little or as much time as you like.

Stop in to drop off any completed service projects &/or sign out a variety of pre-cut kits to complete at home. If you want a particular type of project kit or quantity of kits, contact Dawn Dengler ahead of time.

Placemats are a great size project to practice piecing and quilting while making something useful that says, "we care!" to those served by Meals on Wheels.

- Finished size of placemats can be 16 to 18 inches long and 11 1/2 to 13 inches wide.
- They can be rectangular, octagonal or oval.
- They can be pieced or appliquéd. Some people add to extra/orphan blocks from other projects, and some people piece together leftover scraps for one or both sides.
- Please do not use any 3-D embellishments.
- Placemats should be quilted.

Sunday, November 16th: Group Port Pillow Making Session at Union UCC 5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA, after church services, about 11:45 am - 3 pm in Memorial Hall, on the main floor, just inside the North/Neffs/Grove-side entrance.

Not actually a CQQG event, but several of our members have participated in previous sessions and will be there again for this one.

Collaborate with CQQG, community, and church members, seated assembly line style, to make port-protecting pillows that chemotherapy with infusion patients "Velcro" around seatbelts to cushion implanted ports.

No experience, equipment, or tools required. Just show up, and use what's there. We'll show you what to do.

Although not necessary, if you'll be bringing a machine, let Dawn Dengler know ahead of time so that we reserve an appropriate spot for you.

Again not necessary, but if you'd like to contribute supplies, we use:

- **quilting cotton fabric scraps** that will be cut into 4"x7" or 4"x14" or 8"x7" pieces
- **5/8"-3/4" wide strips or rolls of non-adhesive "Velcro" intended for sewing**, that will be cut into 3" lengths of hooks and 3" lengths of loops that will be offset to make 4" long hook and loop pairs
- **fiber-fill stuffing**
- **thread for machine sewing**
- **sandwich baggies**

At the most recent group session, 21 people made 159 pillows in under 3 hours, while chatting with friends and getting to know new people. The friendly group even included a few kids, in addition to adults of all ages. All of the completed port pillows will be included in Bag of Hope totes that The CHEMO Bag provides to new chemotherapy patients at infusion centers throughout the greater Lehigh Valley and surrounding area.

Thank you for your overwhelming cooperation and generous donations of your time, materials and skills!

Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano



MOORE	KATHY	5-Nov
GRAMLING	DOREEN	12-Nov
BORDEN	JULIE	14-Nov
MARIN	SUE	17-Nov
MERKEL	S JANE	19-Nov
GASSER	DONNA	21-Nov
CONSIGLI	RAE	25-Nov
GRIEST	LINDA	26-Nov

Attendance for October:

78 members (4 were online)

4 new members

4 guests

Total of 86 attendees

Welcome to our new members:

Anna Blanchette - from Emmaus, quilting for 20 years, and is a data engineer

Lisa Fetherolf - from New Tripoli, is a retired teacher, likes to travel, and sewing since she was 12 years old

Denise Novak - from Bethlehem, care-giver, is semi-retired, and is a beginner quilter

Eileen Zakielarz - from Macungie, moved to the valley this summer to be closer to 5 of 8 grandchildren, previously involved in a quilt guild and Quilts of Valor in Rochester.

Reminder: Membership renewals are now due. If you haven't paid the renewal fee of \$45, contact Pat Piasecki on your intent to renew. This will be your last newsletter if you haven't renewed.



**Reminder: Newsletter Deadline is always the 21st of the Month
Mark your calendars!**



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LEGACY IN STITCHES

Jodi Barrows

She threads the needle, calm and slow,
Where memories and patterns flow.
Each block a chapter, soft and true,
Of days gone by and skies once blue.

The quilt she crafts is more than thread.
It speaks of love, of tears once shed.
A legacy in cotton framed,
A life in stitches, gently named.

Upcoming Events

2025

October 25 – Susan Suhre, Invisible Machine Embroidery, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church.

November 11 – David Owen Hastings, 3hr workshop Mini Mid Mod Quilt via Zoom, 6-9 p.m.

Looking Forward to 2026

February 4 -- Workshop: Panel Palooza- 6 hour workshop via Zoom with Cyndi McChesney

March 25-28 – The Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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

Oh my! Does this mean a quilter never dies, they just keep on 'a quiltin'?

