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From The President

Donna Gasser

I am so proud of the wonderful event our Guild hosted on September 10th. It was truly a pleasure to see all of the hard work appreciated by everyone that came that day. My thanks to you all for the help you willingly gave whether it was prior to, at, or after the event. It was a profitable event—around \$7000—but I won't have an exact count as yet until all items that can be returned are refunded. Now let's take a deep breath of this wonderful fall air and enjoy the season! We have earned it!

Our community service takes front and center with the Sewical scheduled for 8:30 – 4 p.m. at Calvary Church on October 28th. Janet Yandrisevitz and Mercedaes Gurniak have plans underway to make this a learning as well as a fun event. Bring your sewing supplies and machine, lunch and maybe some goodies to share and enjoy the comradery as we work on community service projects. I hope to see you there.

I hope you all had a chance to join in on the Global Quilt Connection presentations on September 23 & 24. If you really enjoyed a particular topic or a speaker, please let Sue Marin or Katrina Idlemann know so that speaker can be added to their list of potential future programs.

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, Oct 3rd

Quilters Studio 5:45, General meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Sit & Sew: Saturday Oct. 7th and 21st, 10 am – 4 pm

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus



From the President - Continued

Fall always inspires me to get my sewing room in order. Within the month I am moving to Slatington into a house that has been in my husband's family for over 100 years. I will gradually get the place in total good order, but sewing room comes first of course. It is going into a bright bedroom at the back of the house. I am excited about arranging all my stuff in the new space.

Happy sewing in this beautiful season,

Quilt Bingo

Vicki Pede



The Ways and Means Committee would like to thank all of our members who participated in any way at all for our Bingo Fundraiser. Approximately \$7,000 raised for all of our activities to continue. Please share any feedback with committee members, so that in the event this is done again, those involved will take the comments into consideration as they plan. Aside from the wonderful turnout and help by members, the rest of the those present had lots of accolades for everyone in the guild. Please remember that a successful fundraiser is nothing without the help and support of members. It is because of all that YOU did, that this was so successful. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

Committee Members: Donna Gasser, Sue Marin, Julie McDonell, Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede, Pat Piasecki, Phillis Walden

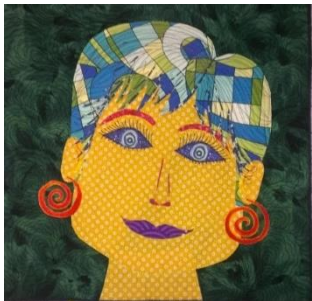
Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

September 5, 2023 – We hope you all enjoyed Kim Lapacek's lively presentation in September. Karen Rush sent her PDF file with the links to her events, patterns and tutorials, and other helpful information to all of the members a few weeks ago. For those who want or need a hard copy, I will bring some with me to our October meeting.

October 3, 2023 – Join us LIVE when Cyndi Hershey, Education and Development Director at the Kutztown Folk Festival presents a lecture on the importance of the Quilt Barn at the annual Kutztown Folk Festival. Cyndi attended Philadelphia Textile and Moore Art Institute. She earned a degree in Interior Design with a minor in textiles. In her early career, she was a contributing author and technical writer for Rodale Publishing, specific to their Craft/Sewing titles. Those are just the tip of the iceberg!

November 7, 2023 -- Program (*Zoom only*) - Nina Clotfelter



A quick visit to Nina Clotfelter's website, www.ninaquilts.com, will give you a sense of her bubbly, quirky personality and high energy level – positive energy, that is! She thrives on new challenges, has a level of creative energy that may keep her up at night, and has been sewing since she was 13 years old. She grew up in Morristown, NJ, but now lives in Mobile, Alabama. She regularly teaches at the Houston Quilt Festival, 2023 being no exception. She will join us on November 7 via Zoom to present her "Threads – What's the BIG Deal?" Who better to provide a lecture on threads than an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads who LOVES!!! to teach quilting?



December 5, 2023- Our Annual Holiday Pot-Luck dinner. Door 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. Diana Difanti will pass around sign up sheets at our October meeting.

Programs for 2024 can be found on the [Crazy Quilters website](#).

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We will be meeting before the general meeting at 5:45 to continue our discussion on hand quilting.

Crazy Quilters - Quilt Retreat 2023

Sandy O'Connor

November 9, 10, 11, 12. Weekend!

It's not too late to sign up. There are three rooms left.

Set up your sewing machine for the weekend! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

Located in Denver PA at the Blue Lake House 3 miles from Burkholder's Fabric. We can take 15 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast and lunch, will be on your own. Thursday dinner I'll make reservations at K-ville Hotel & Tavern and you will pay your own check. Friday dinner, Saturday brunch and dinner, and Sunday brunch we will split up into groups to prepare meals. Cost is 2 nights \$130.00 and 3 nights \$180.00 per person. Payment is due by November 1st.

If you're interested in the retreat, please text /call or email me.

Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits & Mercedes Gurniak



As the Autumn arrives, our thoughts turn to completing placemats for Meals on Wheels, and our Service Sewcial on October 28th at Calvary Baptist Church. We will begin at 8:30 am and end about 4:00 pm. I can supply some coffee and tea and invite you to bring your own snacks and lunch to keep you going during the day. We are still looking for someone to be a "point person" for placemat help and hope we will see many of you there for whatever part of the day you can share with us. We will need sewers, ironing boards and irons, cutting boards, and fabric ---- all the usual stuff to stir the creative juices. I will have

some supplies and instructions available as well.

The push to turn in completed placemats will be at the October general meeting and at the Service Sewical on October 28th or contact Janet to make special arrangements. Please remember to avoid using any fabrics that are not easily accepted by most people. You have all done such wonderful work with this in past years, and I am sure you will wow everyone again!

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Members who have signed up to bring an item to the October meeting are: Nancy Skok, Julie McDonell, Lori Smith and Janie Rossetti. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting to add your name and item for the December potluck dinner. Since we are not meeting in November, we need to plan ahead for December.

Simple Whatnots

Suzanne Nelson

At September's meeting, I noticed so many new faces in the group, which is wonderful. But it dawned on me that when we stand up during Show and Tell and hold up our Simple Whatnots, some new members may have no idea why this group is making versions of the same little quilt! So, in a nutshell (or thimble), the Simple Whatnots group has been enjoying sewing the cute little quilts from Kim Diehl's book, Simple Whatnots III, for the past year or so. We have loved seeing the various color and fabric combinations our members have come up with. We are approaching the end of the book, and have a handful left to go.

- October At guild meeting: share Village Squares
 In your sewing room: work on Ribbon Candy, pg. 89 (a fun opportunity to use scraps!)
- November At guild meeting: share Ribbon Candy
 In your sewing room: work on Cross Purposes, pg. 95 (little, scrappy, easy)
- December At guild meeting: share Cross Purpose
 In your sewing room: work on Midnight, pg. 99

Only two more projects left in the book!

Better Done Than Perfect

Lorraine Bujnowski

The original plan for the Better Done than Perfect Challenge was for everyone to finish up their list or most of it in October with the drawing to be in November. Because we will not be meeting in November you will have an extra month, November, to work on finishing whatever quilts are on your list. The drawing will be held in December.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for Saturday October 7th & 21st, 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!

Library Trolley News and Notes

Michele McLaughlin

Lori Smith has graciously volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the month of October. We will have two drawings for the September and October baskets. Thank you to Irene Oehmke (September) and Lori Smith (October).

We need someone to help man the library table to sell tickets for the monthly gift and 50/50. If you are interested in helping, please stop by the table in October or email me.

2023 Quilt Challenge -- Hearts

Irene Oehmke

I hope you are busy working on your challenge entry.

Reminder of the rules for the Challenge:

- Your quilt must have a heart somewhere on the front surface other than just in the quilting. It can be a heart or heart print fabric.
- Quilt must be started during this calendar year-2023
- The challenge is open to guild members only
- There will be four (4) categories:
Large — (40X40 or larger)
Small — (less than 40X40)
Other — Wearable Art clothing, placemats, totes and bags, etc
Original — This is for any quilted item that is your original design and not purchased or otherwise copied from someone else. This is your opportunity to let your creativity shine.



Submission deadline is December 22. More details on the deadline in the future.

Our challenge will culminate in an exhibit and competition of all completed entries on January 8, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Irene Oehmke.

Membership

Karen Hartzell & Linda Green

In September, we had 54 in attendance with 4 on zoom for a total of 58. Seventy-two members renewed their membership. We will be accepting renewals, either by mail or in person at the October general meeting. Dues for the year are \$45.00. Please make your checks payable to 'Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild' or pay in cash, with exact amount of \$45.00. At the September meeting we welcomed 3 new members!

Beatrice Bednar lives in Bethlehem and enjoys embroidering and quilting small wall hangings and lap quilts.

Carol Siegmund is a retired RN who has been quilting for over 20 years. She enjoys making pillowcases. Carol is married and has 2 children and one grandchild.

Lois Drendall is a returning member. Welcome back!

QUILTFOLK NEWS -- A copy of the latest Quiltfolk magazine was presented at random to member Doris Horwath. Three Quiltfolk patterns were also raffled. Congratulations to the lucky winners!



October	Birthdays:
Lois Drendall	10/2
Michele McLaughlin	10/4
Roberta Whitcomb	10/4
Ann Lineberger	10/5
Doris Horwath	10/12
Nancy Scholz	10/13
Nancy Keeler	10/14
Maria Hance	10/24
Patricia Piasecki	10/29
Judy Walker	10/29



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 Bringham, 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



If you enjoy the “By the Yard” comics by Jennifer Lopez, visit the podcast, “A Quilter’s Life” from Monday, September 18th. Jennifer talks about her background, how the comic got started and the significance of the man with the train conductor hat in her drawings. Jennifer doesn’t just draw comics, she’s a quilter and quilt pattern designer as well.

Deadline for the next newsletter is **October 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 Goshenhoppen 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](#)



2024

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.

IF YOUR SEWING MACHINE COULD TALK

