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# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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## President's Message

Jessica Dayon

Welcome, October and the autumn season! I love this time of year. My garden and outdoor responsibilities are less, and I can spend more time at my machine sewing!

The global quilt connection is coming up on September 28th and 29th. The topics sound interesting and I hope you enjoy it if you participate.

Our community service sewcial is planned for October 26th from 8:30am – 4pm at Calvary Church. I look forward to seeing you there to socialize and sew items for a good cause.

I'm excited to see you all at the October meeting!



On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the following officers were installed

President: Jessica Dayon

Vice President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Programming Officers – Sue Marin & Katrina Idleman

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

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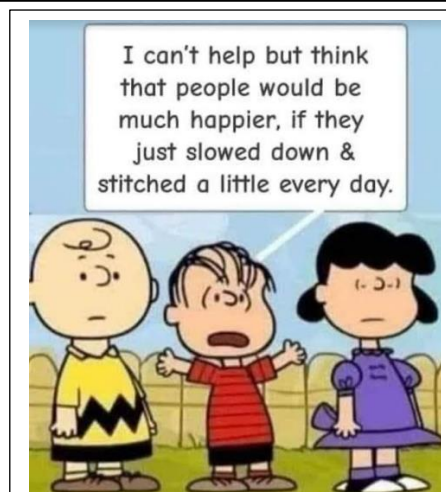
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## Guild Calendar

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.

**Sit & Sew:** Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus.

**Workshop:** Wednesday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> with David Sirota



## President's Message Continued

### Monthly Challenge

If you participated in the Monthly challenge for last month- flying geese- I hope you enjoyed it! At our upcoming October meeting, I can't wait to see what you made. I do hope you felt the challenge was worthwhile.

For October, our challenge topic is to make "something tiny". "Tiny" is a somewhat objective term and might be defined differently by each person. Our challenge will include all of the definitions. For example, if you usually make 12" blocks, something tiny to you might be a 6" block. If you usually make 6" blocks, something tiny to you might be a 3" or 4" block. All of these are acceptable and the tinier the better!

Your "tiny" item can be one block, a pin cushion, a mini quilt, etc... You get to decide what you make and what you turn it into. In my experience I have found that tiny piecing greatly improves an individual's quilt piecing skills. Once you take the time to make something tiny, then go back to the regular size blocks that you typically make, the blocks seem easier and more doable.

I encourage you all to set a little time aside and make something tiny! Since we do not meet in person in November, we will show our items for the October challenge at the December meeting.

### Guild Quilt

Thank you very much to those that volunteered to make a block! The blocks that have already been returned to me all look FANTASTIC! If you have a bag, please bring the completed block to me at the October meeting. We do not meet in person in November, and I would like to start assembling the quilt in the month of November.

### Instructional Sit 'n Sews

There are 4 Sit & Sews left in 2024. We have two in October- the 5th and 19th and two in November- the 2nd and the 16th.

October 5th- The instructional topic is making a Fabric Key Fob. If you would like to participate in this, please email me and let me know by September 30th- Jessica Dayon. I will let you know what supplies to bring. The pattern for this is a free tutorial by Alli Jenson of Woodberry Way. These make great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Making the key fobs will only take a small portion of the Sit & Sew. We will start at 10:30 and then afterward, it will be a free sew. If no one signs up, then this Sit & Sew will be a regular free sew.



October 19th- free sew only, no instructional topic

November 2nd- free sew only, no instructional topic

November 16th- For this Sit & Sew, the topic is Christmas themed string quilts. For this, each person who participates, will need to bring a bag of Christmas themed strings/strips. We will all work on our own individual string quilt blocks and rotate bags of strings/strips every 15- 20 minutes. This way we will all have a little bit of each other's fabric in our own quilts. I will provide string quilt ideas beforehand so that you can prepare for the type of string quilt that you would like to make. If you like to participate in this, please email me and let me know by November 5th- Jessica Dayon. If no one signs up, then this Sit & Sew will be a regular free sew.

## Programs

Sue Marin and Katrina Idleman

September 28 and 29, 2024 – **Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter** via **Zoom** only. Eighteen amazing teachers will demonstrate a new technique or creative tip with you, all in the comfort of your own home. Demonstrations run each day from 3:00 – 6:00 PM EST. A link to this **FREE** event and the materials lists will be forwarded to you after the September meeting. This is for Crazy Quilters only and the information may not be shared or distributed outside the Guild.

October 1, 2024 – **David Sirota, aka Quilt Maven Dave**, will present "What Makes a Quilter Tick: A Fun-Filled Look in the Mirror."



October 2, 2024 – **David Sirota** returns to teach his "No More Tears" method of paper piecing using his "Scrapy Chevron Star...Or Not" pattern. Class runs from 10 AM – 4 PM with one hour for lunch. Registration is \$35 for class.

There is one spot left for this class! Please make registration checks payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. A \$5 kit fee is required the day of class. Dave asks that you pay in cash or by check made payable to him. Doors will open at 9:00 AM to allow time for everyone to set up their sewing machine and get materials ready. Extension cords are highly recommended. Bring your lunch and don't forget the dental floss!



November 5, 2024 – **Lyric Montgomery Kinard**, artist and co-founder of the Global Quilt Connection will share "Living Lyrically: Be Inspired, Create Beauty, Find Joy" via **Zoom**. (This is a **Zoom ONLY** meeting as it is election night and Calvary is not available as a meeting site.) Lyric will share her "circuitous and unexpected path towards life as a quilt artist." She is sure to make us laugh as she juggles family and fabric while dealing with duties and dreams. But the lecture is mostly about YOU. Where you are right now is the best place to start. In the end, you'll be better equipped to create your own beauty.



December 3, 2024 – Our **Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner**. This one is always a big hit. This year will not only be a feast for your tummy but will also feature a **Round Robin** event featuring the work (not necessarily quilt related) of five members:

Diana Campbell - Art Quilts  
Cathleen Kilpatrick - Modern Influences  
Sandy O'Connor - Handbags  
Sharon Yurkanin - Miniature EPP and Reproduction Fabrics  
Pat Wolfe - Multigenerational Keepsake Quilt Using Tsukineko All Purpose Inks

This will be an In-Person meeting only. No Zoom.

January 7, 2025 – **Quilt Challenge at Faith Presbyterian**, North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Emmaus, PA. For this year's theme and categories, please refer to the full article in the newsletter.

February 4, 2025 – **Cyndi Grisdella** shares "The Anatomy of An Improv Quilt."

March 4, 2025 – **Nancy Weston**, local resident and member of the Colonial Quilters, will present “HERStory Through Quilting: African American Quilting. Nancy believes the women quilters are HERstorians. Spanning Black History Month (February) and Women’s History month (March), this presentation introduces us to exhibits from the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, KY, as well as Gee’s Bend Quilting Collective in Alabama, John Lewis quilts, Bisa Butler and other modern Black quilters, and The Social Justice Sewing Academy.

April 1, 2025 – **Janellea Macbeth** presents “ScrapStashtic Quilts: Organizing Your Scrap Fabric Stash and ACTUALLY USING IT.”

May 6, 2025 – **Rachel Rossi** shares tips on “Bringing Quilting to the Next Generation.” Come and learn some tips to keep our unique art form flourishing far into the future,

June 3, 2025 – Best known for her Americana Quilt Series of watercolor paintings, **Diane Phalen**, local artist, shop owner, and writer, shares “Quilting with My Paintbrush.” Many of you may have seen her work in the Quilt Barn at the Kutztown Folk Festival. Want to see more of her work? Visit her studio at 3335 Union Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

July 1, 2025 – Guild President and well-known blogger, **Jessica Dayon**, will share a topic yet TBD with us this evening.

August 5, 2025 - **Summer Social** – end the year with fun and fellowship. Sue and Katrina are accepting theme ideas.

### **Membership**

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Members present at the September meeting - 56

Members on Zoom-6

New Members-3

Guests -1

Total-66

### **Library**

Michele McLaughlin

For October meeting: I'd like to ask all the Trolley Librarians to bring in their suitcases so we could sell the rest of the books. We aren't meeting in person in November, December is the Potluck, January the Challenge...and who knows what the winter weather will be like afterwards. We will likely use two of the free tables for the books. Again, I will ask members NOT to bring books to the free table that month so that the guild can raise money with the books we are selling.

As promised, I'll reduce the price to \$2/book. We need to make money for the guild and last month we raised over \$80 with just three suitcases.

A few members donated suitcases to use for the library. I need to know if any of the members want their suitcase back. If not, I'll donate the items to Goodwill.

Thanks again for your support. There are some really wonderful books for the next sale. Come shop!

### **Better Done Than Perfect**

Lorraine Bujnowski

Everyone would love to see those finished quilts from your lists. We'll continue with the program until February. January is Challenge month and in the past Show & Tell was not done so, February will be the end.



## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Many thanks to the members who provided our snacks for the September meeting. The volunteers were Cathy Schadler, Gail Shearer, Kathie Laposata, Nancy Skok and Nancy Shannon.

Members who have signed up to bring a refreshment for the October meeting are: Donna Gasser, Mercedes Gurniak, Lori Smith, Karen Landis and Julie McDonell. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.



A signup sheet for the December potluck dinner will be available at the October meeting for those who would like to commit themselves for a specific menu area (still potluck) as in side dish, main, or dessert. Just getting a start on our Christmas festivities since we do not meet in person in November.

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden/Jessica Dayon

This month, in Quilters' Studio, we are covering half square triangles. Jessica will demo 1 at a time, 2 at a time, 4 at a time, 8 at a time. If you would like to practice any of the methods that we will go over for HSTs, please feel free to bring your machine or if you'd rather watch, that is great too. We will start at 5:30 (on October 1st, before the monthly meeting). Please let me know by September 28th, if you plan to attend this session of Quilters' Studio- Jessica Dayon. In addition, if you have any questions or issues that come up when you are making HSTs, please email me them and I will try to cover those as well.

## Quilt Challenge 2024

Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The challenge this year will be "Quilts in Movies/Literature". This can be an actual quilt seen in a movie or mentioned in a piece of literature or a quilt inspired by either of these. All entries should have a little write up that can be posted with their quilt telling what the inspiration was for the entry. Entries due by December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Four Categories:

Large (over 40x40)

Small (less than 40x40)

Other (garments, placemats, bags, etc.)

Original (items that were not created using a pattern created by someone other than the maker)



Any questions, feel free to contact me (Irene).

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



Mark your calendar for **Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. The Sit 'n Sews will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month unless notified otherwise. In case you want to mark your calendars, the rest of the dates for 2024 are Nov 2 & Nov 16, none in December.

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.

**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!

## Sewing Around the World – In Poland



Lorraine Bujnowski and her husband traveled to Poland this September. Outside their hotel located in Krakow, next to the town square, they saw a white tent being erected. Will there be a wedding or a flower show? The next day to their amazement it was filled with sewing machines, tables and about 50 young women seated and sewing their hearts out. They were making pillowcases for the three children's hospitals in Krakow. Lorraine immediately said that she had to participate with this enthusiastic group. She said to one of the English-speaking leaders "we do this in my country as well".

Lorraine found a vacant machine and began to sew. The leader said that they made 1000 pillowcases in one day last year. It appears that women all over the world are eager to share their knowledge and skills and are willing to donate their time to brighten a child's world.



And while in Warsaw, Lorraine passed a craft show in and found these beautiful quilts at one of the vendor stands.



### **Quilt Folk Magazine**

**Karen Hartzell**

Our guild participates in the Quiltfolk guild program. Each quarter we receive a free gift of the latest release of their magazine and often, other items of merchandise. In the past, they have been won by raffling, adding to the library gift, or given to the first person to sign in. We also receive a discount code for members of the guild, if you wish to receive 15% off from their site. The code is: GUILD31. In September, the Oklahoma edition of Quiltfolk magazine was won by Quinn Pagano. She has relatives that live there and recently visited them.



## Allentown Fair

Kathie Laposata

Our Guild took all the winning ribbons in the large machine quilt category. Here they are along with other category winners. Quite a list!

### *Large machine quilted:*

- 1 Kathie Laposata
- 2 Judy Walker
- 3 Karen Rush
- 4 Karen Hartzell
- 5 Jane Merkel
- 6 Linda Wojciechowski



### *Crib quilt - hand quilted:*

- 2 Karen Hartzell

### *Crib quilt - machine quilted:*

- 2 Kathie Laposata
- 4 Diana DeFanti



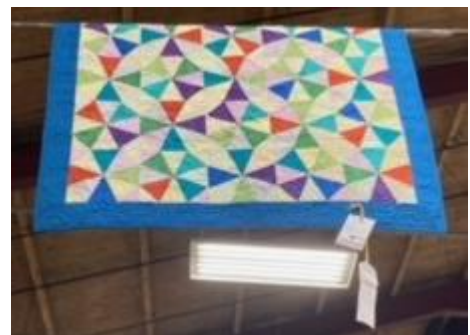
### *Lap quilt:*

- 1 Kathie Laposata
- 2 Linda Wojciechowski
- 3 Karen Hartzell

### *Wall hanging:*

- 1 Kathie Laposata
- 2 Linda Wojciechowski

I'm so glad Guild members enter their quilts. Otherwise the quilt category would be awfully empty and people would think no one makes quilts anymore. We prove them wrong.



Congratulations to all our winners!  
Crazy Quilters are so talented...we are proud of you!!

Just a reminder, I sent out an email to all who signed up about plans, what to bring and payment. I will be at the October meeting if you want to pay. If not, please call, send a check or email.

**Community Service**

Janet Yandrisevits &amp; Mercedes Gurniak

At the September meeting, we launched our incentive plan to encourage members to participate in giving of your time, treasure, and talent to the various projects available through the Guild for Community Service. At each in-person meeting, you will find a large jar and tickets at the Community Service drop off place. On an honor system, please write your name on one or more tickets and drop the ticket(s) into the jar when you donate your finished project. At the end of this Guild year in August 2025, we will have the fun of picking a ticket from the jar, and that Guild member will be awarded a free membership for the next year!

Remember to put your emphasis now on completing your placemats and bringing them to our October meeting, or bring them to the Service Sewcial on October 26. The placemats will be donated to Meals on Wheels of the Lehigh Valley in early November, and our November Guild meeting will be held on Zoom only. Meals on Wheels has requested we please avoid any religious themed fabric.



Please remember our Service Sewcial sewing day on October 26 from 8:30 until about 4:00 pm. Bring your machine, cutting board and general sewing supplies, and we will work together on a variety of projects that will benefit our neighbors in need. Come for part of the day or the whole day as you choose. We look forward to working together!

***Birthday wishes for October go out to members:***

Lois Drendall -- Oct 2  
Michele McLaughlin -- Oct 4  
Roberta Whitcomb -- Oct 4  
Ann Lineberger -- Oct 5  
Doris Horwath -- Oct 12  
Nancy Scholz -- Oct 13  
Nancy Keeler -- Oct 14  
Maris Hance -- Oct 24  
Patricia Piasecki -- Oct 29  
Judy Walker -- Oct 29

*Dear guild members,*

*A great big thank you for the Bearclaw quilt squares. I expect to have fun finding a pattern and putting them together. Thank you so much for your help during my presidency. Donna Gasser.*



## Committees



**Challenge:** Irene Oehmke & Cathleen Kilpatrick

**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'Connor

**Show and Tell:** Suzanne Nelson & Judy Walker

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

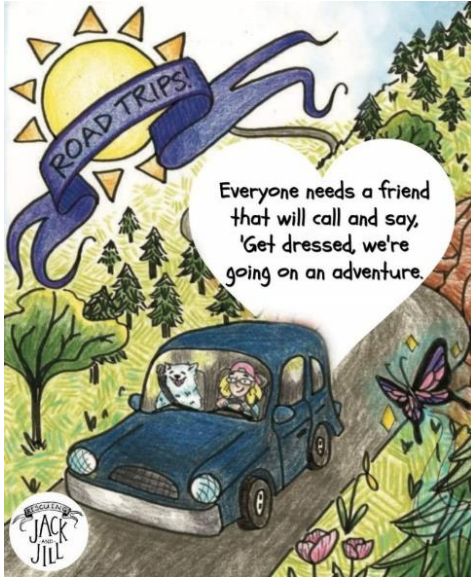
**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



**Deadline for the next newsletter is October 21st.  
Please mark your calendars!**

## Upcoming Events



**October 2 -- David Sirota's Scrappy Chevron Star Workshop**

**October 4 & 5 – [Berks Quilters Guild 2024 Quilt Show, Quilts from the Heart of Berks](#), Leesport Farmers Market. 9 am – 5 pm.**

**October 11 & 12 – [Keystone Quilters Quilt Show](#) “Star Struck”, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA 18073**

**October 18 & 19 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA**

**October 25 – November 9 – Eastern PA Shop Hop**

**November 8 & 9 – Lebanon Quilters Guild Exhibition of Quilts, Lebanon EXPO Center.**

**[LQG QUILT SHOWS – 2024 – Lebanon Quilters Guild](#)**

### 2025

**March 7 & 8 – [Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild](#) “Valley in Bloom”. Warrior Run Area Fire Dept, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Allenwood, PA.**

**March 26-29 – [The Lancaster Quilt Show at Lebanon Valley](#), 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.**