



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Happy October! It is officially fall. I love this time of the year. It is a great time to get cozy and work on sewing projects! I hope you all have a great project to really get into and enjoy working on.

Our 'Crazy About Quilting' show is, at long last, here! The show is on October 4th from 9am to 4pm at Calvary Baptist Church. We are hoping this is a wildly successful event for the guild. Please pass on the information of this event to anyone you can think of. The more people who come to look at what we have, the more successful the event will be. Thank you for all your effort and hard work! I will see you at the show!

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The September monthly challenge was to make a hot pad/pot holder of any shape or size.

The October monthly challenge will be to make any project that is autumn themed (regular fall, Halloween, thanksgiving, etc).

QUILTERS' STUDIO

In the October Quilters' Studio, I will be going over how to make Lori Holt's design boards. October Quilters' Studio will start at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall (before our monthly meeting).

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

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, October 7th

Sit 'n Sew: Saturday, October 18th at 10:15 a.m.. Faith Presbyterian Church.

Virtual Sit 'n Sew: Wednesday, October 22nd, 1:30 – 3 pm



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

In September, we sewed Lesson 2- Strip Piecing & Chain Piecing. So, we have completed 1 long checkerboard, 1 short checkerboard, 2 short fence blocks, and 1 long fence block. Please bring those pieces to our October meeting so we can show them as a group.

In October, we will sew Lesson 3- Stitch and Flip. We will make 9- snowball tree blocks.



Please email me or see me at the meeting if you are interested in participating.

America the Quilt Along Schedule			
Working Period	Assignment	Blocks to Make	When to Share
August	Purchase pattern & gather fabric	None	None
September	Lesson 2- Strip Piecing & Chain Piecing	1 Long Checkerboard, 1 Short Checkerboard, 2 Short Fence Blocks, and 1 Long Fence Block	At the October Meeting
October	Lesson 3- Stitch & Flip	9 Snowball Tree Blocks 4" x 8"	At the December Meeting (November is a Zoom only meeting)
November	Lesson 4- Flying Geese	5 Flying Geese Tree Blocks & Flag Block	At the December Meeting
December	Lesson 5- Pieced Squares	4 Mosaic Blocks & 78 Border Half Square Triangles	At the January Meeting
January	Lesson 6- Making & Using Templates	8 Template Tree Blocks	At the March Meeting (February is a Zoom only meeting)
February	Lesson 7- Arranging Patches	4 House Blocks	At the March Meeting
March	Lesson 8- Half- and Quarter-Square Triangles	1 Fields Block, 1 Mountains Block, 1 Shining Sun Block	At the April Meeting
April	Lesson 9- Pressing Tips & Strategies	3 Bounty Blocks	At the May Meeting
May	Lesson 10- Fabric Considerations	1 Church Block, 1 Schoolhouse Block, 1 Barn Block	At the June Meeting
June	Lesson 11- Applique	Applique stars	At the July Meeting
July	Lesson 12- Assembly, Quilting, Binding	Assembly	At the August Meeting

October 7, 2025 – Susan Suhre, a Berks County resident, shares her lovely, appliqued quilts, many of which have won prizes at major shows. Her trunk show will include 40 or more of her creations. You'll be able to get a close up look at them. "Susan has had judges' comments praising her hand applique, and it's done by machine. She won the best applique at the NQA show in Columbus (when it was still in business) as well as best applique at the Vermont Quilt Show."



Sue has agreed to do an in-person six-hour workshop on Saturday, October 25th when she'll teach us her invisible machine applique technique. Details and registration for Sue's class are now open.

During Susan's class, we will cover smooth curves, stems, circles, and inner and outer points as well as stitch selection, tension, threads, etc. The only true requirements students need are a machine that does a blanket stitch and monofilament thread. Some of the materials will be provided by the instructor. Complete materials lists will be provided once payment has been received. In addition to your fabric, it is recommended that you have a glue pen like Sewline or Fons and Porter.

This is a full day workshop beginning at 9:00 AM and ending at 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 25, 2025. We will meet here at Calvary. The morning of the class is dedicated to preparing the applique pieces. You won't need your machine until after lunch. The fee for this class is \$40. Checks should be made payable to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild. Registration is open and space is limited. Cassandra Kriley and Sue Marin will be taking reservations at our meeting in September. Look for one of us at the Program table when you sign in for the meeting. The deadline to register is October 14, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Marin or email her.

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).

CRAZY ABOUT QUILTING QUILT SHOW IS FINALLY JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!

With our last week quickly approaching, we absolutely need your help to show our visitors what a wonderful, inspiring, and quality guild we are. In that light let's all re-read and pay attention to the email you received in September from me outlining all that has to be accomplished this last week.

During the show, I plan to be at the Check-out Desk or in the lobby outside our meeting room unless my assistance is needed elsewhere. My phone will be with me on vibrate during the set-up and show should you need to reach me.

And last but not least, ENJOY the show, talk to our guests. Show up to help as much as possible especially on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th organizing and helping wherever possible. And finally show up to pack our stuff away at 4 pm on the 4th and put all at Calvary Church ready for its Sunday Services. Take home what you donated, boxing or bagging everything else, and lastly give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!

Again, I appreciate all of your work to assist this show in any way you can. And I especially appreciate all of the organizing the committee chairs have done to pull their areas together.

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 October 18th** 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 Sews will be the 4th Wednesday of every month and will alternate between afternoon and evening. The next virtual Sit 'n Sew will be **October 22nd**, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Many thanks to the members who provided refreshments for the September meeting. They were Eileen Burgo, Linda Wojciechowski, Mercedes Gurniak, and Maria Hance. Other members also contributed leftovers from Labor Day and they were appreciated.

Members who signed up to bring a item to the October meeting are Lynda York, Cathy Schadler, Eileen Burgo and Irene Oehmke. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.

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 more information, see the [May newsletter](#), or contact Cathleen or Quinn.



Is Egyptian Cotton Thread Worth It? What Every Quilter Should Know

Cotton Thread · 7 min read · August 14, 2025 · By Bob Purcell

[Egyptian Cotton Thread for Quilting: Truth, Quality & What Matters](#)



Why Egyptian Cotton Thread Matters

When it comes to choosing the best cotton thread for quilting, many quilters are surprised to find themselves wondering about a label they've seen for years: *Egyptian cotton*. Does it really matter? Is it worth the price? Or is it just another marketing buzzword? Click on the link above to find out.



Quilt Turning at LancasterHistory

This is an exceptional opportunity to see the storied **Esprit Collection of Amish Quilts** up close and personal during a private quilt turning with historian **Barbara Garrett**.

Friday, October 3
10:00 - 11:30 am
Lancaster History
230 N President Ave
Lancaster, PA 17603
\$22 per person

Transportation is on your own.
To purchase tickets, email [Nick Siegert](#), Group Tour Coordinator, LancasterHistory.



Great job, Crazy Quilters! For September's Miles of Pillowcase Smiles Campaign, CQQG members sewed **155 pillowcases** to be distributed through the Lehigh Valley/Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles. **Thanks for giving some hospitalized kids in our area a little something to smile about!** The September challenge is over, but the organization collects and distributes pillowcases year-round. So, you can bring completed pillowcases to any monthly meeting, and we'll deliver them.

Upcoming opportunities to work together on CQQG's Community Service projects:

At October 7th's monthly meeting, you can **sign out precut kits** to make pillowcases, preemie blankets, preemie bears and/or placemats at home. From 5-6:30 pm, **before the meeting starts**, **help make kits** by cutting donated fabric that we'll bring.



Starting at 11 am until about 3 pm at **October 18th's Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian** and at **November 1st's Community Service Sewcial at Calvary Baptist**, from 9 am - 3 pm, we'll have donated fabric and setup a mini assembly line process for anyone who wants to **help make** preemie blankets, preemie bears, or Meals on Wheels placemats, **whether or not you've made them before** and **whether or not you bring a sewing machine**.

Since November's monthly meeting is online only, please remember to **bring completed placemats and unwanted calendars for Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley (MOWGLV)** to one of these events because we'll drop off our annual donation of these items in early November. Of course, you can make placemats anytime, but please hold onto any you make after November 1st because MOWGLV only collects and distributes them once a year.

Thank you for all your ongoing community service project donations!

In September, in addition to the pillowcases, **CQQG members donated:**

1 Quilt of Valor quilt,
7 blocks for Quilts of Valor,
18 preemie blankets,
6 preemie bears,
and added
14 placemats to this year's collection
and donated 14 placemat kits!
Keep up the great work!!



Congratulations to our Allentown Fair Winners!

Dawn Matrich:

Best of Show

Congratulations Dawn!!!



Kathie Laposata:

Table runner - 2nd place



Crib quilt, machine quilted - 2nd place



Wall hanging, machine quilted - 4th place



Karen Hartzell:

4th for my large "100 days, 100 blocks"



4th for teal lap quilt



4th for African tote bag



3rd for machined baby quilt & 2nd for hand quilted baby



Pat Piasecki:

"confetti" .English paper pieced and machine quilted by Pat Piasecki.

Design from the book Adventures in Hexagons by Emily Breclaw. Second place at the Allentown Fair.

Sue Marin:

Cross-stitch Snowman & Owl – 4th place





DRENDALL	LOIS	2-Oct
MCLAUGHLIN	MICHELE	4-Oct
WHITCOMB	ROBERTA	4-Oct
LINEBERGER	ANN	5-Oct
SCHOLZ	NANCY	13-Oct
RICHARDSON	PATRICIA	15-Oct
RIHL	DEBBIE	20-Oct
HANCE	MARIA	24-Oct
PIASECKI	PATRICIA	29-Oct
WALKER	JUDY	29-Oct

Attendance for September:

74 members

2 new members

5 guest

Total of 81 attendees

Welcome new members:

Debbie Rihl of Coopersburg. Debbie moved to the area a few years ago and is looking forward to quilting again.

Debra Goodwin of Orefield. She is recently retired and has been quilting for 35 Years.

Committees

Challenge: Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

Beginning Sept: Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

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

Historical: Karen Hartzell

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

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 & Cathleen Kilpatrick

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

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

Website: Nancy Scholz



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

Upcoming Events

2025

September 27 & 28, 3-6 p.m. Global Quilt Connection Virtual All Star Sample Platter

October 3 – Quilt Turning -- Esprit Collection of Amish Quilts up close and personal during a private quilt turning with historian Barbara Garrett. See notice on page 5 of this newsletter.

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

October 11 – [Doll Quilt History](#), Noon – 1 p.m. Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, 105 Seminary St., Pennsburg. This



is a ticketed event.

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

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.**

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

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