



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

No. 404

[www.crazyquilters.org](http://www.crazyquilters.org)

September 2025

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jessica Dayon

Happy September! This is the first month of our guild year. At the September meeting, we will be installing our Officers. I will be continuing as President. Donna Gasser will be continuing as Vice President. Linda Johnston will be continuing as Treasurer. Nancy Skok will be continuing as Secretary. Cassandra Kriley will be installed as the new Programming Chair. Quinn Pagano & Pat Piasecki will be continuing as Membership Co-Chairs.

Something new that I'm planning that I'd like to share about, if there is enough interest, I'm going to be hosting a quilt along for anyone in our guild that would like to participate. We will be making the America the Beautiful Quilt pattern from McCall's Quilting. There will be a new section in the newsletter that shares the details so continue reading the newsletter to find out more.

We only have one month left until our 'Crazy About Quilting' show. Thank you for all your hard work so far! Donations to the Quilter's Closet and the Boutique will be accepted at the September meeting but not after that time. Please bring anything else you'd like to donate to the show to the September meeting. We really need making sure that all our stations at the show are staffed. There will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the September meeting. Please consider volunteering for a shift or a few (even all day if you can).

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our September 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, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sit 'n Sew:** Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.. Faith Presbyterian Church.

**Virtual Sit 'n Sew:** Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



## MONTHLY CHALLENGE

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

## QUILTERS' STUDIO

There will be no Quilters' Studio in September.

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

The America the Beautiful quilt was designed by Lynn Lister. The pattern can be found on the McCall's Quilting website (Quilting Daily- <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/product/mccalls-quilting-america-the-beautiful-quilt-along-pattern-download/> ). It currently cost of the pattern is \$7.99. The pattern is broken down by lesson, so it is very easy to use it as a quilt along block of the month.

In September, we will start sewing. The schedule we will follow is below.

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

**New Program Year Begins!**

Cassandra Kriley

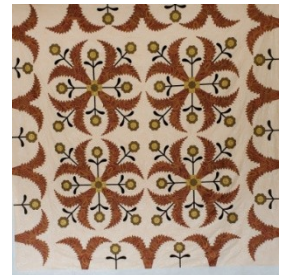
**September 2, 2025 – Bethanne Nemesh** will present her lecture on “Yarn Couching: Freemotion to Fine Art”. You won’t want to miss her fabulous fashion show featuring her designs.



**September 27 & 28 – Global Quilt Connection All Star Sample Platter**, this is a virtual event and playback will be available for 7 days after the event. A link to the event will be sent out in early September.

Free for all members! Sessions will run from 3-6pm Eastern time both days. Set aside a few hours to learn new techniques or try a twist on an old one. Approximately 18 teachers will share ideas over the two days. Lists of presenters and their topics are available approximately two weeks in advance to allow you to gather any materials you might need.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.





**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.** This will be a hybrid meeting. We will meet at Calvary (weather permitting) but Cyndi will join us via Zoom. If the weather is unfavorable that evening, we will all see Cyndi's Panel Palooza presentation about turning panels into pieces of art via Zoom. She will be doing a Zoom workshop with us. The date and time will be announced later. Stay tuned!

**March 2, 2026 – Joyce Hughes** will share her work in thread painting.

**April 7, 2026 – Jamie Davis** Have you ever wondered why or how the Baltimore Album quilts suddenly seemed to disappear? Jamie will share her findings in her presentation this evening.

**May 5, 2026 – Arlan and Pat Christ** If you missed Arlan and Pat's show at the Allentown Art Museum last fall, you can get an in-depth lesson on how to determine whether a quilt is an antique or a fake. Live presentation at Calvary Baptist.

**May 6, 2025 – “Armenian Love”** workshop by Pat Christ.

**June 2, 2026 - Elizabeth DeCroos – Travel** with us across the Canadian border as Elizabeth presents her lecture on “Pojagi – Ancient Korea to Modern Canada.” A workshop is planned. Watch your newsletter for updates.

**July 7, 2026 – Teresa Duryea Wong - Teresa** will present her lecture on “Sewing and Survival” Native American Quilts from 1880 – 2022”

**August 4, 2026 – Annual Summer Social!**

## Photos from the Crazy Quilters County Fair Evening



20" block challenge featuring fruits & vegetables.

1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Dayon -- Strawberries

2<sup>nd</sup> –Kathy Moore -- Nine patch with fruit (next to strawberries)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pat Piasecki -- Pineapples



If you enjoyed the challenge, check out these new challenges for 2025-2026:

Cherrywood "Storytime" challenge at [The Storytime Cherrywood Challenge – Cherrywood Fabrics](#)

Quilt Alliance "Tell Your Story" challenge at [2026 Quilt Challenge Info | Quilt Alliance](#)

Hoffman Fabrics "Amethyst" challenge at [THE HOFFMAN CHALLENGE | Hoffman Challenge](#)



## Cathleen Kilpatrick Featured in Mancuso Show

I know many of our Crazy Quilters will be attending the upcoming shows in September. For those of you going to the Mancuso Show in Oaks, PA, make sure you look for Cathleen's quilts on display. A total of five quilts were accepted into the 2025 show: two are in the Main Exhibit, one is in the Mancuso Special Exhibit, and two small quilts are included in the Philadelphia Modern Quilt Guild section.

Congratulations, Cathleen! WE all hope you'll bring home a prize.



'For Ruth' was accepted into the Mancuso challenge 'Celebrating women: a quilters perspective' and will also be displayed at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival.



. 'Rocky Road' is the quilt I made for the CQ challenge.



'Color Schemes' was displayed at QuiltCon this

**Quilters' Cupboard and Boutique-- Sharon Yurkanin and Val Johnson**

Sharon and Val are requesting help storing bins and boxes that have been sorted and arranged for these areas. Contact them if you can help. Bins need to be picked up, stored, and returned on October 3.

At September meeting they are looking for volunteers to sign up to help with keeping displays neat and stocked during our event.

**SEPTEMBER 2 is the absolutely last day to submit items for boutique or cupboard areas. And because of the quantity they already have collected & sorted, they are only accepting quilting fabric pieces fat quarter size or larger that do not need ironing.**

Please let them know at September meeting if you are able to help them to keep the displays neat and stocked on October 4.

**Silent Auction- Cathleen Kilpatrick**

**Bring in any items being submitted to Silent Auction at September 2 meeting.** All items need to be brought to Cathleen to price whether they are finished or not. She needs to see them to set up the Silent Auction display.

**GENERAL**

Continue posting flyers for this event and check that the ones you have posted are still displayed. Sign-up for shifts in any areas of the event at September guild meeting. See the chairperson(s) to do so:

1. Quilt Show-Jane Merkel & Pat Piasecki
2. Admissions-Quinn Pagano
3. Demos and Spotlight Presentations-Kathy Moore & Karen Shafer
4. Boutique & Quilters' Cupboard-Sharon Yurkanin & Val Johnson
5. Silent Auction-Cathleen Kilpatrick

**Make plans to help set up on October 3 and attend our event on October 4. We need everyone's help those two days to make this Event a success!**



## CRAZY QUILTERS -- INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUILT SHOW DROP OFF

### REGISTRATION FOR THE QUILT SHOW

Jane Merkel

1. IN SEPTEMBER: PLEASE PICK UP A PRE-ASSIGNED ENVELOPE FOR EACH ENTRY YOU SUBMITTED FOR THE QUILT SHOW
2. In the envelope you will find two index cards, already labeled. Please attach one to your entry's pillow case and one to the lower right BACK of your quilt. (use safety pins, please)
3. When you bring in your quilt on Oct 3, prepare the information for the quilt receipt in duplicate (one for you and one for us). You can pick up this form in September or print it from the form sent to you via email.
4. You or whomever is picking up your quilt will need that receipt to claim your quilt.
5. When you bring your quilt in on Oct 3, you will get the number to pin on your quilt for display.
6. Bring your entries to the church sanctuary entrance.
7. Questions: Call or email me. Thanks Jane.

### Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski



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 September 20th** 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month and will alternate between afternoon and evening. The next virtual Sit 'n Sew will be **September 24<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

What a great way to end our summer with the county fair. So many participants made it especially enjoyable. Members who provided drinks and salads are Donna Iobst, Lori Smith, Julie McDonnell, Lori Maurer, Sandra Mugridge, Karen Landis, Jessica Dayon, Nancy Shannon, Pat Vaccaro, Pat Piasecki, and Nancy Scholz. Thank you for your contribution.

September signups include only 3 members. They are Eileen Burgo, Linda Wojciechowski, and Mercedes Gurniak. If members have any leftovers from your Labor Day picnic, please share them for our meeting or call me to add your name to our hospitality list for September.



As we come to the close of another year of generosity from many members of the Crazy Quilters' Guild, we thank you all for your very beautiful work and encouragement. A total of 35 members participated in various Community Service projects as demonstrated by your names dropped into our raffle jar. We would like to thank: Janet Yandrisevits, Mercedes Gurniak, Dawn Martrich, Diane Martin, Ruth Skinner, Pat Piasecki, Linda Wojciechowski, Karen Rush, Karen Hartzell, Kathie Laposata, Lorraine Bujnowski, Jane Merkel, Judy Walker, Ruth Hoffman, Laurie Murray, Liz Riccaboni, Lori Maurer, Kim Orndorf, Phillis Walden, Katrina Idelman, Val Johnson, Linda Griest, Peggy Kiefer, Paula Jacobus, Ann Lineberger, Kathy Moore, Pat Vaccaro, Donna Gasser, Karen Landis, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Linda Schwartz, Patty Feninez, Michelle McLaughlin, and Jessica Dayon.

The totals of the donated items are:

Quilt to North Carolina	1
Placemats	719
Calendars	26
Kennel Pads	10
Pillowcases	156
Breast pillows	19
QOV Blocks	7
QOV Quilts	2
Teddy Bears	2
Preemie Quilts	26
Quilts to Family Promise	33

Again, we thank you so very much for your support and participation. You are a very wonderful group of people, and we know you will continue to work alongside Dawn and Pat as they begin their time of leadership.

Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

September is "**Miles of Pillowcase Smiles**" (MOPS) month, in conjunction with Pediatric Cancer Awareness month. The Ryan's Case for Smiles MOPS "challenge" is to sew as many pillowcases for hospitalized kids as we can in September.

**Ways you can help:**

- Come early to our monthly meeting on September 2nd to cut fabric before the meeting starts, anytime from 5-6:30 pm.
- Pick-up precut kits near the sign-in table to sew at home.
- Follow the directions on the CQQG website on your own. ( [community service directions](#) )
- Join us to sew pillowcases together at the Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian on September 20th.



If possible, drop off completed pillowcases at the Sit and Sew so that we'll have time to wash, bag, and deliver them by the end of the month. Otherwise, contact Dawn Dengler to make other arrangements.

CQQG'S completed pillowcases will be added to our local Ryan's Case for Smiles chapter's tally at Kutztown's Wooden Bridge, to be included in the total they report to the national headquarters and deliver to Lehigh Valley Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Our chapter hopes to get 500 made in September. If each CQQG member just makes 1 pillowcase, our Guild alone could easily donate at least 100 pillowcases this month.

## 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.



Sign-ups for the challenge will begin at the September meeting.

## Crazy Quilt Retreat

Sandy O'Connor

### ***There is only one room left!***

Just as the last several years, the retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House in Denver, PA. The retreat length will be 5 days like last year. The dates for this Sew/Vacation are Wednesday, November 5th, to Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Set up your sewing machine for the 5 day sew! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

Wednesday, all meals are on your own. Thursday/Friday morning meals are on your own. Group dinner on Thursday evening will be at the K-ville Hotel & Tavern and you will pay your own check. The remaining meals; Friday dinner, Saturday brunch and dinner, will be split up into groups for meal preparation. Sunday will be leftovers. Each of these meals will be assigned to a group of people to plan and prepare.

The cost for all four nights is \$245.00 per person.

We can take 14 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Call now to reserve your spot.

In September/October, more information will be sent to those who have signed up. Last year we planned on some additional activities to do during the retreat.

If you're interested in the retreat, please text / call Sandy O'Connor.





YURKANIN	SHARON	2-Sep
SEGMUND	CAROL	3-Sep
IOBST	DONNA	7-Sep
WHALING *	CAROLE	10-Sep
RUSH	KAREN	12-Sep
DENGLER	DAWN	16-Sep
OEHMKE	IRENE	16-Sep
SNYDER	NANCY	19-Sep
JONES *	TAMI	20-Sep
ANDERSON	LINDA	29-Sep

Attendance for August:

61 members  
2 new members  
1 guest

Total of 64 attendees

Welcome new members:

- 1) Patricia Richardson from Whitehall, retired math teacher, has one daughter and 1 grandson
- 2) Lorraine Traill from Emmaus, accountant, and can't wait to retire so she can quilt all day



### **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

**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'Conner

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

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

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

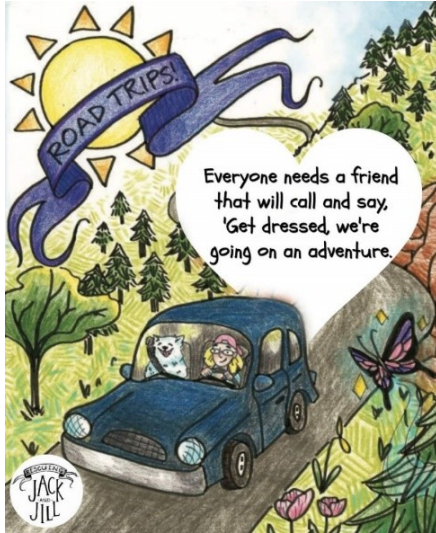
**Website:** Nancy Scholz

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



# Upcoming Events

## 2025



**August 9 – October 26 - [Cutting Edge: Inventive Nineteenth-century Quilts from the Collection of Arlan and Pat Christ](#), Allentown Art Museum**

**September 6 & 7 – Schuylkill County Quilters Guild, Quilt Spectacular 2025 – Winter Whimsy, Walk In Art Center, 220 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, PA.**

**September 7 - Community Chemo Port Pillow Making Session at Union UCC, 5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA --- Everyone can help, sewers and non-sewers. Noon – 3 p.m. Drop in for part or all of the time to join the "assembly line." Contact CQQG member, Dawn Dengler for details.**

**September 10-13 -- [American Quilter's Society](#) – AQS Quilt Week, Manheim, PA**

**September 11-14 -- [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#), Oaks PA**

**September 20 - Keystone Quilters Quilt Bingo – Tylersport Fire Station, 11 am doors open. Start 12:30 pm. For digital tickets call Sue Wilsey 267-261-6202. Physical tickets can be purchased as well from guild members.**

**September 21 – Quilt Bingo – Aquashicola Fire Company. Proceeds benefit the Sew What Quilt Guild & Palmerton Area Library. For tickets call the Library at (610)826-3424. Seating is Limited.**

**September 25 – 28 – [Montgomery County 4H Giant Fabric Sale](#), Farm, Home & Youth Complex, 1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA**

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

**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.**