

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From the President

Karen Hartzell

Spring arrives on March 20, but I will be headed to the Philadelphia Flower Show earlier in March to get a head start on the season with fresh inspiration. I love the colors of a bed of tulips that have just come into full bloom, or the tiny yellow daffodils that push their sunny heads up to greet the morning sun.

As much as I love the colors in the garden, I also get inspiration from the beautiful colors in the wonderful array of fabrics that I find in my stash or in my local quilt shop. Most of the quilts I make are for gifts for friends and family, for a special occasion or a milestone. I also make quilts for just about every baby in the family. I love that I can craft something special for my family, but I also quilt just for therapy. I love being immersed in the color and designs of different fabric and adding the right pattern to bring it all together. Just like weeding in my garden, it is a great way for me to relax.

Many thanks to Bethanne Nemesh for her 'Inkleque' program and workshop at last month's meeting. I hope that all who participated will bring their completed projects to the next meeting.

Also, a big thank you to Julie Davidovich for her Stripper's Charm Pinwheel mini-workshop at the last Sit & Sew.

You are missing a great chance to get to know other Crazy Quilters by not attending these fun events - and you might even pick up a new technique or two along the way.

Just a quick reminder that our next meeting on April 4 will be held at FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Emmaus. Don't forget! The workshop is scheduled at the same location on Saturday, April 8.

Until next month - I'm working on my PhD - Projects Half Done

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of every month
except November at
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard
Emmaus, PA 18049
7:00pm
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Community Service

Kathie Laposata

Our Ryan's Case for Smiles pillowcase total was 306. That is a wonderful number!! Some have asked where the fabric for the pillowcases comes from. Some, of course, comes from members who either shop their stash or local quilt shops for fabric that appeals to the kids in all of us. Some comes from Ryan's Case for Smiles from donations that they receive from fabric companies. Some comes from fabric donations our guild receives directly. Finally, the Community Service committee uses some of our budgeted funds to buy fabric to pair with donated fabric to get coordinated pillowcase bodies and bands.

One rail fence quilt has been assembled using red/white/blue blocks that members made. Lorraine Bujnowski showed the flimsy at the March meeting. A few more paper pieced blocks will be made to complete another. Thanks for contributing to this group effort at providing veterans' quilts. Those making quilts for veterans on their own should have them completed by the June meeting.

The other two community service projects remaining for the year are preemie quilts in April and Camp Erin quilts in May. We have Project Linus labels that you can sew onto the back. See Lorraine Bujnowski at the April meeting to get one for your quilt.

NOTE: The APRIL 4th MEETING will be held at FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus

COMING on April 4, 2017, 7pm at Faith Presbyterian Church

Sarah Bond, Family Quilt History & Trunk Show
Many Quilts, One
Family



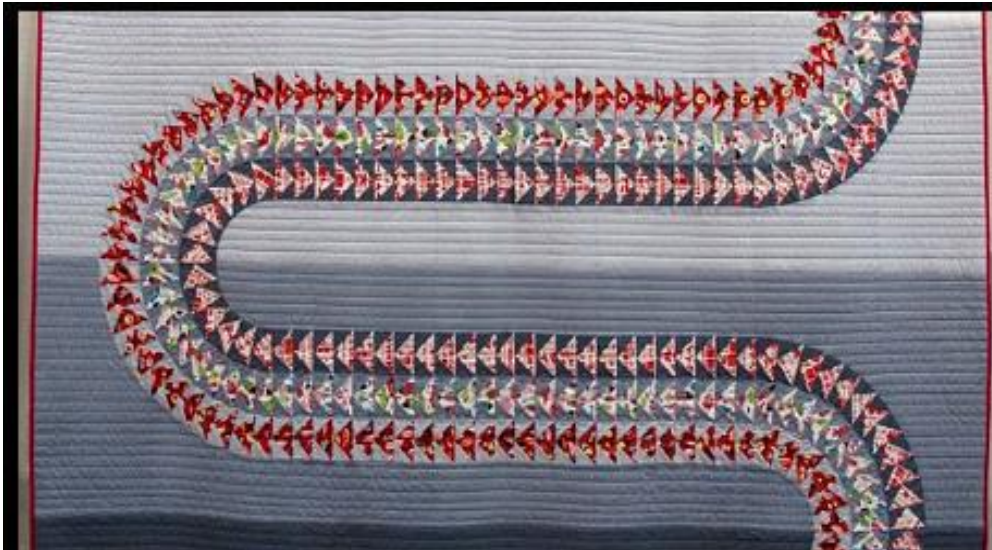
Philadelphia area quilter Sarah Bond is not only an incredible quilter and teacher but is fortunate in that she can look back in her family and see just where her talents originated.

Join us for Sarah's story about the quilts and quilters in one African American family. Learn about the amazing women and their quilts that continue to inspire Sarah in her life and her work right up to today. These women forged lives and made art before the Civil War, during the turbulent years that followed the war and during the years leading up to the Civil Rights era.

Sarah will share some of their quilts, as well as some of her own quilts, directly or indirectly inspired by her foremothers.

Saturday, April 8 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 10 am to 4 pm

There is only one opening left for this great workshop. Email Julie at julia.davidovich@volvo.com to reserve this last space (\$20).



COMING on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Holy Spirit Church

Quilt-A-Holic, **Erin Underwood** never plans to recover. Erin will show us a fun and inspiring collection of quilts including the good, the bad and the "if I only knew what I was doing" quilts.



WORKSHOP

Erin Underwood - Finished Edge Machine Appliqué

Open to the membership Wednesday, May 3 from 9 am to 3 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church



Love the look of Hand Applique but just don't have the time for handwork? Try this technique that will make your machine applique look as if it was done by hand and only take a fraction of the time too! Learn all about the tricks and tools you need for success. Your quilt will look like you sat for hours and needle-turned each piece by hand! And the bonus is your appliqued piece will have the look of trapunto with Erin's clever use of stabilizers!

Patterns available for workshop include Blue Bird, May Flower, Night of the Cat, October Pumpkin, Holiday Tree.

2018 UFO Drawing

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

Do you have a project that you started prior to 2016? If so, dust it off and get it done by the January 2018 meeting. What does “done” mean? It means it is quilted, bound and ready to be shown at the **January 2018 UFO No-More Shown & Tell**. The quilt must be at least 12” square.

To keep you focused, fill out the attached pledge and return to Julie Davidovich via email at julia.davidovich@volvo.com. Pledge must be received by Julie no later than March 31, 2017. This pledge and your completed number of UFO(s) will become your ticket(s) for a drawing to win an edge-to-edge longarm treatment for up to a twin size quilt top (valued up to \$130). Each completed UFO = one ticket. The drawing will take place at the January 2018 guild meeting.

Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thanks to the following members for providing our fabulous refreshments for the March meeting. They were Laurie Murray, Denise Reimer, Robin Steinhofner, Suzanne Nelson, Ronnie Moore and Ruth Hoffman.

April refreshment volunteers are Tina Middlecamp, Janet Yandrisevitz, Karen Landis, Pat Piasecki, Nancy Horning, Adele Bush and Sharon Pieller. An email reminder will be sent the week prior to the meeting. If your plans have changed and you are unable to volunteer, just email me or call.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Greetings from the Library! Next month we are not meeting in our normal venue and so we will not be having our usual raffles. There will be two baskets to raffle in May so be sure to bring some extra quarters! Read on! --Michele, Barb, and Dawn

Honey Bees

Jackie Leipert

The Honey Bees will be hibernating this winter.

Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

The Worker Bees will be hibernating this winter.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

No Quilters Studio in April.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

March Show & Tells were by the following members: Lorraine Bujnowski, Karen Hartzell, Sharon Yurkanin, Carole Whaling, Dawn Martrich, Wendye Anttila, Carol Willis, and Kathie Laposata.

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

Two spools of Presencia 50 wt. thread in amber and amethyst were the name tag prize at the March meeting, and they were won by Ruth Hoffman. Fifty-six [56] members attended, along with four paid guests, all who came along with members. There were no new members, so your membership list dated 1/23/2017 is the most current list available.

Permit me a sidebar: For the winter Roberta is a member of a quilt guild in Florida, and that guild has three more paid members than CQ does. Yet, far few members consistently attend each guild meeting; for example, last month there were 34 in attendance, and that was when an NQA certified quilt judge was the speaker, along with a trunk show. To me, that just shows how really much more motivated and active our CQ guild is than others. And that means all our members deserve a pat on the back, a big **thank you** for your participation in making us the best guild around!

Birthdays for April:

April 7	Helen Hanton	April 16	Betsy Golden
April 8	Diane Pesola	April 22	Janet Rigge
April 13	Jackie Lukity	April 27	Linda Wojciechowski

That's it! See you soon!

Crazy Quilters 2017 Challenge - "A Solid Challenge"

Denise Wagner

We will again celebrate friendly competition with our annual display of member challenge quilts at our September 2017 Pot Luck meeting. We will move our meeting to Faith Presbyterian Church on 2nd & Cherokee Streets in Emmaus. Faith's Fellowship Hall has a much better venue to display our quilts.

Guidelines:

- ❖ Create a quilt using at least two colors that are of true solid fabrics, more colors may be used but ALL colors must be true solids
- ❖ The quilt must measure 30" wide by 39" long.
- ❖ Your quilt must be quilted.
- ❖ A 3" hanging sleeve is helpful but not required.

Quilt Creation/ Raffle Quilt 2017

Bethanne Nemesch

Many thanks to those of you helping make our next raffle quilt a reality. A number of beautiful blocks have been turned in already. I have been telling folks to return kits not later than our April meeting, but unfortunately I will be driving to teach at MQX in New Hampshire that day. If you are able, please try to turn your blocks in earlier, or call me and arrange to get them to me so that after MQX is over I can turn my attention to quilt assembly as soon as possible. I will arrange for a surrogate to collect any remaining blocks in April and get them to me, to avoid having 4 or 5 folks all needing to meet me separately.

Paducah Trip News

Jane Merkel

There is still room available to go by bus to Paducah, Ky. for the new AQS Fall Quilt Show. The dates are 9/11-9/17. Approx. cost is \$1200. If you have any questions or are considering going, contact me ASAP. I have a few seats left. I am going out of town for all of March so it is best to contact me via e-mail or cell phone.

Member News

Donna Gasser

At Piece quilt shop in Easton is closing this month. Everything in store is 25% off.

January 2018 UFO No-More Pledge

I, _____, pledge to complete the following UFO's to be eligible for the January 2018 UFO No-More drawing. On my honor, these UFO's were started prior to 2016.

**Note: All finished projects must be at least 12" square or greater, quilted and bound to be eligible for the drawing.*

#	Approximate Year Started	Name of Quilt	Size of Quilt
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Email this document to julia.davidovich@volvo.com or submit in-person at the March 2017 guild meeting. This pledge form must be received no later than March 31, 2017. For each completed UFO on this list, you will receive one ticket for the drawing of a longarm edge-to-edge treatment up to a twin size top (valued up to \$130).

Calendar of Events from the editor

March 29- April 1, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA, Convention Center, www.QuiltWeek.com.

March 31- April 1, PA Relief Sale Quilt Auction – Harrisburg Farm Show Complex, www.pareliefsale.org.

March 29 – April 1, Lancaster Quilt Show, The Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com.

April 8 – 9, 2nd Annual Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchants Square Mall, 12th St. Allentown, PA, www.steelcityfiberfestival.com.

April 26-29, AQS Quilt Week, Paducah, www.quilt-show.com.

April 27-29, Three Rivers Quilters 2017 Quilt Show, The Meadows Race Track and Casino, Washington, PA, www.threeriversquilters.org.

May 5-6, Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Ludwig's Corner Fire House, Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100), Glenmoore, PA, www.pennoaksquilters.org.

May 19 – 20, The Penn Dry Goods Market Antiques Show and Sale, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA, www.schwenkfelder.com.

June 10, Colonial Quilters Indoor Yard Sale, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA, www.colonialquilters.org.

July 21-22, Peach Blossoms - Quilts in the Orchard Quilt Show, Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE, www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org.



Guild Calendar from the editor

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Saturday, April 8, 2017 – **Workshop 10am – 4pm**, Sarah Bond Release the Geese, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – **Workshop 9am – 3pm**, Erin Underwood Finished Edge Machine Appliqué, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA.

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