



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From The President

Valerie Johnson

Happy August Crazy Quilters! I hope that you all have been able to enjoy some sunshine as well as some sewing.

We continue to operate in a weird kind of “change by the minute” world. Flexibility is key to surviving in this situation. We as a guild have not been able to meet in-person since March. Our meetings were something I think we all looked forward to on the first Tuesday of each month. There was always delicious food to snack on, good friends to catch up with and great programs to educate and inspire us in all aspects of quilting. With our in-person plan put on hold, we shifted gears in July, and held the first ever Zoom Crazy Quilter’s Guild Meeting. I was able to sign on from my sister’s house in Michigan which was amazing. I wasn’t able to stay for the entire meeting, but I have to say it was so nice to see familiar faces and hear familiar voices. There were nearly 40 members virtually present, and thanks to Program Chair and expert “Zoomer”, Nicole Folino, there was a very well-coordinated and visually exciting Show and Tell. I looked at the Show and Tell photos on the website after the fact and I have to say it was one of the best I have seen!

With our success in July we have decided to move forward and meet again, virtually, in August. The topic this time is “Show Us Your Sewing Space”. It doesn’t have to be a big space with fancy stuff. Maybe you sew in a small corner or your bedroom or on the dining room table or maybe if you are lucky you have a space totally committed to your crafts. We want to see where and how you create, or where and how you store your stash (we know you have one) or any features you have that make your space unique. Like last month you can send photos ahead of time to Nicole and she will share them at the meeting via Zoom while you take us on a virtual tour.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
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Emmaus, PA

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Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson
Vice-President: Jane Merkel
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson
Treasurer: Kathy Moore
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meetings:

August 4, 6:30-8 p.m. (to be held via Zoom)

September 1, 6:30-8:00 (Parking Lot of Holy Spirit)

REMEMBER,
PEOPLE WILL SEE
YOUR QUILTS
LONG AFTER YOU
ARE GONE -
NOT YOUR
HOUSEWORK!

From the President Continued

In September, we will celebrate our 30th anniversary with a Special Drive-By Meeting in the Holy Spirit parking lot. We were reminded earlier in the summer that in accordance with our license, our raffle drawing on September 1, 2020 must be held at the church. The creative minds of some Crazy Quilters took that idea and ran with it. Why not make it a special event? The church has approved our plan to be outside since the building will not be open for meetings yet. Stay tuned for more info to come.

Lastly I would like to thank Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak for volunteering to be our new Community Service Co-chairs. Thank you both for continuing our very important work of using our talents to serve our community!

Stay well, stay safe and keep sewing!

-Val

Crazy Quilter's Quilt Guild - Budget Meeting

Valerie Johnson



The Board of the Crazy Quilter's Quilt Guild met on July 22 to discuss our budget for 2020-2021. As you may have guessed our expenses for this past year were lower than anticipated with the cancellation of meetings since March. Our income was also a bit lower with the cancellation of several of the shows where we had hoped to sell raffle quilt tickets. Overall, we are still in good financial standing in good part due to the dues increase that was voted in last spring. As you recall we increased our yearly dues from \$25 to \$45 and reduced the amount of raffle ticket sales for each member from \$40 to \$30 making the net increase per member \$10.

It is hoped that we will continue to have inspiring programs. Sue Marin, Program Chair for next year, has been busy lining up people to present programs for us, on-line if necessary. She even has a few people willing to do on-line workshops. Those costs which are one of our biggest expenses will not change much for next year. A full copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget will be sent to all members via email prior to the August 4 meeting.

After much discussion the board unanimously agreed that a motion should be brought to the membership to forego payment of dues by current members until March 1, 2021. At that time we will then collect half dues of \$22.50 from all active guild members. A vote on this will happen in August or September.

We haven't worked out the exact details of how this will happen. We are still sorting through Roberts Rules of Order, the ultimate guide on proper procedure for meetings, to figure this all out. We do want all our members to be informed of the intentions of the board. We hope that you are well and safe and we look forward to continuing to interact as best as we can as a group. We will meet again in person as soon as it is safe for all of us.

Topic for August Meeting

Nicole Folino

Show us your Sew Space!

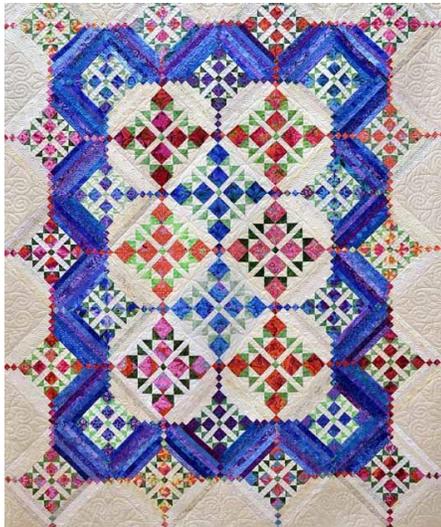
We want to see your sewing space! If you are willing to send a few photos of your space and speak to us at the August meeting, please send a message to Nicole.

For show and tell. Please send 2-3 photos, your name, the quilt's name, the pattern designer, quilter's name and any other information you would like to include in your portion of the presentation.

I can't clean
my sewing
room because I
get distracted
by all the good
stuff I find.
Designs by Linda Nee

Raffle Quilt

Sue Marin



We're in the home stretch for our raffle quilt sales! Considering all the opportunities we missed from quilt shows and events that were cancelled due to COVID-19, we didn't do badly. July 11, 2020 turned out to be a lovely day at the Leesport Farmers Market in Leesport, PA. Due to the CDC restrictions, attendance was lower than normal, but we sold \$87 worth of tickets. Those who came out to help really liked the venue and agreed that we should add it to our list of shows in 2021-2022.

I'd like to remind everyone, including those of you who prepaid for your tickets, that if you haven't done so, you need to return your ticket stubs to me by August 15, 2020. For those of you who haven't paid for your tickets yet, please send your check and stubs to me. We will not be meeting until the drawing on September 1. If you feel uncomfortable sending the stubs in the mail, Sam Cetrulo has agreed to accept them at her work place on Friday, August 7. If you use this option, put your stubs, check and your name on a piece of paper on the INSIDE of an envelope. Put Sam's name on the OUTSIDE of the envelope. Someone will be at the door to take your temperature, receive the

envelope and then give it to Sam. You must wear a mask as you approach the building.

The drawing will be held under the canopy at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Emmaus, PA at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 1. I hope you'll join us! I plan to make it as festive as possible! As I come to the end of my tenure as the Marketing Chairperson, I assume the role of Programming Chairperson. Please read my article, "Programming in the Midst of a Pandemic" for details of September's meeting as well as scheduled speakers for the majority of the new year.

I certainly could not have functioned in this capacity without the help of many members who volunteered to help at the various shows or to promote the quilt on our website and through virtual craft shows. I will be forever grateful for all you did to help this "newbie" survive as well as thrive in this position.



PRESS PHOTO BY PAUL WILLISTEIN
The Agri-Plex during the Great Allentown Fair is the place for crafters, blue-ribbon contests, 4-H and Grange displays and food, cooking, horticultural and entertainment programs.



In the latest edition of the Northampton Press newspaper, in the Focus section on page B2, there is a lovely photograph of our members Sam Cetrulo, Nicole Folino and Sue Marin working on piecework during the 2019 Allentown Fair while inside Ag Hall. The story that begins on page B1 explains the decision regarding the cancellation of the 2020 Allentown Fair.

--Janet Yandrisevits

Programming in the Midst of a Pandemic

Sue Marin

One of the reasons why people join guilds is to spend time with like-minded people. A guild meeting provides a gathering place for members to share their latest projects, learn new skills and techniques through lectures and workshops and participate in educational activities that challenge us to be better at what we do.

While the pandemic has caused us to do things a bit differently, I am pleased to announce that we will have a full slate of programs for the 2020-2021 year. Even though we can't meet face-to-face for a while, we will be able to "see" each other via Zoom technology and will be able to attend lectures and workshops through virtual technology. While this is not my preferred method of handling things, I want to encourage everyone to participate in our monthly meetings. There are actually several benefits to conducting our meetings and programs this way. It provides an opportunity to secure guest speakers from other parts of the country we normally would not see due to the cost of travel expenses. Live, online workshops and classes will offer a chance to learn something new and meet new friends. Because we aren't utilizing a physical space, we will save on rental and custodial fees.

The speakers and special programs for 2020 - 2021 offer a wide variety of techniques and materials you won't want to miss. More details will be provided on the full list to come in September's newsletter. However, in these uncertain times, we also need to plan for the unexpected. Meeting start times may be adjusted a bit; special programs may need to be held on a different day, and there's a chance (hopefully a slim one) that a scheduled program may need to be postponed to a different date or cancelled. For example, if a scheduled speaker gets sick, has a family emergency, can't travel due to CDC and government restrictions, we may need to find a quick substitute. That's where you, our members, come in. I will be compiling a list of possible presenters from within our guild so that we can learn more about each other and keep our programming moving forward. If you're saying, "Well, I can teach a class on this topic, but it won't take 60 minutes," that's okay. We can combine two or three little segments, just like our "quilter's studios," into one monthly program. Julie Borden and her husband, Kevin, will be teaching me how this works with Zoom technology. Please let me know if you are willing to do a short program, what the topic would be, and whether or not it can be done virtually or needs to be live.

In the meantime, here's what to expect in September. Of course, the drawing will take place at 7:00 PM. We'll be set up under the canopy at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Emmaus, just in case we have inclement weather. No anniversary celebration would be complete without gifts! So, beginning at 6:30 PM we will have a road rally-style registration and drive-by where members will pick up their gift bags. This will also serve as your membership sign-in for the meeting. Don't forget to wear your name tag! I'll have a special raffle gift that evening. We'll have a unique show and tell by holding our very own Guild Trunk Show. If you have projects to display, pull into the upper park lot, leaving an empty space between you and the next car. Simply open your trunk, arrange your quilts and/or projects, then walk around to take in all the beauty we've created. CDC guidelines will be in force. Wear your face mask and keep a physical distance of six feet between each other. We are required to hold the raffle here at 7:00 PM. Immediately after the drawing, we will install our officers for the 2020 - 2021 year. The rest of the meeting is, of course, dependent on favorable weather and your individual comfort zone. If you don't feel comfortable coming out that evening, that's okay. We will make arrangements to get your gift bag to you at a later date. We also plan to video the proceedings and post it on our web site for future viewing. Depending on the number of trunk shows, the meeting should conclude by 7:45 or 8:00 PM. (Please note: We will not have access to bathroom facilities while at Holy Spirit. Plan accordingly.)

Sue Marin
Programming Chair 2020 – 2022

"Still crazy for quilting after all these years!"



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2020 Crazy Quilter survey results

Jane Merkel

A big thank you to Julie Borden for managing to accomplish the survey and results!!!



1. Do you have access to a computer or smart phone?
50 responses 100% said yes.
2. Are you familiar with Zoom, the “new” way to hold online meetings?
50 responses 84% said yes 16% said no
3. If you have never used Zoom, would you be willing to learn?
50 responses 64% have used Zoom 34% replied yes 2% replied no
4. If you have working knowledge of Zoom, would you be willing to provide technical support for those less familiar?
50 responses 80% replied no 20% replied yes
5. Have you taken any online quilt classes?
50 responses 68% replied no 32%replied yes
6. Would you attend a virtual guild meeting via Zoom until we can safely meet again face to face?
50 responses 92% replied yes 8% replied no
7. Would you attend a guild meeting at a location, if you had to wear a mask and sit 6 feet apart?
50 responses 56% replied yes 44%replied no
8. Would you consider presenting a virtual program for guild members?
50 responses 12% replied yes 88% replied no
9. Would you consider attending an in- person workshop, if attendance was limited to 12-15 members and CDC guidelines were observed?
50 responses 52% replied yes 48% replied no
10. Do you have technical experience that you are willing to share regarding transferring videos to a Zoom meeting, Facebook or You tube?
50 responses 6% replied yes 94% replied no

Friend: What are you doing to pass the time during this quarantine?

Me: Mostly working on quilting projects.

Friend: What will you do once you run out of projects?

Me: (laughing uncontrollably) You aren't a quilter, are you?

Community Service

Kathie Laposata

I always like to give you a summary of all that you accomplished for the Guild's community service projects each year. For the 2019-2020 year, you made:

Breast cancer pillows 428
Placemats for Meals on Wheels 563
Pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles 358
Premie bears 25
Premie quilts 44
Total 1,418

Thanks, thanks, thanks. My husband sees firsthand all the projects that come through me to be distributed to the community. He says I have the most generous, talented, and kind friends. He is right. I've enjoyed chairing this committee and know you will find a way to continue to support these efforts even as we meet only at a distance.

Finally, I've assembled kits for placemats with some lovely donated coordinates. Here is a picture of the fat quarter sets. Let me know if you'd like a few.



Flying Geese Challenge for January 2021

Judy Walker

If you are still looking for ways to make flying geese, below is a link to a web page which will show the pros and cons on how to make flying geese 5 different ways.

<https://kristinesser.com/2018/07/12/how-to-make-a-flying-geese-block-5-different-ways/>



[How to Make a Flying Geese Block \(5 Different Ways!\) - Simple. Handmade. Everyday.](https://kristinesser.com/2018/07/12/how-to-make-a-flying-geese-block-5-different-ways/)

Flying Geese are one of my favorite quilt blocks. They are so crisp and useful in so many quilt designs. But just like their wonderful and useful cousin—the half square triangle—there is more than one way to make a flying geese block.
kristinesser.com



I also want you to know that you can make flying geese using the half square triangle method to make the block.(see sample picture) In Missouri Stars "Triple Flying Geese" tutorial, which aired on June 19th, showed this method.

I hope you are starting on your projects or at least deciding what to do. I will be asking you to let me know if you will be making a challenge for our January meeting and what size it will be. A form will be available for you to fill out and return to me at the Sept. or Oct. mtg or online depending on how COVID-19 affects our meetings.

Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

Some days it feels as if time has stopped but life goes on and mishaps occur. Michele McLaughlin did such a thing and although she is recovering nicely I sent her a get well card from the guild.

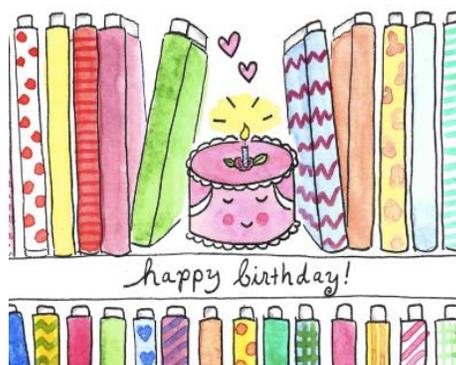
I also sent a sympathy card to the wife and family of Gene Martin of Burkholder Fabrics in Denver, PA. We all shall miss Gene when we visit his very fine shop.

If you have any news to share with the guild or need some comforting thoughts email me .

Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

The sign of a new time for our Guild was launched on July 7, 2020 via a Zoom online format for our members to connect with each other at our July meeting. A total of 38 members were in attendance via "Hollywood Squares" style! Everyone tried to help each other when a small "oops" moment came along, and interaction was great. One request I would like to ask for upcoming meetings is that you identify yourself with your first name and at least the initial of your last name for record keeping. This will be our new method of "wearing your name tag", but I am sorry to say there was no drawing and no winner of a fat quarter tonight --sorry !



August

Mercedes	Gurniak	15
Karen	Landis	22
Diane	Martin	26

FREE

Greetings, ladies!

I just received a large box from Hanes, containing 73 extra large men's undershirts. I had requested this donation a few months ago but they were shut down for business. I am writing them a letter to thank them for their generosity.

For those of us who were making masks with ties, using undershirts for ties is the easiest and quickest method. Bethanne has a video demo on how to use them for ties. <https://youtu.be/w58KnugAYys> . Also, if there are members making masks right now and are interested in giving these a try, they can contact me. N (Plus, I have a feeling we will be in full swing, making masks again in the fall!)

Diana Campbell

Quilt Storage

Honorably borrowed from the Lebanon Quilters Guild Newsletter

OK You have finally run out of room.....
...quilts falling out of the closet.....piled high on the guest bed?
Linen closet stuffed to the gills?
Remember the pros all tell us NOT to store quilt in plastic bags, cedar chests or any other wooden box.
Over the years oils from the wood can leach out onto the fabric. If you plan on passing them down to the next generation, this not the way to store them.
I found some nifty under bed breathable storage containers perfect for storing quilts.
There are a lot to choose from. Get the ones that have no plastic and are breathable!!



https://www.amazon.com/s?k=breathable+underbed+storage+bags&i=garden&ref=nb_sb_noss

Even better, read these two articles:

<https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/article/quilt-care-part-3-how-to-store-quilts/#>

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/store-quilts-safely-2821470>



Committee Chairs

Challenge: Judy Walker **Community Service:** Kathie Laposata
Communication Chain: Diane Pesola
Historical: Rhonda Moore
Hospitality: Diana DeFanti
Library: Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich
Modern Bee: Nicole Folino
Newsletter: Karen Rush
Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski
Quilters Studio: Julie Borden
Quilt Raffle Marketing: Sue Marin
Raffle Quilt Creation: Jane Merkel
Retreat: Sandy O'Conner
Show and Tell: Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb
Sit & Sew: Helen Hanton
Sunshine and Shadows: Jackie Leipert
Website: Nancy Scholz

Advertising

Members wishing to post items for sale or services in this newsletter can do so for a fee of \$5 per month as outlined in the Bylaws. Submit your payment to the Treasurer and listing of the item for sale or service to the newsletter editor by the deadline date.

Please do not send out separate emails of articles for sale to members.

Deadline for the September newsletter is Friday, August 21st.