

# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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December 2016

## From the President

Karen Hartzell

It was the year of political indoctrination for me. In February 2015 my husband decided to enter the world of politics by running for a seat as a Lehigh County commissioner. The campaign turned out to be an eye-opener for both of us as we gathered signatures on petitions, attended fund-raising events, and posted campaign signs all over the Lehigh Valley. He did win his election and began a four-year term on the board in January of this year. Separate from that experience, I volunteered to work at my local polling place for this year's primary and general elections -- a year when the presidential election heated up and seemed to consume our lives. Now it's time to concentrate on more important things, like quilting.

Our Houston International Quilt Show trip served as a great experience. The show was more vast than I had imagined, with rows and rows of gorgeous quilts and an incredibly huge marketplace. There was so much to see, it was hard to take it all in. The accommodations were excellent, thanks to our fantastic tour director, Jane Merkel. It truly was a great bunch of ladies (and one gentleman) to travel with. I am looking forward to traveling with you again in the future. Do I hear Paducah calling?

Let's keep working on our Community Service items and supporting our local events. There are many holiday craft and quilt shows to attend, as well as our own Honey Bees, Worker Bees and Sit & Sew events.

Quilts are like friends...a great source of comfort!

## 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

First, an update to the quilt drive in Orlando, FL, for the victims, families and first responders impacted by the Pulse nightclub shooting that occurred in June. The Modern Quilt Group in Orlando asked for donations of either quilts or quilt blocks. Our members made enough blocks that we were able to assemble two quilts to send to them. Check out our Facebook entry on July 19 to see the pictures. The following link will take you to an article about the results, and it has two embedded TV clips that will warm your hearts.

<http://www.clickorlando.com/news/pulse-orlando-shooting/pulse-quilts-delivered-for-victims-of-pulse-nightclub-shooting>

December is the final collection month for Meals on Wheels placemats that will accompany meal deliveries prior to Christmas. The instructions on sizes are found in the Community Service section of our website.

I stopped at the Ryan's Case for Smiles booth at the Houston quilt show. Cindy Kerr, the founder of the group, gave me a big hug for all the pillowcases our guild makes. I pass it on to you. Our February meeting will be devoted to making pillowcases, but I will also have kits available at the next few meetings that you are welcome to take and make at home. The directions are in the Community Service section of our website.

**COMING** on December 6, 2016 - Modern Quilting-What's All the Hubbub?"

Jessica Skultety

With a trunk show of modern/modern traditional quilts, we'll explore many elements of modern quilting and discuss ways to modernize any quilt. <http://www.quiltyhabit.com/>



Saturday, December 10, 2016

Saturday Sit & Sew

Saturday Sit & Sew will be open to the membership on Saturday, December 10 from 10:15am until 4pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Sign up with Julie or Donna at the December guild meeting. There will be experienced quilters on-hand to help with questions you may have. Bring your lunch, UFO's, machines, light, extension cord, and a pillow to sit on for the right sewing height. Get to know other quilters, learn tips, have fun and Get-R-Done! A \$5 donation/member is suggested.

**COMING** on January 3, 2017

Janellea MacBeth, ScrapStastic, Organizing Your Stash & Actually Using It"

Janellea will tell us about her complete scrap quilting system based on over 30 years of sewing experience and 20 years of productivity and time management study. She will present easy to follow steps that will increase your quilting creativity, clean up your sewing space and keep your fabric stash fresh and inspiring.

Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thank you Lois Drendall and your volunteers for providing the refreshments for the November meeting. They were Nancy Dunham, Linda Anderson, Irene Madalena, Sandra Mugridge, Becky Marx and Jane Martin.

December volunteers are Julie Borden, Donna Gasser, Kathy Schuessler, Linda Wojciechowski, Jackie Leipert and Nancy Horning. You will be contacted the week prior to the meeting.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Julie Davidovich has volunteered to bring the raffle gift for the December meeting.

If you enjoy the December program about Modern Quilts, you may wish to investigate the number of books on modern quilts available in our library. A new book was requested and just arrived. Addicted to Scraps, by Bonnie K. Hunter has 12 different projects in it and you may find this useful after the January meeting!

## Blocks and Swaps

Kathie Laposata

The December block is Twin Sisters. It is an 8-1/2 inch block with a blue and white color theme. This is the last month for the 'lotto' style of block swap, so if you haven't played yet, this is your last chance. The instructions for this block are included in this newsletter.

The Blocks and Swaps for 2017 will be one in which those who sign up will be assigned a month and the other members will make a block of their choice for them. With this type of swap, each participant is guaranteed to receive blocks of their choice, however, it comes with the obligation of making a block each month for that month's "Queen Bee." Currently there are 8 members who have expressed interest.

## Honey Bees

Jackie Leipert

The Honey Bees will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 14th at the home of Irene Madalena. Bring your lunch and a project. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

## Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

The Worker Bees will not meet in December.

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We will have a mini lesson on creating the hexies for the raffle quilt. Please bring a basic sewing kit and neutral thread. We will teach how to create the hexies and then piece them together.

I will need 3 or 4 volunteers to demo this lesson. Please email me if you can help teach and also if you plan on attending.

## Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

We welcome new member Robyn McBrearty, who is a neighbor of our own Barb Seely from Allentown!

November attendance was 76, which included 7 paid guests. Fifty-two name tags were worn, and the name tag gift was Glow-Line Tape [transparent fluorescent tape for highlighting lines and shapes on rulers], which was won by Rhonda Moore.

"America is not like a blanket--one piece of unbroken cloth, the same color, the same texture, the same size. America is more like a quilt--many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread." The Rev. Jesse Jackson, pg. 44, Quilting Quotations Celebrating an American Legacy, compiled by Joyce Steward, Running Press, Philadelphia 1994.

**December Birthdays:** Enjoy your special day!

Dec. 2 Denise Walker

Dec. 28 Robin Steinhofer

Dec. 7 Christine Watt

Dec. 29 Marie Pasternak

Dec. 10 Cindy Fantasia

Dec. 30 Bethanne Nemesch

Dec. 10 Karen Hartzell

Dec. 30 Nancy Skok

Dec. 18 Linda Finkelstein

Dec. 23 Valerie Barber

Dec. 25 Sally Waggoner

Dec. 28 Ruth Hoffman

## Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

The following members presented quilts for show and tell in November: Donna Gasser, Karen Hartzell, Cindy Fantasia, Karen DalPezzo, Nancy Ayers, Mercedes Gurniak, Jackie Lukity {2}, Elizabeth Riccaboni {2}, Julie Borden, Janet Rigge, Samantha Cetrulo, and Debbie Heeps {3}.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & Cherokee Streets in Emmaus. Faith's Fellowship Hall has a much better venue to display our quilts. Guidelines are also available on the Crazy Quilters web site: [www.crazyquiltersquiltguildemmauspa](http://www.crazyquiltersquiltguildemmauspa)

### **Guidelines:**

Create a quilt using at least two colors that are of true solid fabrics.

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 Nemesh

Many thanks to all who submitted fabric and offered their support for the new Raffle quilt. I have the kits ready to hand out at the December meeting. There are 8 remaining appliqué blocks and 30 kits of hexi paper-piecing, ranging in size. Most hexi folks might feel comfortable taking even two kits...as most contain only 3 flowers (21 individual pieces). I wanted there to be enough for as many folks as possible to feel involved. Some kits are even simpler...just a pile of greens, and directions to randomly connect 3 to 4 hexies in a chain for me to make vines with.

Please stop by and sign out a kit...due anytime, but not LATER than our APRIL meeting. For anyone who needs a refresher course on hexagon English paper piecing...please come to the Quilters Studio before the December meeting.

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## December 2016 Block – Twin Sisters

Our December 2016 block is known by many names - Twin Sisters, Pinwheel, Water Wheel, Whirlwind and Windmill. Give your block(s) to Kathie Laposata at either the November or December meeting. The winner will be drawn at the December meeting. You don't have to be present to win.

**Block:** Twin Sisters (8-1/2 by 8-1/2 inch finished size). You can make up to 10 blocks for more chances to win. Don't make two exactly alike.

**Color theme:** The person winning this month's quilt blocks will have the makings of a blue and white quilt.



### Fabric requirements:

The blades can be any shade of blue, either a solid or a print that is primarily blue. The background should be white or white on white.

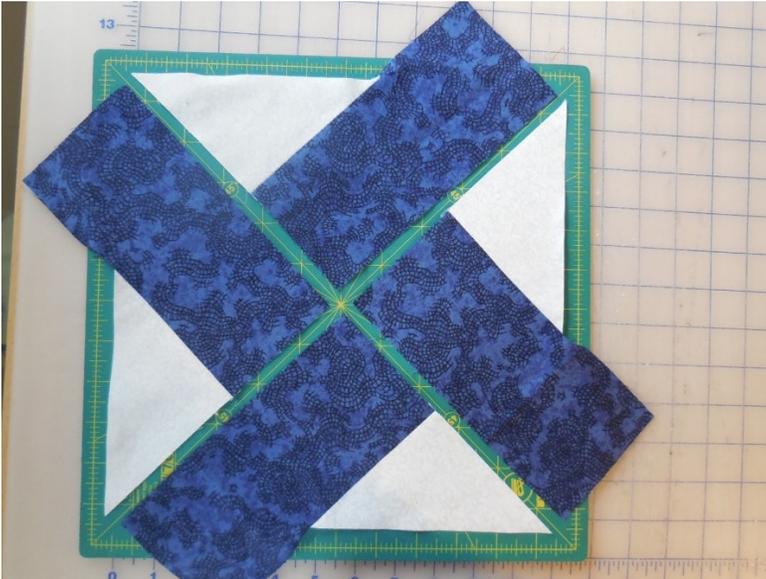


Blades – Four 7-1/2 by 3-1/2 inch rectangles.

Background – Two 4-1/2 x 4-1/2 inch squares that are cut on the diagonal to make 4 triangles.

## Construction

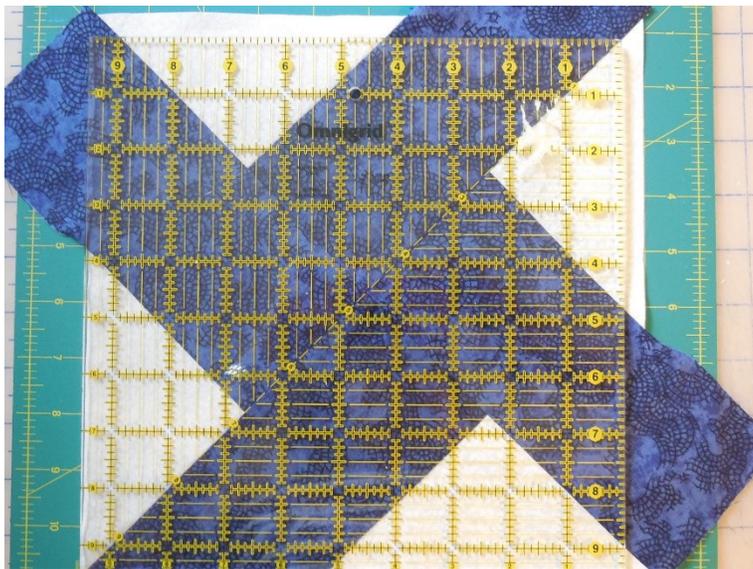
- Step 1 – Sew a background triangle onto the blue rectangle as shown in the first picture. Repeat for all four pairs of rectangles and triangles. Press the seam toward the blue.
- Step 2 – Arrange the units as shown in the second picture.
- Step 3 – Sew pairs of units together and press the seam toward the blue.





Step 4 – Sew the block halves together, and again press the seam toward the blue. To do this you will need to ‘twirl the seam’ at the middle. If you’ve never tried this trick to create seams with less bulk, take a look at a tutorial at: <http://scrap-therapy-quilts.blogspot.com/2015/08/pop-twist-furl-twirl.html>





Step 5 – Trim the block so that it measures 9 inches square. The corners of your 9 inch square should line up with the seam lines. Since the edges of this block are on the bias, press carefully, and repress if needed to get the block square before trimming.



## Calendar of Events from the editor

**46<sup>th</sup> Belsnickel Craft Show**, Boyertown Junior High West and Elementary Schools, November 25-26, [www.Boyertownhistory.org](http://www.Boyertownhistory.org).

**The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ**, March 2-5, 2017, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

**Homemakers Country Quilters**, "Quilts of Many Colors" Quilt Show, March 24-25, Montgomery County Penn State Extension, Collegeville, PA, [www.homemakerscountryquilters.com](http://www.homemakerscountryquilters.com).

**AQS Quilt Show**, Lancaster, PA March 29- April 1, 2017, Convention Center, [www.QuiltWeek.com](http://www.QuiltWeek.com).

**Lancaster Quilt Show**, March 29-April 1, The Continental Inn, [www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com](http://www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com).

**AQS Quilt Week, Paducah**, April 26-29, [www.quilt-show.com](http://www.quilt-show.com).

**Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show**, For the Love of Quilting IX, May 5-6, 2017, [www.pennoaksquilters.org](http://www.pennoaksquilters.org).

## Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - **Guild Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., LCHS.

Saturday, December 10, 2016 – Sit and Sew, 10:15 – 4pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, \$5.

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## Guild Officers

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