



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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

December 2025

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jessica Dayon

Happy December! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are enjoying this holiday season. This is my absolute favorite time of year and last year I was very sick at Christmas so I'm really looking forward to this year, and I hope it will be a happy and healthy holiday season.

December is our annual potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. It could be any kind- appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert! Please bring your own place setting as well. This meeting is a wonderful time to connect with each other, and it is always great fun. In addition to the potluck, we will be doing Show & Tell.

As a reminder because no volunteers have come forward: We are looking for help in the Programming area. The volunteer can be one person or a group of people. Cassandra has planned all the speakers and workshops through next August (2026), but we need help finalizing contracts and coordinating the planned workshops. Also, Cassandra will not be continuing as the programming Chair for the 2026-2027 year. As per our By-laws, we need the full year of programs announced at the September meeting. We have plenty of time for this, but we need someone to take on the role for the Chair next year. Please email me if you are interested in helping. There is a ton of support to teach you how to fulfill this role and we won't have programs or workshops without a Chair or Co-Chairs.

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, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, In Person Only  
Doors open at 5, Appetizers at 6, Dinner at 6:30.





## **President's Message - Continued**

### **MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

We will be taking off the month of December for the monthly challenge.

### **QUILTERS' STUDIO**

There will be no quilter's studio in December due to the potluck set up.

### **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG**

At the December meeting, we will show Lessons 3 & 4. In December, we will be working on Lesson 5 and will share that at the January meeting. The schedule is below for your reference.

<b>America the Quilt Along Schedule</b>			
<b>Working Period</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Blocks to Make</b>	<b>When to Share</b>
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

### **Programs**

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

**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). See information on page 5 below.

**February 3, 2026** – Cyndi McChesney- Panel Palooza Trunk Show

In this informative and entertaining trunk show Cyndi will show us how to take a panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll experience my good, bad and AH HA moments as Cyndi learned how to work with the different styles of panels and how adding interesting block treatments and borders and filling those pesky open spaces with patchwork or appliqué results in a truly special quilt. Cyndi will be joining us via ZOOM.





## **Programs - Continued**

**February 4, 2026** -- Workshop: Panel Palooza- 6 hour workshop via ZOOM with Cyndi McChesney

In this workshop, quilters will take the panel that they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll discuss how to uncover design inspiration, square up your panel sections, add interesting block treatments and borders and cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips, and more, all guaranteed to make your panel project a success.

**Skill Level:** All levels

**Supply List:** A supply list will be provided when you sign up and pay for the workshop.

**Workshop Fee:** \$50. In addition, workshop participants are very strongly encouraged to purchase one of Cyndi's books - either *"Fun With Panels"* or *"Playful Panel Quilts."*

For questions on registration, please contact Jessica Dayon. I can send you sign-up information via email or I will have sign-up information at the December meeting.



**March 2, 2026 – March 3, 2026- Joyce Hughes- "My Journey into Quilting"**



This is a very open and inspiring talk about how I started quilting, leading into Art Quilts with Thread Painting. Finishing with ideas to use with Panels as Art Quilts. Many people leave very excited and enthused to try something new with their quilting. My main subject matter will be working with fabric panels. Showing many "Before and After's". Exploring how panels can be used on personal projects. Many panels are looked at and passed over. I often hear, "What do you do with this? It is so big, The colors are dull, etc., etc.". With added thread painting on the fabric, and possible additional embellishments, the project soon becomes a

piece of Art! Learn about the preparation of the panel for the project and explore the freedom of using thread painting. This shows how the layering of threads lets you achieve the different effects on the quilts. Then, add embellishments of ribbons, fabric markers, crystals, etc. The panel/project is now unique and One of a Kind!

**April 7, 2026- Jamie Davis- Loopy Tulip Designs- "History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts"**

The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War. Discover how the industrial revolution, the struggle over slavery and the social and moral climate of the time contributed to this beautiful art form. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilts leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them, and find out how a pregnancy, a Christmas gift and a quilt class gone horribly wrong helps to explain the mystery behind why these quilts disappeared almost overnight. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures.





## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick



There will be no in-person Sit 'n Sews in December. We will resume on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next Virtual Sit n Sew will be Wednesday December 17, 1:30 PM – 4 PM.

In the months of January – April we'll have 2 Virtual Sit n Sews per month

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month will be 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month will be 1:30 PM – 4 PM

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

December is the annual potluck celebration. Please bring a food item to share along with your own place setting and serving spoon (placemat, plates, and silverware).

Appetizers and punch will be available at 6 pm with dinner planned for **6:30**. Tea and coffee will be available as usual.



## Retreat Wrap-up

Sandy O'Connor & Karen Rush

Another Crazy Quilters Quilt Retreat is history. Thanks to all who attended, helped with meals and cleanup. Once again we had a great time sewing, chatting, sewing, taking in the beautiful sunrises & sunsets and sewing some more.

Our special project this year, the "Retreat Bag" by Emmaline Bags was taught by Sandy. All turned out amazing!

We hope to have everyone's bag in December for show and tell.

Next year's dates are November 11 - 15, 2026.







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 example, if you choose

- black, white and gray, you could optionally add lime green in less than 10% of the piece
- teal, you could optionally add black in less than 10% of the piece
- red, you could optionally add white in less than 10% of the piece
- blue, you could optionally add red in less than 10% of the piece

All entries will have a quilter’s statement about the piece and must be completed between February 4 and December 27, 2025.

There will be four categories:

- Large Quilt (40” X 40” or larger)
- Small Quilt (less than 40” X 40”)
- Other (placemats, totes, garments. Wearable art, etc.)
- Original (any product, quilt or otherwise, that was not a purchased pattern created by someone else. This must come out of your own imagination. If your product was inspired by another creator, please give them credit).

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each category. One prize will be awarded for Best of Show. Quilters will be asked to stand near their entry as prizes are awarded for each category.

Members are encouraged to submit more than one entry but only one entry per category. For example, one large, one small, and one original.

To submit your entry, please follow these instructions:

- Cover any labels that identify you
- If you don’t want pins used to secure your entry to a bulletin board, please attach a 4-inch sleeve so it can be hung by a dowel
- Place your submission inside a pillowcase or opaque bag
- Fill out the submission form. Pin the top portion to the pillowcase/bag, put the bottom portion inside the pillowcase/bag with your entry

We’re looking forward to seeing your entries. If you have any questions, please call: Cathleen Kilpatrick or Quinn Pagano.

If you’re planning to participate in the challenge, please email Cathleen to let her know as soon as possible. It will really help the planning process.

***The deadline to sign up for the challenge is December 2.***

**Note:** to get more information on monochromatic color schemes, google the color you want to use, for example ‘monochromatic red color schemes’

Multiple techniques may be used such as appliqué, collage, foundation paper piecing, English paper piecing, pixelating, mosaic, embellishments, etc.

**Drop-off:**

Any Crazy Quilter meeting up to Dec 2

Dec 27 from 10 a.m. - Noon

**Drop-off location:**

Calvary Baptist Church  
4601 Tilghman Street  
Allentown, PA.

If you can’t make it to a drop-off, please call Cathleen or Quinn to make arrangements.



**Thanks to the many members** who have helped us cut fabric for kits or sew at the Sewcial, at the in-person Sit and Sews or at home!

**In November, on behalf of our generous and busy Crazy Quilters, we delivered your gifts of:**

**410 placemats & 32 calendars** to Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley  
**10 cat kennel pads** to the Orefield Cat Adoption Center of The Sanctuary at Haafsville

**42 standard preemie blankets & 2 preemie prone bears** for NICU babies at Lehigh Valley Hospital

**5 EMT Bears** for traumatized kids, 2 to South Whitehall Township Police Department and 3 to Schnecksville Fire Department

**30 breast cancer comfort pillows** to [Cancer Support Community Greater Lehigh Valley](#), who requested a resupply recently, to be distributed through their free wig shop

**Donated fleece fabric** to the Volunteer Office at Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest where a group will use it to make eyeglass cases and popsicle holders for the Same Day Surgery unit there



Additionally, several CQQG members joined a group of 25 people at Union UCC in Neffs, PA to make **189 chemo port-protecting pillows in a few hours** on November 16th. Those pillows went to [The CHEMO Bag](#) organization in Bath, PA to be included in the Bag of Hope totes that they distribute to patients at area infusion centers.



**In addition to some of the delivered items, in November, we also collected:**

**7 pillowcases for hospitalized kids**, to be distributed by the Lehigh Valley/Berks Chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles

**1 placemat to start next year's donation** to Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley

**and many of the completed, special request Christmas print preemie blankets** for LVHN's NICU

Remember, if you signed out any of the

kits, **please bring completed Christmas print preemie blankets to December 2nd's potluck meeting.**

Each seasonal holiday print blanket will be photographed with Santa holding a preemie and then gifted to that baby's family, along with the photo.

Near the sign-in table at December 2nd's meeting, we'll have **a variety of community service kits available for members** who want supplies to take home to sew over the winter holidays, especially since there is no in-person Sit and Sew in December.

Recently, we learned that, in addition to breast cancer comfort pillows, Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley would also like port pillows.

And The CHEMO Bag organization which includes a 50" x 60" (lap robe size) fleece blanket in each of their zippered Bag of Hope totes would gladly include a lap robe size quilt instead, whenever we have one available.

**Thank you for a great autumn! We're looking forward to working on more community service projects together in 2026!**



## Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

Attendance for the ZOOM meeting in November: 45



WOLFE	PAT	8-Dec
BURGO	EILEEN	10-Dec
HARTZELL	KAREN	10-Dec
TRAILL	LORRAINE	16-Dec
FINKELSTEIN	LINDA	18-Dec
GOODWIN	DEBRA	24-Dec
HOFFMAN	RUTH	28-Dec
SKOK	NANCY	30-Dec

## Committees



**Challenge:** Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

**Community Service:** 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

**Sit & Sew:** Linda Wojciechowski (In-Person) & Cathleen Kilpatrick (Zoom)

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

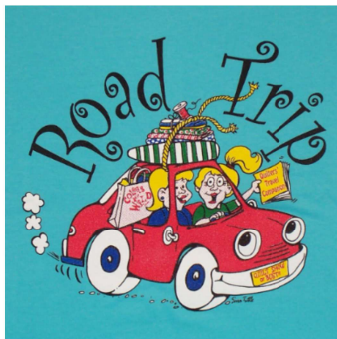
**Technology:** Kim Bringham, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

**Website:** Nancy Scholz

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 2025

**Now – Dec 15th** -- The Quilts of Evelyn Moosher  
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center  
The late Evelyn Moosher, a member of Central  
Schwenkfelder Church, was a talented quilter who created  
a legacy of beautiful work for her family and friends. We are  
pleased to host a selection of her quilts, on loan from her  
family.



**Now - Jan 4th** – Quilts=Art=Quilts 2025, Schweinfurth Art Center, 205 Genessee St., Auburn NY  
[Quilts=Art=Quilts Artist Talks - Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center](#)

## Looking Forward to 2026

**February 4 -- Workshop: Panel Palooza- 6 hour workshop via Zoom with Cyndi McChesney**

**Feb 26-March 1** – Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton, VA [Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival » Mancuso Show Management](#)

**March 25-28** – The Lancaster Quilt Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center

**April 8-11** – AQS Quilt Week, Hartford, CT [New England 2026 - American Quilter's Society](#)

**May 29-31** – Brandywine Valley Quilt Show, “1776-2026 Evolution & Revolution”. Neumann University  
Mirenda Center, 501 Convent Drive, Aston, PA [2026 Quilt Show - Brandywine Valley Quilters](#)

**June 18-20** – A Quilter's Destination Quilt Show, Burlington, Vermont [Vermont Show Info | A Quilter's Destination](#)

**June 19-20** – Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show. Central Columbia High School, 4777 Old Berwick Road,  
Bloomsburg, PA.

**July 23-25** – A Quilters Destination, NE Ohio Guild show, Ashland, Ohio [Ashland, OH | AQuiltersDestination](#)

**Sept 17-20** – Pennsylvania National Quilt Show Extravaganza, Oaks, PA [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#)

**October 2-3** – Berks Quilters Guild quilt show, “Quilts From the Heart of Berks”, Leesport Farmers  
Market, 312 Gernants Church Road, Leesport, PA.

**October 9-10** – Keystone Quilters Quilt Show, “Freedom of Expression”, Finland Mennonite Church,  
1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA. [Keystone Quilters](#)

**Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.**

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



# AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT CHALLENGE

HONORING THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

Create original works interpreting the theme 'America the Beautiful.'

Your quilt may reflect any aspect of our nation's story: its natural beauty, cultural diversity, historical moments, vision for the future, and everything in between.

Selected works will be showcased as part of our 250th anniversary celebrations, offering a collective portrait of the American spirit in fabric and thread.



DIGITAL SUBMISSION DUE BY

**FEBRUARY  
15, 2026**

FOR OUR MAY 29-31, 2026 SHOW



Neumann University, Aston PA  
[BrandywineValleyQuilters.org/challenge](http://BrandywineValleyQuilters.org/challenge)

Selected quilts will be displayed at the Brandywine Valley Quilt Show May 29 - 31, 2026.

[America the Beautiful Quilt Challenge - Brandywine Valley Quilters](#)

*Happy Holidays to All!*

**Deck the halls...**



**with piles of fabric!**