



Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jessica Dayon

Thank you to Cathleen and Quinn who organized our 2025 guild challenge! The event was quite the success and the guild really enjoyed seeing all the entries. Thank you, also, to all who took the time to make a creation and enter it into the challenge! Now that it is complete, it is time to start thinking about the 2026 challenge. If you have an idea for the 2026 challenge, I'll ask you to explain your idea at the February business meeting. Then, the guild will vote. The challenge idea with the most votes will be our 2026 challenge and the person (or group of people) whose idea it is will be the chair (co-chairs) of the challenge this year. If you have an idea but do not want to chair the challenge, please find someone in the guild who is willing to be the chair for you with your idea.

We had a little break from the President's monthly challenges, but I am going to be bringing them back. I think these challenges are very beneficial. The variety of topics that we cover encourages development and practice of a variety of skills. They also encourage you to get into your sewing room and spend time sewing. I hope you take the time to participate in them.

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, Feb 3rd, 7 p.m.

Quilters Studio starts at 5:30

Sit 'n Sew: In-person, Feb 21st, Virtual, Feb 11 & 25 (See page 7 for times)



President's Message – Continued

I'm looking for a volunteer to start running a new round of Better Done Than Perfect. I think this is a great way to encourage each of us to work on finishing up projects that we previously started. If you are interested in volunteering to chair (or co-chair) this committee, please send me an email.

Also, in March, I will appoint a nominating committee to help fill the positions of the board for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. It would be fantastic if 2-3 members would volunteer for the nominating committee so that I don't randomly have to choose from the membership. If you are interested in being a part of the Nominating Committee, please let me know.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

The President's monthly challenge for the month of February is to make something using half square triangles (HST). The HST can be any size and the project can be any size and type as well- one block, a pincushion, a quilt of any size, a hot pad, etc...

QUILTERS' STUDIO

The February Quilters' Studio will start at 5:30 on February 3rd (before our monthly meeting). Sandy O'Conner will be showing us her diagonal quilt backing hack.

If you have any ideas or would like to teach at a Quilters' Studio, please let me know.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG

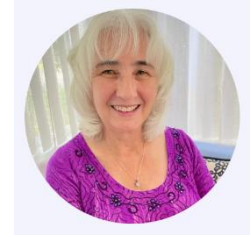
At the February meeting, we will show Lesson 6. In February, we will be working on Lesson 7 and will share that at the March meeting. The schedule is below for your reference.

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

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.



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

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.



May 5, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts.... Folklore & Superstitions"

"Pennsylvania Dutch Quilts – Folklore & Superstitions" provides quilts that represent some of the most colorful Pennsylvania quilts made in the mid to late 1800's and early 1900's. Their unique designs and quilting patterns have created the "Dutch" folk art that is collected today. Discussion will include the connection of "quilts", "hex signs" and the world of "folklore and superstitions."

WORKSHOP- May 6, 2026- Arlan & Pat Christ- "Armenian Love"



The "Armenian Love" design was inspired by a doll quilt in the Christ Collection dated circa 1840. This design is often referred to as a "Pomegranate" or "Love Apple." According to Armenian mythology the pomegranate symbolizes fertility, abundance, and good fortune. This workshop will teach you the "prepared edge" technique. You will learn how to create smooth curves...beautiful points and bias stems. The shell of the pomegranate with the large number of seeds can also symbolize the universe with its stars and planets. Applique can bring you endless rewards as you take one step at a time. The world of applique will take you on a trip that goes beyond infinity.

Cost and sign up details coming soon.

Quilt Challenge 2025 -- Results

Cathleen Kilpatrick & Quinn Pagano

We had a beautiful display of 33 entries for this year's challenge. Thank you to all who participated.



Large 1st – Nancy Snyder



Large 2nd – Pat Wolfe



Small 2nd & I Wish I Made That
Nancy Snyder



Small 1st – Suzanne Nelson



Other1st – Karen Rush



Other 2nd -- Kathy Moore



Original 1st –
Nancy Skok



Original 2nd –
Nancy Ayers



Best Color Scheme –
Katrina Idleman



Best Workmanship –
Cathleen Kilpatrick

Our members provided beautiful interpretations of the use of Monochromatic colors.





Show and Tell

Suzanne Nelson

For February's meeting, we are inviting our members who will be participating in the meeting via Zoom to submit quilts for Show and Tell. If you were a member during the Covid years, you may recall that we did this when all our meetings were virtual. Important note: this is **ONLY** for members who are attending on Zoom. All members who are in person will be sharing their quilts up close and personal at the actual meeting.

So, if you are a Zoomer, in February and want to participate in Show and Tell, here's what you need to do.

1. Take a photo of your whole quilt. If there is interesting fabric or a detail on the back, consider flipping a corner of the quilt over to showcase that. Be sure your quilt is in focus. Extra "ahhhh" points given for any pets who sneak into the photo.
2. Send the photo Suzanne Nelson and Cathleen Kilpatrick by Friday, January 23.
3. Be sure to include your name, the name of the quilt, and the size.

Any questions, contact me. We look forward to seeing the creative work of our Zoom members.



In case you are looking for something new. **On-Demand Workshops** are available from Global Quilt Connections. Click on the link below.

[On Demand Workshops](#)

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick



The in-person Sit 'n Sew will be held on **Saturday, February 21st, 10:15 – 4 pm**. Bring your project or come work on Community Service projects.

The virtual Sit 'n Sews in February will be:

- **Wednesday February 11th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Wednesday February 25th from 1:30 – 4 pm**

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

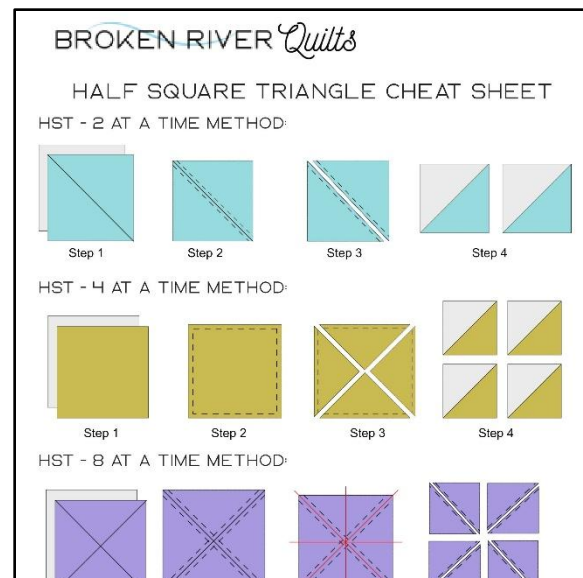
Many thanks to the members who provided our refreshments for our January New Years Table. Along with Judy Walker, Jackie Leipter, Carol Siegmund, Pat Richards, many others contributed to our feast. Thank you all for your contribution.

Members who signed up for February refreshments are Jessica Dayon, Kathy Moore, Janet Levinson, Nancy Skok and Sue Marin. A reminder will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

Quilts of the 1930s

If you are interested in historical quilts, I found this video interesting. It is a 41 minute video which has a quilt turning. If you don't have time to watch the whole thing, the kit quilts are at minute 12 and 31.

[Quilts of the 1930s | Nell Mathern, Quilt Educator](#)



Tips for the President's Challenge

Community Service

Dawn Dengler & Pat Piasecki

In January, we collected:

- **96 cancer comfort pillows** some of which will be distributed through the free wig shop at Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley, <https://www.facebook.com/cancersupportglv>, and some of which will be included in Bag of Hope totes distributed by The CHEMO Bag, <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>, to area infusion centers.
- **16 pillowcases for hospitalized kids** that will be delivered to Wooden Bridge for distribution to local hospitals by the Lehigh/Berks Chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles, <https://www.facebook.com/caseforsmileslehighvalley/>
- **2 stuffed cats for traumatized kids** (instead of teddy bears) to be distributed by EMTs, these are headed to Neffs Volunteer Fire Company, <https://www.facebook.com/NeffsVolunteerFireCompany/>
- **1 wheelchair lap quilt** made from some of Sally Waggoner's orphan blocks that her family donated to CQQG last year



At February's meeting, by the sign-in table, we'll have some pre-cut wheelchair lap-robe-sized kits in addition to pillowcase, cancer comfort pillow, preemie blanket, preemie prone bear and placemat **kits available for members who want supplies to take home.** The wheelchair kits include enough blocks to make a pieced top from pre-cut squares of at least 2 coordinating fabrics and a large enough piece of flannel for the back. Wheelchair quilts are tapered at 2 corners and have no batting. Just sew the right sides of the top and bottom together with a generous (not scant) 1/4" seam, leaving about 10" open to turn. Then, turn, press, and quilt - making sure to close the opening. Done. Fairly easy!

If the weather cooperates, we also plan to have community service project kits and supplies available at the **February 21st Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian** where you can also drop-off completed project donations. Watch for the Sit and Sew email for any updates.

Thank you again for your participation!!

We had 63 members and two visitors at our January meeting. We have a total membership of 97.

**February Birthdays:**

WONG	RAE	4-Feb
WALDEN	PHILLIS	7-Feb
JOHNSON	VALERIE	14-Feb
ORNDORF	KIMBERLY	18-Feb
SKINNER	RUTH	18-Feb
YANDRISEVITS	JANET	20-Feb

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 (Virtual)

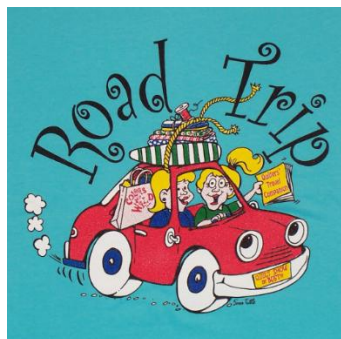
Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

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

Website: Nancy Scholz

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

Jan 31, 1-5 pm – Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Tea & Textiles with Caroline – Textiles for the 250th. Click [here](#) or call 215-679-3103 to register. There is a fee.

In honor of the 250th, we have invited Lynne Z. Bassett to present her program *Federalist Fathers and Republican Mothers: The Fashions of John and Abigail Adams*. Dawn Ronningen is creating a special presentation *Evidence of Patriotism from the Sewing Box* for us; and we're delighted to have Dr. Marla Miller from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, whose expertise lies in women's work before industrialization, presenting *Betsy Ross: The Life Behind the Legend*. Schwenkfelder Curator Candace Perry will present a mini lecture titled "Sewing the Symbol: A History of Flag Factories in Southeastern Pennsylvania."

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

Feb 22, Noon - 3pm -- Chemo Port-Protecting Pillow Making Community Group in Memorial Hall at Union UCC, 5550 Route 873, Neffs, PA --- Everyone can help, sewers and non-sewers. Drop-in for part or all of the time to join the "assembly line." Contact CQQG member, Dawn Dengler for details.

Feb 26, 9 am – Noon -- Pillowcase Sew Day at Wooden Bridge for the Lehigh/Berks Chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles --- Carpooling with one of our Community Service Committee Chairs might be possible.

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***