

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From the President

Karen Hartzell

The end of the year 2016 is a good time to reflect on all we have accomplished in the past year and to look forward to what lies ahead in the New Year. We have had some wonderful experiences in the past year, including great programs and enthusiastic members who contribute immensely to support our guild. Some of our highlights include:

Art Museum show - another rousing success, sharing our guild's beautiful creations of artistry, design and color with the public.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary with Becky Goldsmith - an amazing night of celebration that also featured excellent instructional workshops.

Houston International Quilt Show Trip – a perfectly planned trip with the added bonus of celebrating with Bethanne Nemesh, winner of the Master Award for Machine Artistry. The quilts in the show were beautiful, the marketplace had so much for us to experience and buy, and we were treated to instructional speakers throughout the day.

Sit and Sew - This new start-up is a great way to connect with fellow guild members, receive instruction, and get those UFOs completed.

Many thanks to the officers, committee chairs and all of the members who make this guild strong.

Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."

Next board meeting: January 10, 2017.

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

Thank you for the wonderful placemats that you made for Meals on Wheels. I delivered **326 placemats** that will be distributed to clients prior to Christmas. There were placemats of every color and theme. Even the men were remembered with hunting, fishing, farming and train placemats. As you enjoy your holiday meals, give thanks for this organization that provides healthy meals for many seniors in our community.

Our February meeting will be devoted to making pillowcases, but I will also have kits available at the January meeting that you are welcome to take and make at home. It's something fun to do when you are stuck inside during bad weather. The directions are in the Community Service section of our website.

Remember to wash the completed pillowcases in unscented detergent. If you don't have that, simply return them unwashed to me and I will see that they are washed and packaged. Thanks.

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.



Saturday, January 7, 2017 - Saturday Sit & Sew

Saturday Sit & Sew will be open to the membership on **Saturday, January 7** from 10am until 4pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Sign up with Julie or Donna at the January 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 and have fun sewing together. A \$5 donation/member is suggested.

Crazy Quilters at the December 10, 2016 Sit & Sew



Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Many thanks to the December members who made a dessert for the December meeting. I hope you were able to use or freeze whatever you made. We were eating carrots and celery for a week.

The following members have signed up to bring a refreshment to the January guild meeting: Judy Warmkessel, Wendy Anttila, Leah Gehman, Nancy Ayers, Valerie Lee, Mercedes Gurniak and Jane Merkel. You will be contacted the week before the meeting. If any problems arise, just give me a call.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Holidays from everyone at the Library! Doris Horwath has volunteered to bring the raffle gift in January. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Blocks and Swaps

Kathie Laposata

Because the December meeting was cancelled, the drawing for the Twin Sisters block will be at the January meeting. 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 included in this newsletter..

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 January

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

There are no new members this month. An updated membership list will be distributed with your next newsletter. January's birthdays follow. Enjoy your special day!

February Birthdays: Enjoy your special day!

Jan. 5 Jackie Leipert
Jan. 8 Laurie Murray
Jan. 19 Lorraine Bujnowski
Jan. 24 Suzanne Nelson
Jan. 25 Deb Veshinsky

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

No report

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.

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

No report

Trip News

Jane Merkel

We had a wonderful time in Houston! Being on a "quilting trip high", I plunged right in to the possibilities for Paducah right away. I met with success.

The Paducah trip is a different style of trip in that it is one week in duration as it would be a bus trip. It requires two days to go and two days to return and three full days at the show.

This is the third trip I have planned to Paducah, BUT the first time that it will be for the September 13 to 16th, 2017, show. This is a NEW show, but it will be in Paducah. There will be some differences between the traditional April and the new September show.

We will be staying on Hinkleville Road at the Drury Inn (right next store to Hancock's of Paducah). We will travel with Perkiomen Tours. Perkiomen requires their buses to stop every two hours as closely as possible. We will plan other stops along the way to add interest and fun to our trip. Those details are not worked out, but hotel and bus are secure.

Costs will be available hopefully in mid January. ESTIMATED cost between \$1100 and \$1400. The deciding factor is the number going. I have been offered 24 rooms, 20 of which are double queens 4 which are king. Because this is a quilt week the room costs are more than for our trip to Houston. Plan on \$125 per night per person while in Paducah, the other two travel nights will be less. Some meals will be included and the Drury Inn offers both breakfast and kick back supper every night.

If you wish to go, send me a \$100 deposit ASAP to secure a spot. I will do a registration form after the holidays and get it back to you. For now it is important to commit to the trip. I hope to be at the January meeting to answer questions BUT you are always free to call or email me. I will hold this open for Crazy Quilters for a short time, then open it up to other guilds.

Holiday blessings to you all.

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.

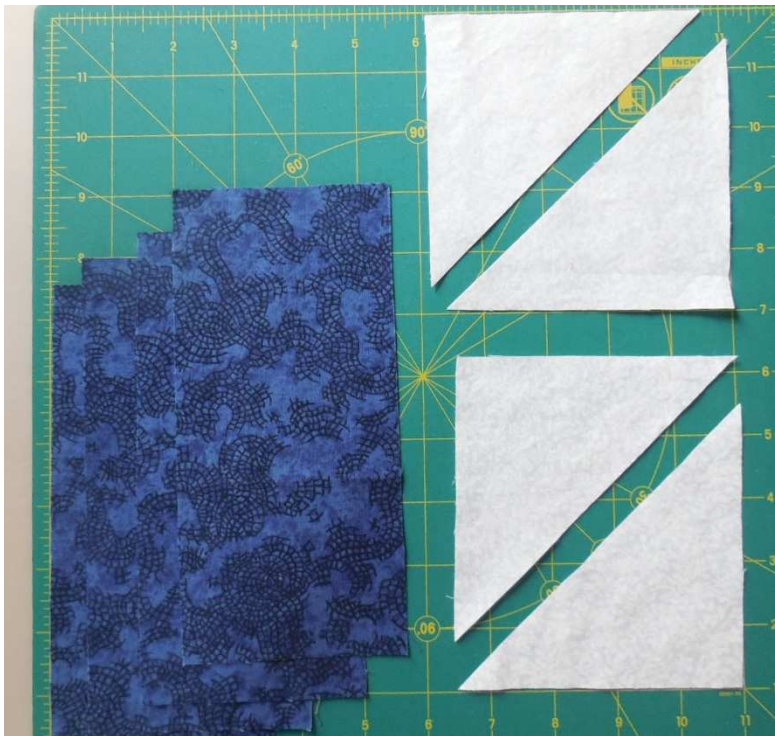
Block: Twin Sisters (8-1/2 by 8-1/2 inch finished size). You can make up to 10 blocks for more chances to win. Don't make two exactly alike.

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.

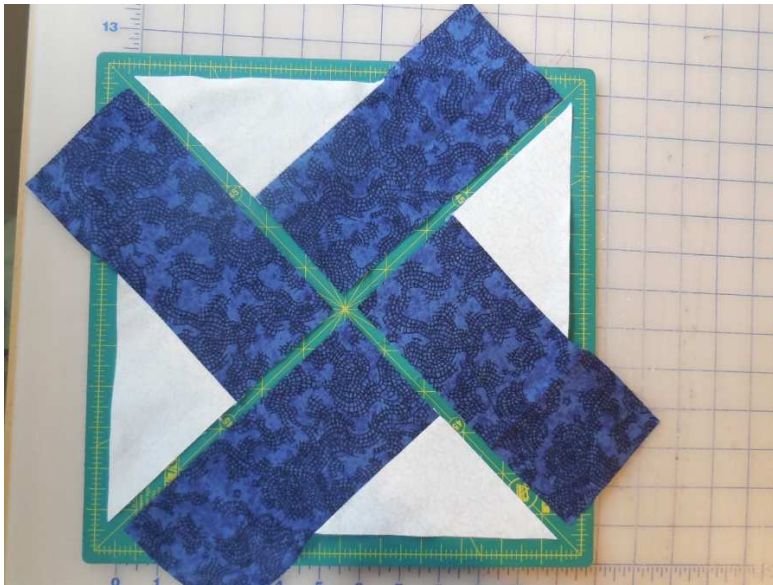
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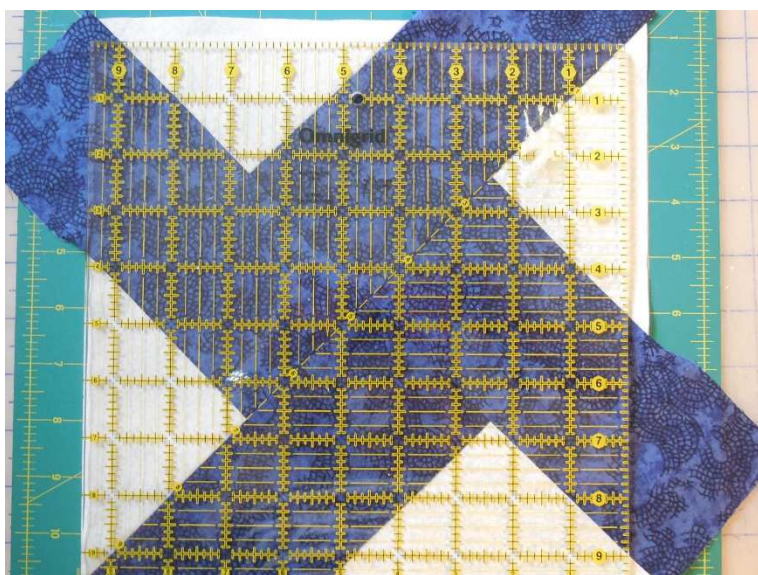
Step 1 – Sew a background triangle onto the blue rectangle as shown in the first picture. Repeat for all four pairs of rectangles and triangles. Press the seam toward the blue

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-twirl-furl-twirl.html](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

The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, March 2-5, 2017,
Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ,
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.

AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA March 29- April 1,
2017, Convention Center, www.QuiltWeek.com.

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

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

Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show, For the Love of
Quilting IX, May 5-6, 2017,
www.pennoaksquilters.org.

Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 - **Guild Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., LCHS.

Saturday, January 7, 2017 - **Sit and Sew**, 10:00 - 4pm, Faith
Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, \$5.

Monday, January 10, 2017 - **Board Meeting**

Guild Officers

President: Karen Hartzell

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Gasser

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Honey Bees: Jackie Leipert

Hospitality: Diana Defanti

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