

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

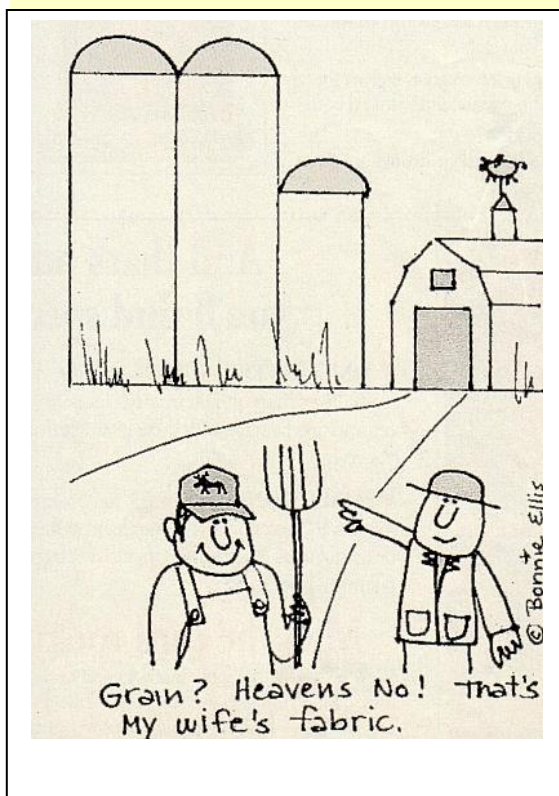
We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From the President



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

Our February meeting will be devoted to **making pillowcases**. February is always a fun meeting because you are up and about and get a chance to chat with other members while you work. Use it as a chance to get to know someone new. A few members are bringing sewing machines and sergers, but we need plenty of help for non-sewing parts of the process. If you aren't familiar with the 'burrito' method of making pillowcases that we will be using, take a few minutes to watch the following YouTube video that shows how it is done.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Free+Pillowcase+Instructions&view=detail&mid=59DABE9F05DA0DA0970359DABE9F05DA0DA09703&FORM=VRDGAR>

We'll also collect any pillowcases you've made at home. Remember to wash the completed pillowcases in unscented detergent. Some of the kids have a bad reaction to scents. If you don't have unscented detergent, simply return the unwashed pillowcases to me and I will see that they are washed and packaged. Thanks.

If your heart goes out to the families in Puerto Rico that have had such devastating losses and continuing hardship, we've learned of a **need for baby and child-sized quilts and/or fleece blankets** that are being distributed by a church in San Juan. If you have something or would like to make something to contribute, please give it to Lorraine Bujnowski by the March meeting. Thanks.

If you'd like to contribute some blocks for a veteran's quilt this year, I've written up directions for a Classic Elements block that will be added to the email distribution list. It's easy and fast.

Finally, it is never too soon to start work on Camp Erin quilts (about 50 x 70 inches) for kids attending a bereavement camp this summer. Collection for them will be at the May meeting.



Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

Community Service Night, February 5, 2018 - 7 pm at **Holy Spirit** - member Kathie Laposata will coordinate the **Pillowcase Race**. See Community Service for meeting details.

COMING Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7pm at **Holy Spirit** member Michele McLaughlin presents **Designs STILL Worth Doing: A Celebration of Ruby Short McKim**

This trunk show focuses on Ruby Short McKim, one of the most innovative and diverse quilt designers of the 20th century. Not only will the program feature vintage quilts she designed but examples will also be provided on how her patterns can be incorporated in to 21st century projects. Over 30 pieces are featured in the trunk show.



Sit & Sew

Laurie Murray and Helen Hanton

The next **Sit & Sew** is on Saturday, February 10th from 10:15 to 3 or 4 PM at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus. All members are welcome!



Sit and Sew provides a great opportunity to the guild members to do what they love to do with others who have the same passion.

Make sure to bring: extension cords, light, machine, lunch, pillow to sit on, projects to work on, cutting board, iron. Don't want to drag your sewing machine? Bring fabric to cut or hand sew. Need advice on your next quilt? Multiple opinions available at no charge!

Examples of what members did in January are hand-binding, cutting out strips, sewing blocks or other projects, organizing/arranging a quilt with the input of the group, getting help with a quilt project from others, finishing UFO's, putting together (pinning) a quilt top to the batting and back.

Comments from the group:

"I enjoy seeing other quilter's projects as much as working on my own. This opportunity enhances my own ideas and creativity."

"Being with people who like what I like, sewing, and fabric is uplifting. I have learned so much from the group."

"It feels like a mini sewing retreat! I love it!"

"Fun to spend time with people who share your passion!"

Given the large space, we can spread out and each have a large table to do our own thing! We have large work tables, a cutting mat and an ironing board at our disposal.



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thank you members for volunteering to provide the refreshments for the January meeting. They were Debbie Heeps, Karen Hartzell, Doris Horwath, Barb Kissell, Mercedes Gurniak, and Julie Borden.

February volunteers are Paula Jacobus, Karen Landis, Pat Piasecki, Carol Willis, Adele Bush and Maureen Horowitz. You will receive a reminder prior to the meeting.



Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

Show & Tells for January were presented by: Karen Hartzell, Suzanne Nelson {4}, Sharon Yurkanin {3}, Jane Merkel {3}, Ann Lineberger, Sam Cetrulo, Wendye Anttila {3}, and Nancy Scholz. All were beautiful!



Modern Bee

Nicole Folino

The **Modern Bee** meets once a month, the last Wednesday of the month, alternating mornings and evenings to accommodate all of our members who are interested in attending. You may attend some, any, or all of the meetings, mornings and/or evenings at your convenience. Locations will be announced in the newsletter.

We will have Show and Tell, talk modern quilt aesthetics of design and color, etc., sew, snack, and converse. Bring your machine or handiwork and a packed lunch or dinner, if you wish. We are meeting at my home on Wednesday, January 31st at 9:30 am for a fun modern quilting challenge.

9:30 a.m.-1:30 Odd Months

6-9 p.m. Even Months

January 31, 2018

February 28, 2018

March 28, 2018

April 25, 2018

May 30, 2018

June 27, 2018

July 25, 2018

August 29, 2018



Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We will not have a quilters studio in February, due to the busy evening of the pillowcase race. I will plan on having one in March and I am looking for a topic. If anyone has a tip or tool to share please let me know. All ideas are welcome.

Library

Michele McLaughlin, Barb Seely, and Dawn Martrich

Michele McLaughlin has volunteered to bring the raffle gift. We had a request for some new books on **hexagon quilts** and we should have at least two available at the next meeting! Thanks to Diana DeFanti for her suggestions!



Membership

Judy Walker

At the January meeting we had 55 members attending, 1 visitor and 1 new member joining us. Our new member is Phyllis Dedekind of Emmaus. She is married and has 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She has been quilting for over 20 years and sewing since she was 8 yrs. old. She chairs a sewing group at her church making pillows for cancer patients at 2 hospitals plus quilt tops and hats. She was a member of our guild back in the early 2000's. We welcome her back to our group. Her address and info will be included in the membership list attached.

30 members wore name tags and the winner of this month's fat quarter drawing was Nicole Folino.

Next month there will be no name tag contest since we are doing our community service projects. In March, I will be on vacation and Karen Hartzell has agreed to take over the membership duties. I am sorry to report that Chris Watt has felt it necessary to resign her position as 2nd V.P./Membership, due to family concerns and issues. She will miss us and hopefully will rejoin sometime in the future.



February Birthdays

Marsha Heimann	5	Shawnda Weida	17
Cindy Christian	8	Kim Orndorf	18
Linda Schmoyer	8	Ruth Skinner	18
Debbie Heeps	12	Janet Yandrisevits	20
Valerie Johnson	14	Pam Gardner	23
Pradnya Bal	17		



Challenge

Jane Merkel

CRAZY QUILTERS 2018 CHALLENGE

“PANEL” PLAY”

1. USING A FABRIC PANEL CREATE A QUILT OR A QUILTED ITEM.
2. THERE IS NO SIZE RESTRICTION, BUT KEEP IN MIND WE MIGHT HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH DISPLAYING A LARGER QUILT (BUT WE WILL MAKE IT WORK).THERE WILL BE TWO CATEGORIES, QUILT AND/NON- QUILT. BOTH CATEGORIES MUST USE THE PANEL IN A QUILTED FORM. QUILT CATEGORY MIGHT INCLUDE WALL QUILTS, TABLERUNNERS, AND BED QUILTS. NON- QUILT ITEMS MIGHT INCLUDE TOTE BAGS, PURSES, PILLOWS, OR QUILTED CLOTHING.
3. YOU MAY ENTER BOTH CATEGORIES, AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE.
4. YOU MAY DONATE PANELS FOR OTHERS TO TAKE AND UTILIZE. JUST BRING THEM TO A MEETING, PLACE THEM ON THE BACK TABLE AND PUT A NOTE ON THAT IT IS FOR THE 2018 CHALLENGE.
5. THE BIG REVEAL FOR “PANEL PLAY” WILL BE OUR JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING.
6. PRIZES AWARDED IN BOTH CATEGORIES.
7. QUESTIONS: CONTACT Jane Merkel.



Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrulo

At the February Meeting, we will be doing a **raffle** for anyone who has prepaid for their raffle tickets as part of the Raffle Incentive Program. I am happy to report that about half of our members have already paid for their raffle tickets. Great job! If you are interested in pre-paying for your raffle tickets, please mail your check to Robin Steinhofer.

On February 3rd at the South Mall there is a "Shop for your Sweetheart" event that the raffle quilt will be displayed at to purchase raffle tickets. If anyone is interested in working a shift there, please let me know. The event runs from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be craft and other vendors there.

The next big shows that the raffle quilt will be in are in April. They are the **Steel City Fiber Festival** at the Merchant Square Mall on April 14th and 15th and the **Quiltfest NJ** on April 26th-29th at its new location in Edison, NJ. Please see sign-up sheets at the next meeting, or me to sign up for a shift.

If anyone has any ideas on a local event where we could sell raffle tickets, please let me know.



Member News

Yarn and Postage Stamps

Ruth Skinner

Whenever you have yarn you are not using I will make shawls for the nursing home. Small balls of yarn are gladly accepted to make rainbow shawls. Also, please remember to save the stamps for the veterans who use them to decorate gift shop items. Per their instructions, there must be enough of the envelope to cut a 1/4 inch border around the stamp, which you do not need to do, as we will do it. With all the cards at this time of year this is just a reminder.

Classes

Rhonda Moore

Be sure to check out the classes being offered by Wooden Bridge in Feb, Mar and April. Call Wooden Bridge to request newsletter.

Classic Element Block – 12 inch finished size

Please consider contributing a block or two for a veteran's quilt this year.





Fabric requirements:

White or white on white – Six 2-1/2 inch squares.

Red (solids or prints) – One each of:

2-1/2 x 2-1/2 inch square

2-1/2 x 4-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 6-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 8-1/2 inch rectangle

2-1/2 x 10-1/2 inch rectangle

Blue (solids or prints) – Same as reds

Step 1 – Lay out your squares and rectangles as shown in the picture and sew each column. Press the seams away from the white squares.



Step 2 – Sew the columns together. It's that simple. Your block should measure 12-1/2 x 12-1/2 inches.

Calendar of Events

from the editor

February 8-11, 2018, Birds of a Feather, Herndon, VA,
www.thelongarmnetwork.com.

March 2-3, 2018, Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild,
World War I Centennial Quilt Show,
www.susquehannaquilters.org.

March 8-10, 2018, 9th Annual Fabric Extravaganza,
Holiday Inn Nashua, Nashua, NH,
www.allevnts.in/nashua.

March 21-24, 2018, AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA,
www.quiltweek.com.

March 21-24, 2018, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The
Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltweek.com.

April 14-15, Country Line Quilters, Path Around the
Garden Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, St. Cyril of
Jerusalem Social Hall, Jamison, PA, for directions see
www.saint-cyril.com.

April 15-16, 2018, Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchant
Square Mall, Allentown, PA.

April 26-29, 2018, The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The
New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ,
www.quiltfest.com.

May 4-5, 2018, A World of Quilts Quilt Show, Calico
Cutters Quilt Guild, The Church of the Good Samaritan,
Paoli, PA, www.calicocutters.com.

May 5-6, 2018, 10am-4pm, Quiltfest 2018, Colonial
Quilters Guild, Charles Chrin Community Center,
Palmer, PA, \$8, www.colonialquilters.org.

May 18-19, 2018, Celebration of Quilts 2018, York
Quilters Guild, York College of PA,
www.celebrationofquilts.com.

May 19-20, 2018, Garden State Quilters Guild Quilt
Show 2018, Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ,
www.gardenstatequilters.com.

September 13-16, 2018, Pennsylvania National Quilt
Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center,
Oaks, PA. www.quiltfest.com.

Guild Calendar

from the editor

Tuesday, February 6, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**, The
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, February 10, 2017 – **Sit & Sew**, Faith
Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, 10:15am-3:00/4:00pm.

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Donna Gasser

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