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## Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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July 2026

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Jessica Dayon

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the long, bright summer days! I don't get much quilting done in the summer, but I think, this summer, I am going to work on organizing and planning my projects for the fall and holidays. I might be nice to have a possible plan to follow. Also, I'm working on tackling some of my WIPs for the Better Done Than Perfect challenge.

As mentioned before, our theme for the August social is an ice cream parlor. We will be having a mini quilt challenge. You can email me to sign up or I will have a sign up at the July meeting if you'd like to enter. The mini quilts must measure between 12" and 24", no larger or smaller. The design must be ice cream or popsicle themed- this can be in the fabric, the actual block patterns, or the quilting. Only one entry per person. First-, second-, and third- place ribbons will be awarded. More information below in the Programming section. I hope you join me in making a mini quilt! These are a fun and fast project.

### **QUILTERS' STUDIO**

There will be no regular quilters' studio in July. However, if anyone participating the America the Beautiful quilt along needs help on any blocks or has any questions, email me to let me know and we can meet before the July meeting to go over those questions.

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

### **Guild Officers**

President: Jessica Dayon

Vice-President: Donna Gasser

Secretary: Nancy Skok

Treasurer: Linda Johnston

Programming Officer: Cassandra Kriley & Jessica Dayon

Membership Officers: Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

### **Guild Calendar**

**Monthly Guild Meeting:** Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Quilters' Studio at 5:30 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

**Sit 'n Sews:** In-person, July 18<sup>th</sup>; Virtual, July 22<sup>th</sup>

*Some quilts carry more than warmth.*



[www.thefabrichut.com](http://www.thefabrichut.com)

**President’s Message – Continued**

**PRESIDENT’S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

The President’s monthly challenge for July is to work on the mini quilt challenge for the August meeting. Details for that challenge below in the Programming section.

**AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ALONG**

We are getting so close to a finish! At the July meeting, we will show Lesson 11- Applique stars. And in August we will show our quilt tops! 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



**July 5—November 5, 2026**

**Jamee Pemberton's Quilt Exhibit**

***From Gifts of Love to Finding My Artistic Voice***

**Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center**

Introducing Jamee Pemberton, who started quilting in November of 2008, just after completing her 2175-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail. Before re-entering the workforce, she had a couple of months off where she decided to spend her time making holiday gifts. As a lover of handmade gifts from the heart, she completed eight quilts to give as gifts and discovered a newfound passion! Jamee creates quilts of many styles that tend to have color punch, and she likes to include very personal touches drawing inspiration from her love of science, nature and traveling. She has won several awards in regional and local quilt shows. Jamee has turned to her artful side and started lecturing and teaching quilting workshops after a 35-year career as an engineer and project manager. Jamee’s current quilt designs are improvisational and modern.

## Programs

Cassandra Kriley/ Jessica Dayon

### **July 7, 2026 – Teresa Duryea Wong - “Sewing and Survival” Native American Quilts from 1880 – 2022”**

This lecture covers a tumultuous period in Native American culture beginning in 1880, when Native lands were taken away, buffalo herds were decimated, forced relocations were happening all over North America, and the educational system changed dramatically. Indigenous American spent the 1880s and the next few decades learning to adapt. As Western missionary women made their way into the lives of American Indigenous communities, they introduced quilt making skills and provided fabric and supplies. Native American women with adept needle skills adopted Western patchwork quilts and eventually made quilts that reflected their own cultural heritage.



### **August 4, 2026 – Annual Social- Live Event Only**

This year our social will be Ice Cream Parlor themed. We will enjoy games and snacks (more info on both of those to come) as well as a mini quilt challenge!

Here are the details of the mini quilt challenge:

Quilts must measure between 12” and 24”, no larger or smaller

The design must be ice cream or popsicle themed

Only one entry per person

First-, second-, and third- place ribbons will be awarded.



Please email me to sign up or I will have a sign up at the July meeting.

If you have your mini quilt ready, you can bring it to the July meeting and I will hold it until the August meeting. I will have one drop off before the August meeting and as soon as I have that scheduled, I will send an email to the guild.

I am also looking for volunteers to help on the night of the August Social (August 4<sup>th</sup>) before the meeting and during to help set up and run the games. Please email me or let me know at the July meeting if you can help.

### **September 1, 2026 – Ann Parsons Holte - Quilts for a Cause**

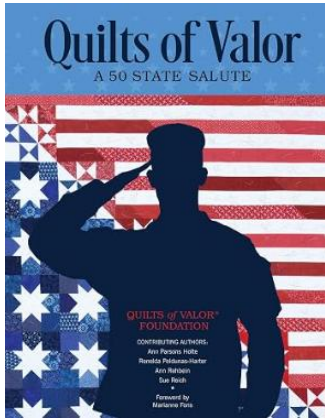
Since there have been quilters, we have been making quilts for causes. The cause might be something small and personal such as raising money for a family in need. The cause might be national and urgent such as calling attention to the issue of the abolition of slavery. Since the Civil War, quilts have been made to support and memorialize soldiers. This lecture focuses on these kinds of quilts and introduces a technique for making quilts completely on a home sewing machine.



**IN PERSON WORKSHOP -- September 8, 2026- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine**

This variation on the quilt-as-you-go technique was developed in order to help quilters who want to make quilts for the Quilts of Valor project. With this technique, an individual quilter or a group can complete a quilt on home machines without the backlog of waiting for a longarm to become available. Of course, the technique can be adapted to many quilt patterns.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2026  
**Time:** 9am to 4pm, with a 1hr minute lunch break from 12-1; doors open at 8am for set up  
**Location:** Calvary Baptist Church  
**Cost** for guild members: \$45 per person  
**Class Registrations closes August 24th.**  
[Link to an AQS video featuring Anne and this process.](#)



The “quilt as you go” idea is not new, but this technique will allow you to attach blocks with almost any width of sashing on the front of the quilt – a problem that has plagued this technique for years. In this workshop, Ann will teach you to adapt the BAT Quilting technique to quilts of many different sizes of blocks and sashing while you complete a quilt that is about 54” square.

This workshop is a 6 hour, in-person workshop. Prep work required for this class. The prep work handout will be available to read with the sign-up folder at monthly meetings and will be emailed to you upon signing up.

**2026 Challenge**

Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin, Quinn Pagano

Everyone is invited to participate in this year’s quilt challenge. This year’s challenge will be a little different because there will be two main categories: Upcycled/Recycled and America 250.

For Upcycled/Recycled, make a quilt or other item using repurposed fabric from old clothes or an old quilt. The idea is to take something old such as fabric from an old garment or an old quilt and make something new. You can use leftover fabric from a quilt project to make something different, but don’t just remake the same over again. You can also take an item of clothing and transform it. (Remember the examples that Bethanne showed us?)

For America 250, create something to celebrate America’s 250th birthday. It can be red, white, and blue or it can feature something that is all American.

For both of these options, we will have the following 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).

In addition, we will have some other special awards:

- Best Quilt that falls into both categories
- Best Use of Color
- Best Workmanship
- I Wish I Made That

## Better Done Than Perfect

Kim Carlo



Remember to sign in at the membership desk with the name of the project from the list you submitted. You will show your finished projects during Show 'N Tell section at the monthly meetings.

## Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The in-person Sit 'n Sew will be held on **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 – 4 pm.** Bring your project or work on Community Service projects.

Virtual Sit n Sews from May through October will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The time will alternate between evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and afternoon (1:30 – 4 PM). The virtual Sit n Sew in July will be **Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.**



## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor



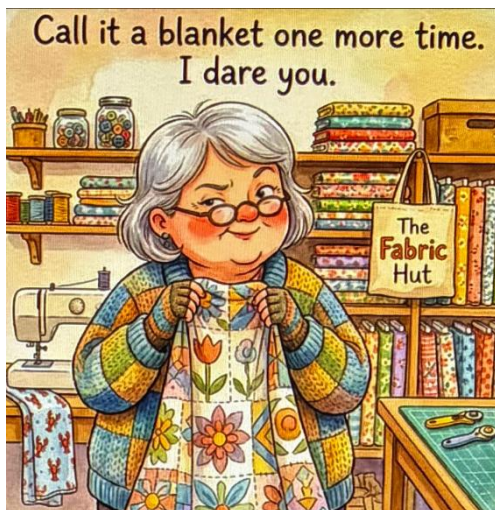
Thank you to the members who provided the refreshments for the June meeting. They were Carol Siegmund, Karen Hartzell, Laurie Murray, Kim Orndorf, Nancy Skok and Lori Maurer. Also thanks to the members who brought extra items. It is always appreciated.

Members who signed up for the July meeting are Lori Smith, Dawn Dengler, Linda Wojciechowski, Nancy Auers, and Deb Goodwin. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting. Decaf coffee and tea are always available during the evening.

## Membership

Pat Piasecki & Quinn Pagano

At the June meeting we had 61 members in-person, and 6 on Zoom for a total of 67, and 1 visitor.



JACOBUS	PAULA	1-Jul
MCBRIDE	JANET	2-Jul
SHEFFIELD	NANCY	6-Jul
AYERS	NANCY	9-Jul
CETRULO	SAMANTHA	9-Jul
MCDONELL	JULIE	11-Jul
CAMPBELL	DIANA	21-Jul
LAPOSATA	KATHIE	21-Jul
ZAKIELARZ	EILEEN	21-Jul
LEVINSON	JANET	23-Jul

Thanks to Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild members who provided and prepared supplies ahead of time and those who showed up in-person, we completed **167 chemo port-protecting pillows for cancer patients** in a few hours at our Community Service Sewcial at Parkland Community Library on May 30th!

The small pillows that chemotherapy with infusion patients can "Velcro" around seatbelts to cushion and protect the implanted ports used to deliver their chemotherapy drugs went to The CHEMO Bag's office in Bath where volunteers pack the port pillows, along with other comfort and care items, into the Bag of Hope zippered totes that the local nonprofit provides to hundreds of new cancer patients every month at 2 dozen chemotherapy treatment centers in and around the Lehigh Valley.



**Since the last newsletter, CQQG members donated:**

**167 chemo port-protecting pillows for cancer patients** to be distributed by The CHEMO Bag, <https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>  
**11 premie blankets** and  
**12 premie prone bears** for LVHN NICU babies  
**2 teddy bears for EMTs** to give to kids in trauma  
**26 placemats** to add to our annual autumn donation for clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh

Valley, <https://www.facebook.com/MOWGLV/>

**23 pillowcases for kids**, to be distributed to local hospitals by the Lehigh Valley-Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for

Smiles <https://www.facebook.com/people/Case-for-Smiles-Lehigh-Valley-Berks-Chapter/61587626488524/>

**14 wheelchair blankets** for local nursing homes

**7 quilted blankets**, various sizes and destinations



At both the July monthly meeting at Calvary Baptist and again at the in-person July Sit and Sew, we plan to have **a variety of precut kits available** for members to sew at home or onsite at the Sit and Sew. Also, if you'd like some **Hobbs Bonded Fibers Heirloom Premium 80/20 Blend Quilt Batting for Community Service Charity Quilts**, please let Dawn Dengler know the size(s). (First requested, first served; we still have yards of 96" wide batting.)

**Thank you all for helping to deliver some care, comfort and hope to men, women and children in our area!**

**Show & Tell & Better Done Than Perfect – June**

Katrina Idleman



Gail Shearer



Doreen Gramling



Lori Maurer



Nancy Sheffield



Ruth Skinner



Nancy Skok



Pat Wolfe



Debbie Heeps



Karen Rush



Laurie Murray



Rae Wong



Linda Wojciechowski



Pat Richardson



Sue Marin



## Committees

**Challenge:** Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin & 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 & Communications:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Jessica Dayon

**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:** Suzanne Nelson & Lori Maurer

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

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Linda Anderson

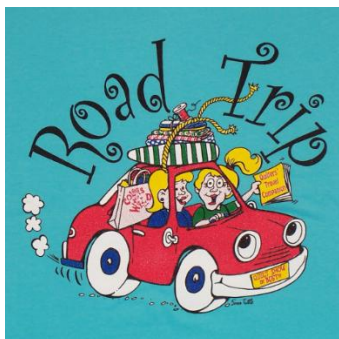
**Technology:** Kim Bringhurst, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Jane Merkel, Gail Shearer

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 2026

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

**July 5-Nov 5** -- Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center presents a quilt exhibit by Jamee Pemberton, *From Gifts of Love to Finding My Artistic Voice* [Changing Exhibits — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#)

**Sunday, July 26** -- Group Chemo Port Pillow Making at Union UCC, 5550 Rte 873, Neffs, PA Noon to 3 p.m. Stay as much or as little of the time as you're able. If you're bringing a sewing machine, please let Dawn Dengler know ahead of time. Otherwise, you can just show up and take turns prepping materials, sewing on someone else's machine, stuffing &/or bagging.

**Sept 8** -- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine

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

**Sept 19** – Airing of the Quilts and Quilt Fest, Gardenspot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Ave, New Holland, PA 17557. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Feature: Illustrated Lecture by local Art Historian Gloria Mast entitled “Crazy Quilts & Scrap Boxes” [Airing of the Quilts & Quilt Fest - Garden Spot Village](#)

**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](#)

**October 17 & 18** – Warwick Valley Quilter’s Guild 2026 Show, Stars of the Valley, featuring Paula Nadelstern, Sanfordville Elementary School, 144 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY

**October 22-24** – [Faithful Circle Quilters’ Guild](#) 2026 Quilt Show, Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md, 21045

**October 23-24** – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild Show](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA

**October 23 – Nov 7** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Eastern PA Shop Hop. “Harvest Beauty” by Kansas Studio. [Facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop](#)

**November 6-8** – Fall Harvest of Quilts, Pleasant Valley Community Firehall in Westminster, MD

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

If you discover any events to be added, please send to [krush6123@hotmail.com](mailto:krush6123@hotmail.com)