



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

*We Are Crazy About Quilting*

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June 2021

## From The President

Jane Merkel

Hello Crazy Quilters,

It was a busy May!! By the time you receive this newsletter, the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Program will be completed, and the Sit and Sew outing at Lindberg Park in Salisbury Township will also be in the past. I hope you were able to enjoy both.

In June, we will elect officers for the coming year. The only position that needed filling is Secretary. Karen Hartzell graciously agreed to accept that role. Karen has done many jobs in our quilt guild and she does each with enthusiasm and competence. We are happy to have her accept this position.

At the same time, I would like to commend Suzanne Nelson for being an exceptional secretary these last two years. Her unwavering care for accuracy and attention is exemplary. She always responded quickly to my questions and offered many good suggestions. Crazy Quilters' Quilt Guild is filled with willing, capable, and caring members.

As we move forward with our Quilt Tour, I hope you will become involved and enjoy this new experience. Many of you have shared your thoughts and suggestions and we are so grateful for your participation. It can only be a success if YOU are part of it!!!

Happy Quilting, Jane

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild  
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 PM  
Via Zoom until further notice

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## Guild Officers

President: Jane Merkel

Vice-President: Samantha Cetrulo

Secretary: Suzanne Nelson

Treasurer: Kathie Laposata

Programming Officer: Sue Marin

Membership Officers: Phillis Walden and Kathy Moore

## Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: **June 1st, 6:30-8:00 Via Zoom**



## 2021 Program Updates

Sue Marin

May 2021: – May was certainly busy! I hope you took advantage of the many and varied programs that were offered. Heather Kojan’s presentation on “Deciphering Quilt Math” inspired several members to try a Fibonacci quilt. We had two Sit and Sew sessions, one online and one outdoors at Lindberg Park in Allentown. And the special, two-day event hosted by the folks at the Global Quilt Connection certainly brought out the stars.

June 2021: - Speaking of stars, Mary Fons (of Fons and Porter), will start off our summer programs with a bang. She will share her experience as editor of Quiltfolk Magazine and offer a trunk show.



July 2021: – Cindy Orvacez, author of Into the Garden: Realistic Three Dimensional Flowers Faster by the Strip will talk to us about using embellishments in our designs. She has several different types of embellishments and techniques to share that vary depending on whether you are hand or machine quilting, and what type of material (quilt or garment) you are using. This program is sure to sparkle!

August 2021: – Emily Taylor will teach us the basics of collage quilting. I recently took an online class with Emily and was fascinated by how relaxing this art form can be. Emily refers to collage as “painting by number with fabrics.” More details will available in July’s newsletter.

September 2021- Meg Cox will offer her thoughts on “Making Meaning.”

October 2021: - Robin Long of Robin Ruth Designs will do a program on creating the Mariner’s Star Compass using her strip piecing method.

November 2021: - Lilo Bowman - “Adapting for Change.”

December 2021: - Our annual potluck holiday celebration.

January 2022: - Our annual Guild Challenge. This year’s theme: “The Brighter the Better!”

February 2022: - Pillow Palooza

March 2022: - Diane L. Murtha presents “Accept the Challenge I.”

April 2022: - Eleanor Levie lecture and possible workshop.

May 2022: - Michele McLaughlin’s series on Men Who Quilt inspired me to reach out to Debbie Wendt. Debbie will share her program on the Egyptian Tentmakers.

All program information is listed on our website. Please check the Meetings and Events page each month for updates, details of the various programs and important messages.

Sue Marin, Programming Chair

**From the Nominating Committee:**

The slate of officers for the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild for 21-22 are as listed below.

President: Jane Merkel (year 2)  
Vice President: Samantha Cetrulo (year 2)  
Secretary: Karen Hartzell (year 1)  
Treasurer: Kathie Laposata (year 2)  
Membership: Kathy Moore (year 2)  
Program Officer: Sue Marin (year 2)

We will accept nominations from the floor prior to voting on the slate of officers.

If you have any questions or desire any of the above positions, please contact Julie Borden or Kathy Schuessler.

I would like to thank this group of ladies for volunteering and committing their time so we can have a successful quilt guild. Please keep in mind your service to the guild as next year we will have 5 openings on the board.



## 5 Health Benefits of Sewing

- 1. Relieves Stress**  
The meditative action of sewing encourages positivity and feelings of relaxation.
- 2. Promotes Brain Growth**  
The creative nature of sewing encourages the formation of new brain cells!
- 3. Happiness!**  
Sewing increases dopamine in the brain, which makes us feel HAPPY
- 4. Fights Dementia**  
Sewing keeps the mind clear, focused & active, which can help prevent dementia as we age.
- 5. Improve your Hand/Eye Coordination**  
Sewing requires a certain type of attention to detail, that encourages coordination, especially hand/eye.

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FACIAL AND CERVICAL ANATOMY SOCIETY

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH CLUB – (BOM) -**

Questions: Contact Phillis

Thanks to those of you who have posted pictures of your blocks. They are beautiful! Please send any new photos for posting.

Pattern for Block #4 will be posted on the Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild website by June 1.

The gradations in the ombre fabrics that I used Colors #15 (Green River) and #16 (Enchanted Forest) are so close in value that I intentionally cut blocks so there was contrast in some areas. As an afterthought, since the #16 value is so close to my #6 fabric (Black) I am considering recutting the #16 blocks for more contrast. Before you cut all of your fabric, you may want to do a test block to see if the contrast you have is something you like. I cross counted the fabrics in 1 block then multiplied by 4 since there are only 4 blocks this month. It appears that the cutting instructions in this pattern are correct.

Please let me know if you find mistakes or have questions when working on this block. Happy Sewing!

Pattern for Block 5 will be posted by July 1.



## Playful Spirit Raffle Quilt Update

Linda Anderson and Suzanne Nelson

How do you make a raffle quilt? Here's the tale told by the numbers. Fourteen generous souls got things rolling, willing to donate fabric and then cut that fabric into 1-1/2 inch strips. Eight intrepid sewists stepped up to take those strips and turn them into Log Cabin blocks. And what blocks they were! They looked pretty straightforward, but once sewing got underway, they demanded precision cutting and perfect seam allowances (and a glass or two of wine after things went sideways). The quilt required 64 blocks, which means the sewing crew assembled 2,380 strips. After that, Suzanne and Linda spent 6 hours assembling the blocks into rows and the rows into the quilt top (note: never ask Suzanne to estimate how long this step will take). It was with a huge sigh of relief that we handed the very weighty top (all those seams!) over to Julie Davidovich, who hopefully will tell us how long it takes her to quilt this beauty. And Pat Piasecki waits in the wings, ready to add the binding and label. We've said it before and we'll say it again: it is the generosity of spirit of this group who shared their time and talents that made this whole endeavor possible.

**Fabric donators:** Jane Merkel, Vicki Pede, Phillis Walden, Mercedes Gurniak, Diana Campbell, Lorraine Bujnowski, Dawn Martrich, Sue Marin, Kathy Moore, Judy Walker, Karen Hartzell, Sharon Yurkanin, Suzanne Nelson, Linda Anderson

**Sewists:** Vicki Pede, Gig Gilligan, Sue Marin, Kathy Moore, Judy Walker, Kathie Laposata, Suzanne Nelson, Linda Anderson

**Quilter:** Julie Davidovich

**Binding and Label:** Pat Piasecki

**Project Cheerleader:** Jane Merkel



## Quilt Challenge for January 2022 – The Brighter The Better

Linda Green



Be on the lookout for something coming your way in "snail" mail !!

Also please feel free to email me any questions you might have.

Linda Green

## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski

Thank you to Linda Wojciechowski for the one person Show & Tell in May.

Please submit photos of your quilts for Show & Tell (for the Show & Tell) AND Nancy Scholz (for the website) by **May 29th**.

## Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipter

A get-well card was sent to Mercedes Gurniak.

If you have any news that you would like to share please email me.

## Community Service

Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

We are all happy to see the greenery and living things springing back to life at this time of year! Our thoughts and actions turn towards the outdoors and we should feel happy and guilt-free about it!

We have received some fabric donations from people in the community who have reached out to us via our website. These donations will be helpful for use with pillowcases, placemats, Camp Erin quilts, and could be used if we have an auction of items in the future.

I do have some pillowcase and placemat kits ready for pick up if anyone would like some. Feel free to contact me and we'll make arrangements together.

Last month I provided you with some background information about Camp Erin, but did not let you know how the camp received its name. Camp Erin is named in honor of Erin Metcalf, a remarkable young woman who developed liver cancer at an early age. She was compassionate to other hospitalized children and their siblings that she met during her own journey through illness. In 2000, when Erin died at the age of 17, Jamie and Karen Moyer wished to honor Erin's memory and her caring attitude, and the decision was made that a grief camp for children would be a fitting tribute. The first Camp Erin was held in 2002.

Camp Erin for 2021 will be virtual, with no projected need for additional quilts this year. The quilts for 2021 will be going out to camp participants in November 2021. Camp Erin is hoping to return to their campsite in June 2022.

I have sent a letter to Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley asking if they would be interested in receiving our quilts this year. This could be an alternative for us and possibly a new opportunity of service to our community. I will let you know their response.



I have one entry for the newsletter for a quilt journey this month. Please fill out and email . I hope to have entries for a few more months so fill it out today!

**Name:** *Linda Green*

Length of Quilt Journey: 5 years

**How did you learn how to sew?**

I was that high school student that failed sewing in home economics because I could never get my sewing machine to work right and because of that I never went near a sewing machine again. I did love fabric and quilts so I started collecting quilts in my early twenties. Five years ago I retired from teaching and decided I was going to learn to sew so I could make quilts. I bought a sewing machine and taught myself to sew by watching videos, taking classes, and asking lots of questions of my friend Karen Hartzell! I am still learning all the ins and outs of using the sewing machine and the language of sewing.

**How would you describe your quilting style?**

I have not really developed a style. I would say beginner and very basic still.

**Has it changed over time?**

Too early to tell but I hope it will!

**Who is your favorite fabric designer and why?**

I like Edyta Sitar. She was one of the first quilters I followed— I like her color palette, she does a lot blues.

**Do you pick fabric or pattern first?**

I have always loved fabric especially old fabric. I had a fabric stash way before I was quilting. So I would say I pick my fabric first and then look for a pattern— but there are times I really like a pattern and will buy that first!!

**What is your favorite part about quilt making and why?**

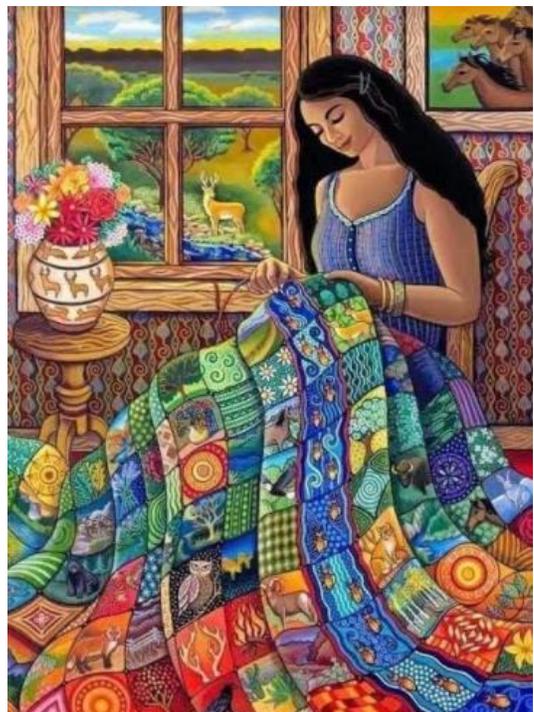
Hand quilting on my quilts. I find it very peaceful and relaxing.

**What is your least favorite part and why?**

I struggle with cutting my fabric. I feel like I waste a lot.

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?**

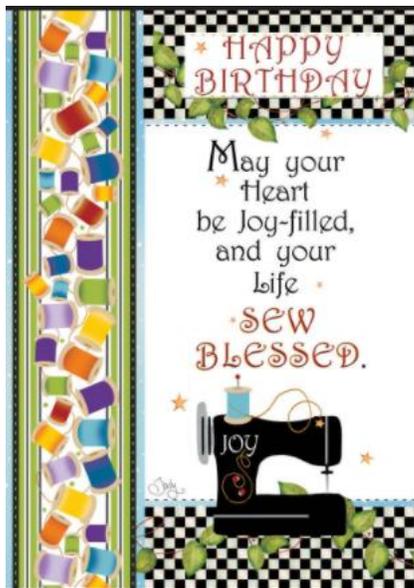
I love gardening, cooking, rug hooking, and collecting old quilts.



## Membership

Kathy Moore and Phillis Walden

We had 45 members out of a total of 75 members attend our May meeting. We also welcomed the return of a previous member. Donna Gasser lives in Whitehall and finished seven quilts since the pandemic started. She is a widow with three children and five grandchildren and a dog and a cat. Welcome back Donna!



### June

16 Adele Bush  
25 Nicole Folino

## QUILT LOVERS

**B I N G O**

**Saturday, July 31st, 2021**

**All prizes are quilts or quilted items!**

Hosted by the Pocono Mt. Quilters' Guild at:



**The Moose Lodge  
705 Stokes Road  
East Stroudsburg, PA**

Tickets \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door  
(includes admission and cards for every game)

Additional cards, raffles, food, etc., will be available

For tickets and/or information, please call:

**Kathy Parrish (570) 242-8954**

**AnnMarie Kizer (570)269-5256**

Doors / Kitchen open at 12pm

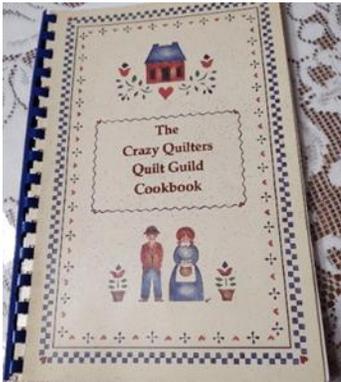
~ Games begin at 1:00pm

**Tickets are limited! You must have a ticket to enter!**

**RECALLING RECIPES: FROM THE CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT GUILD COOKBOOK**

Jane Merkel

(Published in 1992) JUNE 2021: DESSERTS!!!



**RHUBARB DELICIOUS**

- 2 C. WATER
- 2 C. CHOPPED RHUBARB
- 1/3 C. MINUTE TAPICOA
- 1 ¼ C. SUGAR
- 1 ORANGE, GROUND, OR ORANGE JUICE AND RIND

PUT WATER ON TO BOIL AND COMBINE OTHER INGREDIENTS. ADD TO WATER AND BRING TO A BOIL. PUT OVER HOT WATER TO FINISH COOKING. Cook 5 to 15 min. COOL SLIGHTLY AND SERVE WITH CREAM. 1 QT. OF CANNED RHUBARB MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR WATER AND RHUBARB.

*SUBMITTED BY RACHEL TAMM*

**FROZEN DESSERT**

- 1 QT. BUTTERMILK
- 1 ½ C. SUGAR
- 1 TSP. VANILLA
- 1 LG. CAN CRUSHED PINEAPPLE

THOROUGHLY MIX ALL INGREDIENT TOGETHER AND PUT IN TRAYS TO FREEZE.

*SUBMITTED BY RACHEL TAMM*

**CHOCOLATE SAUCE FOR ICE CREAM**

- 3T. COCOA
- 1/3 C. BOILING WATER
- ½ TSP, VANILA
- 1 T. MELTED BUTTER
- 1 C. SUGAR

MIX SUGAR AND COCOA. ADD WATER, THEN BUTTER AND VANILLA. BOIL 10 MIN. IN A DOUBLE BOILER BEING CAREFUL NOT TO OVERCOOK OR IT WILL CRYSTALIZE.

*SUBMITTED BY GLORIA ROTH*



### **Committee Chairs**

**Challenge:** Linda Green

**Community Service:** Janet Yandrisevits and Mercedes Gurniak

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:** Rhonda Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

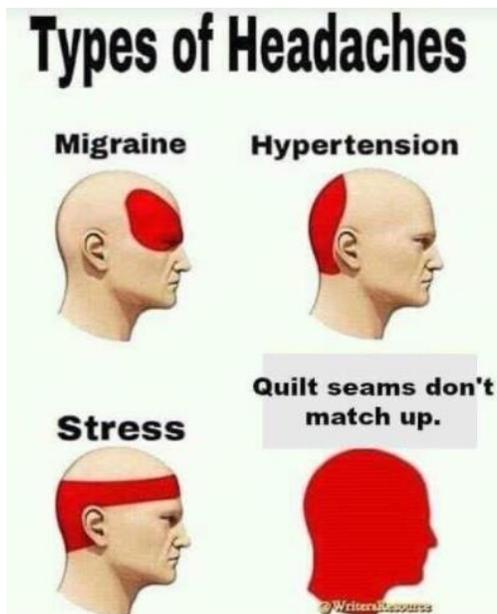
**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

**Show and Tell:** Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



**Deadline for the next newsletter is June 21st.**