

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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From the President Karen Hartzell

It sure was a rainy month of March. Several of us braved the elements and ventured to the Lancaster Quilt Show on a dreary Friday. Once inside, the show was anything but dreary. The array of quilts was amazing and my companions and I "oohed and aahed" as we admired each entry. The pièce de résistance was the winner's circle with our own Bethanne Nemesh taking another first prize for best movable machine workmanship for her "Into the Westward Sun." Congratulations on another big win for your outstanding artistry, Bethanne!

Sara Bond's "Release the Geese" program was interesting and informative. I loved the way she curled the geese around in circles and made them fly off the ends of her quilts. We learned about her family history and her inspiration for her own quilt-making. The workshop on the following Saturday allowed all of us to learn her paper-piecing technique. It was fun to see all the different uses of fabric as each of us interpreted her style in our own way.

Last month our membership rolls topped the 100 mark. We are still growing strong as crazy quilters. Keep passing the word about our excellent programs, informative workshops and the community of people who love everything quilts.

A Quilter's Poem (from the internet)

A quilter treasures life's moments one stitch at a time.

She knows the joy of patiently creating a work of art that can only grow more precious with the gift of years.

She tells a beautiful story with patterns and colors, and the patchwork of her life is woven with threads of laughter and tears, memories and dreams.

A quilter understands the value of preserving the past and has a heart gentle enough to stitch the gift of love into our lives for the future.

A quilter knows the blessing of treasuring life's moments one stitch at a time.

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

We're almost to the end of our 2016-2017 year, and we end up the biggest projects that we plan for our group – Camp Erin quilts and veterans' quilts. The Camp Erin quilts (about 50 by 70 inches) go to kids ages 6-17 who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives. These kids enjoy traditional camp activities like arts & crafts, games & sports, and campfires. However, there are also therapists who help them develop healthy coping strategies. This year's camp will be held in Montgomery County in mid-June, so the quilts should be delivered at the May meeting. Call me if you have a quilt but can't make the meeting. Thanks for brightening the bunks of these campers. I'm sure that as they take the quilts home, they see a daily reminder of what the camp taught them.

Quilts for veterans will be collected at the June meeting. These quilts will be distributed to veterans using the services of the Veteran's Administration Clinic and Hospital here in eastern PA. I'm sure these veterans appreciate both the physical warmth of the quilt and the warmth of knowing that people in the community care for their comfort.

As it turns out, sometimes when we make projects to help others, we end up also helping ourselves. A member recently told me that her grandson had an overnight stay at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Sure enough, a colorful pillowcase was provided to brighten his stay.

Lecture - Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 7 pm at Holy Spirit Church

Quilt-A-Holic, **Erin Underwood** never plans to recover. Erin will show us a fun and inspiring collection of quilts including the good, the bad and the "if I only knew what I was doing" quilts.



WORKSHOP

Erin Underwood "Finished Edge Machine Appliqué"

May 3 from 9 am to 1 pm at **Faith Presbyterian Church** (seats are still available).

Love the look of hand appliqué but just don't have the time for handwork? Try this technique that makes your machine appliqué look as if it was done by hand and only takes a fraction of the time! Learn all about the tricks and tools you need for success. Your quilt will look like you sat for hours and needle-turned each piece by hand! And the bonus is your appliquéd piece will have the look of trapunto with Erin's clever use of stabilizers.



COMING LECTURE - Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit

Cheryl Lynch: Turning Travel into Treasures

Traveling can lead to inspirations for lots of quilts. Learn to look through your camera lens, or smart phone, with a quilter's eye. Building details, like the wrought iron banisters in Barcelona or a scene from your summer vacation to the beach, can be transformed using fabric to create lasting memories. I'll share how I turn my inspirations into quilts by printing photos onto fabric, convert photos into a quilted scene, and use architectural motifs to create a contemporary quilt or combine them all into a fiber book.

WORKSHOP Cheryl Lynch - Mini Mosaics Wednesday, June 7, 9 to 3 pm at Holy Spirit



This is a fun, no sew workshop that imitates the ancient art of mosaics. Learn how to create a mosaic picture from small pre-cut pieces of lots of colored fabric, using a technique that I developed to simplify the process. Pick one of the available patterns in class that will finish to measure 9"x 12", and then can be bordered and quilted to your preference at home. Bring tweezers and a sharp small scissors to use with a provided kit (\$16).

Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thanks to the following members for providing our refreshments for the April meeting and making a beautiful spring table setting. They were Tina Middlecamp, Janet Yandrisevitz, Karen Landis, Pat Piasecki, Nancy Horning, Adele Bush and Sharon Pieller.

May volunteers are Denise Wagner, Carol Willis, Lorraine Bujnowski, Linda Schmoyer, Barb Kissell, and Sally Waggoner.

An email reminder will be sent the week prior to the meeting. If your plans have changed and you are unable to volunteer, just email me or call.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Cindy Christman and Robin Steinhofer will each be bringing in gifts for the library raffle.

Honey Bees

Jackie Leipert

No report.

Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

No report.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Quilters Studio is looking for your input. We are looking for new ideas for quilters studio. For the month of June we will be sharing our favorite quilting tip. If you have a great idea or tool you can't live without in your studio, please come and share it with all your quilting friends. We will meet at 5:45 prior to our meeting in the conference room. Please email Julie Borden at hedthread@yahoo.com if you plan to share a tool or tip.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

Show & Tells at our April meeting were presented by: Karen Hartzell, Janet Tryson, Kathie Laposata, Linda Weidemoyer, Judy Walker, Diana Defanti, Sandra Mugridge, Diana Campbell, Karen DalPezzo, Lorraine Bujnowski, Nancy Ayers, Leah Gehman, Pat Piasecki, and Nancy Dunham.

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

Seventy-six attended our April meeting; 66 members, 5 paid guests, and 5 new members! Name tags were worn by 40 members, and Janet Tryson won the name tag gift, a pack of Schmetz topstitch needles, size 90/14.

Here are our new members. **Jamie Davis** comes from Zionsville and is an intermediate quilter. **Helen E. Dubas** has a professional background in customer service, loves counted cross stitch, has made quilts for nearly all of her 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, and enjoys baking for large groups. **Karen Rush** began sewing at a young age and has recently been inspired to quilt. She is interested in the CQ committees: community service, historical, library, or wherever help is needed. **Pradnya Sathaye** by profession is a medical coder, has a son 11 years old, enjoys painting, crocheting, along with quilting and other arts and crafts, and is interested in our library and web page. **Linda Weidemoyer** started quilting four years ago, after enjoying knitting and crocheting for many years, and would enjoy helping with the newsletter. **Welcome to all!**

A special thanks to Diane Pesola who helped at the membership table in April!

Birthdays for May follow. Enjoy your special day!

May 4 Suzanne McMullen
May 5 Nancy Bergstresser
May 8 Maureen Horowitz
May 10 Nancy Horning
May 12 Dawn Martrich
May 26 Becky Marx
May 27 Janet Tryson
May 28 Sandra Mugridge

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. More colors may be used but ALL colors must be true solids.
- ❖ The quilt must measure 30" wide by 39" long.
- ❖ Your quilt must be quilted.
- ❖ A 3" hanging sleeve is helpful but not required.

Member News

Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

As you begin your travel plans for the upcoming summer travel and vacation season please remember to collect the unused toiletries from your hotel visits. Once again this holiday season bags of toiletries will be given to the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison Project. There are over 600 homeless children in the schools in Allentown this year and many are living in shelters or under bridges.

The school district provides one employee to help these children in any way they can and one of the small but so important requests they make is to provide toiletries, shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste/toothbrushes and deodorant etc. for the students. A Holiday Party is provided in December and a small bag filled with these items is placed at each table setting. It doesn't seem like much but sometimes it is the only gift a child might receive. Several organizations provide regular sized hygiene items and grocery store gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each throughout the year but it is these small gift bags that will make a difference.

Please bring any toiletries you might collect either while on vacation or at the travel size department at your favorite store to the guild meetings between May and October. Whether it is one item or a bag full we are grateful to have something to place in these bags. Thank you for your support, and for making a difference.

Yarn Needed

Ruth Skinner

If you have yarn you are not using I will take small balls of yarn to knit and tie shawls for Cedar Brook residents.

Calendar of Events from the editor

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

April 27-29, Three Rivers Quilters 2017 Quilt Show, The Meadows Race Track and Casino, Washington, PA, www.threeriversquilters.org.

May 5-6, Penn Oaks Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Ludwig's Corner Fire House, Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100), Glenmoore, PA, www.pennoaksquilters.org.

May 19 – 20, The Penn Dry Goods Market Antiques Show and Sale, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, Pennsburg, PA, www.schwenkfelder.com.

June 10, Colonial Quilters Indoor Yard Sale, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA, www.colonialquilters.org.

27th Annual Quilt and Fiber Show, June 24th – 25, Historic Cold Spring Village, Cape May, NJ, www.hcsv.org.

July 21-22, Peach Blossoms - Quilts in the Orchard Quilt Show, Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE, www.oceanwavesquiltguild.org.



Guild Calendar from the editor

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 - **Guild Meeting**, 7pm. Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit Emmaus, PA.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – **Workshop 9am – 1pm**, Erin Underwood Finished Edge Machine Appliqué, Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA.

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