

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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November 2016

From the President

Karen Hartzell

This is my favorite time of the year; cool, crisp days - the leaves beginning to change into their beautiful fall colors in anticipation of the snows of winter. Yes, I do like the beauty of the snow and the winter months. It allows for some much needed time to work on projects that were started in the past year, or to begin a new project.

We had a great turnout for the first "sit and sew" at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus, with nine in attendance. Everyone had a great time sewing, sharing, learning and just gabbing. It's a wonderful venue for sharing your skills in a more informal setting than a regular workshop. I hope more members join us for the next event.

Speaking of conversation, we had four in attendance at the resurrected Honey Bees. We shared ideas and actually got a few things accomplished. We will not meet in November due to the Houston trip and the presidential election, but will resume in December. Come and join the fun and conversation.

The Houston trip is fast approaching. About 35 of us will be heading south to see what's considered the largest quilt show in the world. Last year's attendance was close to 55,000. Wow! I'm looking forward to seeing all the sights -- beautiful quilts on display, visiting vendors, new tools and fabrics for sale, and just getting new ideas. Last year there were 1,300 quilts on display, over 400 classes to choose from and 1,100 shopping booths with everything from quilts, fabrics, patterns and books, to jewelry, home décor, and artisan goods. I know our group will have much to share when we get back home. Keep watching our Facebook page for updates.

With what seems to be a never-ending presidential election year, we're constantly being bombarded with news from the "red" and "blue" candidates. But we are very fortunate in this country that we have the right to cast our ballots and vote for the candidates of our choice. It is a privilege and should be considered a duty for all Americans to go to the polls and vote. I will be working at my local polling place Nov. 8, from 6 a.m. to past midnight. It's a long day, but I am passionate about this way to exercise one of our most precious freedoms. I'll be sleeping in on Wednesday, so I'll have the "Do Not Disturb" sign out. Happy Quilting!

Quilting forever...housework never!!

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

At the October meeting, members turned in 128 breast cancer pillows. Some were pieced, some were embroidered, some had inspirational fabric, and all were beautiful because they were made with love. Thank you so much fulfilling this need of clients of the American Cancer Society.

In November and December we will collect Meals on Wheels placemats that will accompany meal deliveries prior to Christmas. The Meals on Wheels staff is always delighted to see our placemats arrive. For some of their clients, this may be the only gift that they receive. Use up some of your project leftovers, orphan blocks and fabric that you no longer love. The instructions on sizes are found in the Community Service section of our website. If you are new to the guild and have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me or any member of the Community Service committee.

The Community Service committee members assemble kits for some our projects, collect and deliver the items we make, and coordinate group projects like a veteran or hospice quilt. Please let me know if you'd like to be a part of our committee.

November 1, 2016 - Diary of a Dutch Quilter, Janneke Van der Ree

Look and listen to Janneke's diary of quilting adventures. Janneke will share her life in quilts, her tips to stay authentic to your heritage and stay true to yourself. <http://www.janneke.co/home.html>



Saturday, November 12, 2016 - **Saturday Sit & Sew *****DATE has CHANGED*******

Saturday Sit & Sew will be open to the membership on Saturday, November 12 from 10:15am until 4pm at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. Sign up with Julie or Donna at the November guild meeting. There will be experienced quilters on-hand to help with questions you may have. Bring your lunch, UFO's, machines, lights, extension cords, and a pillow to sit on for the right sewing height. Get to know other quilters, learn tips, have fun and Get-R-Done! A \$5 donation/member is suggested.

COMING on December 6, 2016 - Modern Quilting-What's All the Hubbub?"

Jessica Skultety

With a trunk show of modern/modern traditional quilts, we'll explore many elements of modern quilting and discuss ways to modernize any quilt. <http://www.quiltyhabit.com/>



Hospitality

Diana Defanti

Thank you to the following volunteers for providing a variety of refreshments for the October meeting: Karen DalPezzo, Sandy O'Conner, Denise Wagner, Suzanne Nelson, Laurie Murray and Betty Pitinsky. The social time during the hospitality hour enables members to chat, exchange ideas and welcome new members. Thank you all for signing up to contribute a dessert for that hour. The hospitality chart is now filled through March 2017.

November volunteers are Lois Drendall, Nancy Dunham, Linda Anderson, Irene Madalena, Sandra Mugridge, Becky Marx, and Jane Martin. You will all receive a reminder a week before the meeting.

Blocks and Swaps

Kathie Laposata

Denise Riemer won the October 2016 drawing for the Magic 8 Ball blocks. Six blocks were made by three members. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The December block is Twin Sisters. 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 are in a separate attachment.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, because of lukewarm participation in the lottery style of Blocks and Swaps, I'm proposing another form of swapping for 2017. It involves signing up to participate with a group of members who will make blocks for each other on a monthly basis. The "Queen Bee" for the month will receive blocks of her choice from the others. With this type of swap, the participants are guaranteed to receive blocks, however, it comes with the obligation of making a block each month for that month's "Queen Bee." Please email me, if you are interested or have questions, so that I can determine the interest. If enough are interested, I'll write up rules and set up a group (or groups).

Honey Bees

Jackie Leipert

Honeybees will not meet in November due to the Houston Trip and Election Day-After Parties.

Worker Bees

Jackie Leipert

No report.

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Denise Wagner has volunteered to bring the Library Raffle gift for November.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

Easy Binding - Nov. 1

We will be treated to a demo lesson on easy binding by Debbie Heeps. We will meet at 5:45 prior to meeting. Please email, if you plan to attend. This is a demo - you do not need any supplies.

Hexie Lesson - Dec. 6

We will be practicing the English paper piecing hexie for our raffle quilt. Please bring a basic sewing kit and a neutral thread. We will meet at 5:45 prior to the meeting. Please email, if you plan to attend.

Membership

Roberta Whitcomb and Judy Walker

We welcome two new members. **Marie Pasternak** will be coming all the way from Easton. A quilter for over thirty years, she is interested in community service, counted cross stitch, skiing, and fitness. **Margie Walsh-Sanky** has just retired to our area from South Jersey and is also interested in community service. Welcome Marie and Margie!

October attendance was 73, including 3 paid visitors, guests of Donna Gasser and Julie Davidovich, and our two new members.

Name tags worn: 48. Diane Pesola won the name tag gift: a spool of Wash-A-Way water soluble basting thread.

Thank you in advance to Laurie Murray who will be welcoming members and guests at the membership/sign-in table, along with Judy Walker, while Roberta Whitcomb is away.

Here are the birthdays for November. Enjoy your special day!

Nov. 14 Julie Borden
Nov. 15 Nancy Bruderie
Nov. 15 Sharon Schaffer
Nov. 19 Jane Merkel
Nov. 21 Donna Gasser

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

The following members presented October Show & Tells: Julie Davidovich, Diana DeFanti, Adele Bush, Karen Landis, Sandra Mugridge, Lorraine Bujnowski, Nancy Ayers, Pat Piasecki, Suzanne Nelson, Ruth Hoffman, and Paula Jacobus.

Christmas in July

Marsha Heimann

Many thanks to those of you who donated small travel sized toiletries at our meetings over the past several months. I have made over 200 drawstring bags out of Christmas fabrics to fill and they will be donated to the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison Project. These small gifts are greatly appreciated. I have filled all the bags and will no longer be collecting the toiletries this year. Thank you for your support.

Member News

If you are interested in this 6 foot tall sewing cabinet, \$100, please contact member Marlene Dorman.



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.

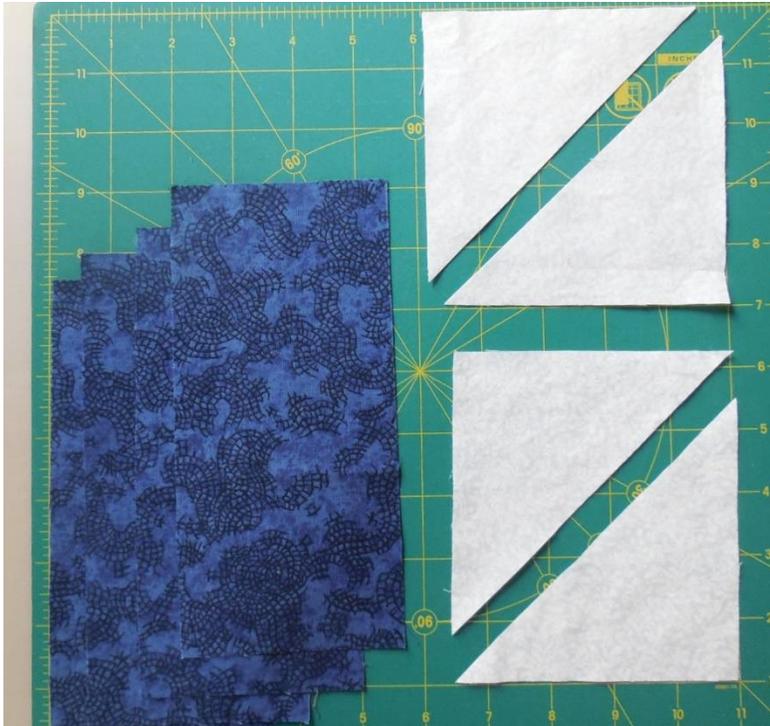
Block: Twin Sisters (8-1/2 by 8-1/2 inch finished size). You can make up to 10 blocks for more chances to win. Don't make two exactly alike.

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.

Construction

- 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.

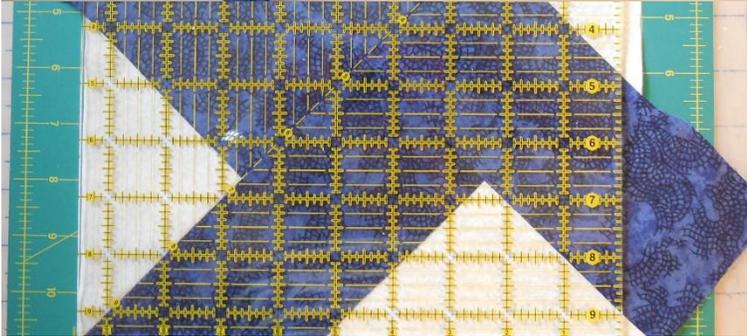




Step 4 – Sew the block halves together, and again press the seam toward the blue. To do this you will need to ‘twirl the seam’ at the middle. If you’ve never tried this trick to create seams with less bulk, take a look at a tutorial at:
<http://scrap-therapy-quilts.blogspot.com/2015/08/pop-twist-furl-twirl.html>



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

Quilters' Quest Shop Hop, Maryland and Northern
November 4-13, 2016, VA, www.quiltersquest.org.

Nimble Fingers Quilters, Starlight Garden Quilt Show,
November 4-13, Rockville, MD,
www.quiltersfingers.org.

14th Annual Eastern Pennsylvania Shop Hop,
November 5-19, 2016, www.quiltinghub.com.

Lebanon Quilters Guild 10th Annual Exhibition of
Quilts, Nov. 11-13, 2016,
www.lebanonquiltersguild.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, November 1, 2016 - **Guild Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.,
LCHS.

Saturday, November 12, 2016 – Sit and Sew, 10:15 – 4pm,
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, \$5.

Guild Officers

President: Karen Hartzell

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Donna Gasser

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