

Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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From the President

Wendye Anttila

Hello, quilters! We had a wonderful time with Deb Tucker and her rulers! What an interesting lecture. I understand that the class was great, too. Be sure to let us see your finished quilt.

Remember there is no meeting in November! We will have lots of time for sewing and cooking, and will meet again at the December meeting.

We will have to make a date for a new board meeting. I had my emergency surgery for my diverticulitis, and it will take maybe 6 weeks to recover, and maybe then we can get back to business. In the meantime, we can enjoy sit 'n sew, and enjoy the camaraderie of our members outside of our planned meetings.

Also, if anyone has bills to be reimbursed, please let me know. I will be getting out of the hospital in another week, and will be able to get you funding. I'm so sorry that this emergency surgery has interrupted the workings of our guild.



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

Your production of breast cancer pillows this year must be a new record. Today I delivered your 283 pillows to the American Cancer Society office in Bethlehem. They completely filled my trunk, my backseat and front seat. While I thank everyone who contributed to this collection, I especially want to thank 3 members who made over 2/3 of those pillows. Special thanks to Laurie Murray, Tami Jones and Judy Walker.

I look forward to seeing the placemats you make for Meals on Wheels at the December meeting. They bring such joy to our seniors at the Christmas season and throughout the year.

The pillow cases that we make for hospitalized children through the Ryan's Case for Smiles charity are a special favorite of mine. I hope you'll take some time to shop for some cheerful fabric during the next few months and make a few. If you are looking for inspiration, look at the charity's website at <http://caseforsmiles.org/about-us/#ourstory> and watch the video to get the backstory of the charity and see kids talking about their pillowcases. The pillowcases must be washed after they are sewn to remove any chemicals or scents. Please use only unscented detergent and no scented dryer sheets. If you don't have that type of detergent, just turn them in unwashed and I'll see that they are washed. Thanks in advance. I look forward to our meeting next February where we'll have fun making them as a group.

Programs and Workshops

Julie Davidovich and Donna Gasser

On Wednesday, October 4, the Barbara Dann Constellation Workshop was held at Holy Spirit. Here is a photo of the workshop participants and stars made with the Rapid Fire Lemoyne Star Tool.



Tuesday, November 7 - No Meeting

Sit & Sew - Saturday, November 11, 10:15 am to 4 pm at Faith Presbyterian Church

All members are welcome to the Saturday Sit & Sew for interruption-free sewing time. Bring your own projects, machine, lights, extension cords and your lunch. Take advantage of the large work tables to lay out your designs, share ideas with other quilters and get those UFO's done! A small donation for the church is appreciated.

Bursting Star Craft - Tuesday, December 5 -7 pm at Holy Spirit

Do you have holiday fabric in your stash that you'd love to use? Bring this to our meeting where Julie and Donna will lead the guild membership in a fun hour of crafting. The Program budget will provide you with an instruction booklet, Styrofoam base and pins needed to create a 9" Bursting Star Ornament. If you signed up, please see attached supply list. Feel free to bring a hand sewing project if you will not be participating in this craft or simply observe and enjoy socializing.



COMING **Tuesday, January 2, 2018 - Barbara Garrett 7 pm at Holy Spirit**

"What Stories Can My Quilt Tell?" will be a program where you participate! Members are encouraged to bring their vintage quilts (pre-1950) to the meeting. **We need 25 to 35 quilts for a successful program.** Please let Julie know how many quilts you will be bringing by emailing Julie Davidovich. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

Come learn about your antique quilt program - members bring antique (pre 1950) quilts that they want to share and/or learn more about. The format for the evening is that when members arrive with their quilt(s) they "register" with Barb -- which means they write their name on a 3 x 5 card so she can invite them to share what they know about the quilt when it is held up.

The quilts are set on a table so the owners don't have to spend time walking up during the program. Then Barb talks about the quilt, and questions for clarification are encouraged during the program. It's very informal - not a "lecture", but lots of good visuals and much information shared.

Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to the members who provided an excellent assortment of refreshments at our October meeting. They were Denise Wagner, Pat Piasecki, Jackie Leipter, Sandra Mugridge, Nancy Ayers, and Pat Karo.

December volunteers are Donna Gasser, Christine Watt, Laurie Murray, Rhonda Moore, Nancy Skok and Cindy Christman. You will receive a reminder about a week before the meeting. We will also hold a **cookie exchange** in December. Make your favorite cookie and bring a batch or two to the meeting. Bring an empty container and exchange cookie for cookie. We all have favorites and they may be totally different from each other. It's a great way to experience the numerous varieties of cookies that we each make for the holidays.

Show and Tell

Diane Pesola

The following members presented Show & Tells at our October meeting: Jane Merkel, Denise Riemer, Judy Walker, Carole Whaling, Jackie Leipter, Helen Hanton, Nancy Ayers, Pat Piasecki, Jackie Lukity, Julie Borden, Nancy Horning, Helen Dubas, and Linda Anderson.

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. **The next modern bee will be held Nov 29th at 9:30am and Nicole will present a fun modern challenge.**

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

6-9 p.m. Even Months

November 29, 2017
January 31, 2018
March 28, 2018
May 30, 2018
July 25, 2018

December 27, 2017
February 28, 2018
April 25, 2018
June 27, 2018
August 29, 2018

Membership

Judy Walker and Chris Watt

We received additional member dues this month, as well as three new members who joined the guild. We had 68 members who attended the October meeting as well as 3 visitors. Forty members wore their name tags, and the winner of the fat quarter was Barb Kissell. Our three new members are:

Pat Cisek

She is an intermediate quilter and has been a Treasurer for the Homemakers Co. Quilters. She is interested in serving on hospitality and would be interested in being an officer in the future. She recently moved to a 55+ area in Macungie. She is a member of Homemakers Country Quilters for 15 years.

Margaaret (Peggy) Keiffer

She learned to sew in 4-H at 10 years old. Loves to sew, especially quilts.

Kathy Moore

She is an intermediate quilter. She never held an office in any organization. She worked for 30 years at AT&T/Lucent/Agere in various office jobs. She's been retired since 2009. She likes to sew as well as quilt. She reads a lot and would love to travel more. She has two grandchildren who live in Pasadena, CA. She's never been much of a joiner but likes quilting and figures joining a group might inspire her to do more of it.

Reminders will be sent to those members who have not paid their dues for 2017/2018. They have until the end of October to send their money to Judy Walker. Their names will be dropped from the membership list and their emails removed from the newsletter mailing list.

Happy December Birthdays! November birthdays were published last month.



Dec. 2 Denise Wagner
Dec. 7 Christine Watt
Dec. 10 Cindy Fantasia
Dec. 10 Karen Hartzell
Dec. 18 Linda Finkelstein
Dec. 23 Valerie Barber

Dec. 25 Sally Waggoner
Dec. 28 Ruth Hoffman
Dec. 28 Robin Steinhoffer
Dec. 29 Marie Pasternak
Dec. 30 Bethanne Nemesch
Dec. 30 Nancy Skok

Library

Michele McLaughlin

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving greetings from Michele, Barb, and Dawn! Linda Anderson has volunteered to bring the library gift in December.

New books for the library will be added including 3 by Bonnie Hunter: Leaders and Enders: Make More Quilts in Less Time!; Scraps and Shirrtails: Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle! The Art of Quilting Green; and String Fling: Scrappy, Happy and Loving It!

Mary Kerr is visiting our guild in June of next year and I am donating her book *Twisted, Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist* to the library. The photographs and ideas for machine quilters are really wonderful in this book!

An addendum for the library book list is being prepared and we hope to have it completed before the December meeting.

Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

We had a great sharing event at our last quilters studio with 18 people attending. We discussed quilting apps and websites. Our next studio will be in January and I will share my quilts using the technique BIG STITCH quilting. This stitch looks great on wool and flannel. Please email Julie Borden if you plan to attend.

Raffle Quilt Marketing

Samantha Cetrullo

Thank you to all the volunteers at the **Oaks Quilt Show** and **LV Fiber Fest**, and thank you to Kathie Laposata for donating the raffle prize for the LV Fiber Fest event. The following members volunteered: Debbie Heeps, Barb Kissell, Nicole Folino, Roberta Whitcomb, Elizabeth Riccaboni, Diane Pesola, Sharon Pieller, Jackie Leipert, Nancy Scholz, Nancy Skok, Sharon Yurkanin, Ann Lineberger, Karen Rush, Paula Jacobus, Laurie Murray, Diane Pesola, Julie Borden, Patricia Karo, Janet Tryson, Kathy Schuessler, Marsha Heimann, Val Johnson, Pat Piasecki, Kathie Laposata, Pradnya Bal, Marlene Dorman, Karen Hartzell, Linda Wojciechowski, Diana Defanti, Judy Walker, Sandy O'Connor, Linda Anderson, Jane Merkel, Donna Gasser, Julie Davidovich, and Bethanne Nemesh.

The total for the Oaks show was \$418. The total for the LV Fiber Fest was \$679.

We have had 25% of the members pay for their raffle tickets. You have until the end of the year to receive the incentive award entry for prepaying. Please bring to the December meeting. If you have not picked up your raffle tickets, please see me at the next meeting.

The raffle quilt will be at the **Chicken Lounge** on Friday, November 17th during happy hour/ dinner time. Please join us for some yummy chicken nachos or dinner. Email: **Samantha Cetrullo** if planning on coming out.

Member News

Allentown School District Liaison Project

Marsha Heimann

I want to thank all the guild members who donated travel size toiletries for the Allentown School District Homeless Liaison project. Because of your generosity I was able to fill 250 drawstring bags made from Christmas fabrics. I wish I could share the excitement when these bags are delivered to the School District Liaison office. It is wonderful to know that young children who have nothing receive these small gifts and at the same time it is so painful to know that many times this is the only gift they receive during the Holidays. I am so grateful for your contributions.

Please start saving those toiletries throughout the year as I will be doing this again next year and would love to have 250 bags to give again next year. There are over 600 Homeless children in the school district this year. I make 3 bags out of a fat quarter and would be grateful to have Christmas fabrics fat quarters (no yardage please) if you want to share. Thank you again and have a blessed Holiday.

Yarn

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.

Quilted No-Sew Holiday Ornaments

For each Bursting Star Wall Hanging you will need:

- 1 8 7/8 x 1 3/16 inch styrofoam disc shape
- Approximately 550 1 1/16" pins
- 125 3 inch fabric squares
(40 squares of two colors each)
(45 squares of the third color that will be the center star)
- 2 Pearl or Metallic pins
- 2 pieces of 1/8" ribbon (cut to 30" ea.)
- 2 pieces of 5/8" ribbon (cut to 30" ea.)
- 2 pieces of 7/8" ribbon (cut to 30" ea.)

Supplied by Guild Programs Committee

CUT THESE SQUARES AT HOME

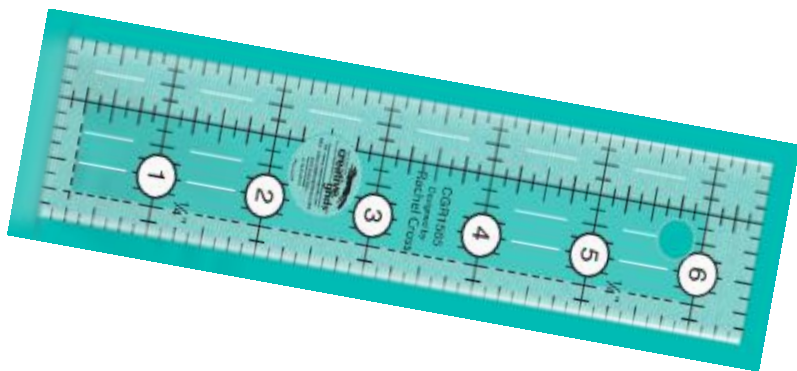
Finishing can be done at home, No need to bring ribbons to the meeting



Lightly starch your fabric before you cut it into 3" squares.

Bring a Sharpie & scissors for cutting paper.

Bring a small ruler similar to below that clearly indicates the 1/4" spaces. If you don't have one, it is well worth buying. Wooden Bridge carries Creative Grid rulers. I use mine often!



Calendar of Events

from the editor

November 3-18, Eastern PA Shop Hop, passport \$5,
[Facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop](https://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop).

November 9-18, Quilter's Quest Shop Hop in MD and
Northern VA, www.quiltersquest.org.

November 16-18, 10am-4pm, Open House Jackie's
Woolens, Fleetwood, PA,
jackieswoolens@gmail.com.

November 25, 26, December 1-3, Christmas in the Corn
Shed, Fleetwood, PA, [www.facebook.com/ShopThe
CornShed](https://www.facebook.com/ShopTheCornShed).

December 1-3, Kringle Christmas Shoppe, Haycock Twp.
Community Center, Quakertown, PA,
www.haycockhistoricalsociety.org.

December 2-3, The Goschenhoppen Historians
Pennsylvania German Christmas Market,
www.GoschenhoppenEvents.com.

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.allevents.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.

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.

Guild Calendar

from the editor

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017 - **Guild Meeting, 7pm.**,
The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, November 11, 2017 – **Sit & Sew**, Faith
Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, 10:15am-4:00pm.

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