



# Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

We Are Crazy About Quilting

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## From The President

Valerie Johnson

I hope that like me, you are starting to settle into a fall routine. Summer always seems so crazy busy no matter how much or how little I have on my calendar. I think that I just try to fit as many things as possible in while the weather is nice and the days are long. I have to say though that fall is my favorite season. I love the cooler weather and I don't even mind the shorter days. I love the idea of curling up with a good book or a good sewing project.

I feel lucky to have been inspired to sew as a young girl. My mom was an excellent seamstress although she was not a quilter. She taught me the basics of sewing and always encouraged my creativity by supplying me with nearly endless fabric and supplies. Early on I worked mostly on making clothing, first for my dolls and then by 6<sup>th</sup> grade, for myself. There was something magical about picking out fabric and a pattern and creating something unique. Our sewing machine was in the dining room and the buffet rather than holding fancy dishes and linens held fabric scraps and sewing notions. The dining room table was perfect for laying out patterns. I dabbled with making quilts in high school, a gift for a friend, a pillow for my room etc. My first serious quilt was a gift for my boyfriend (now husband) when I was in college. I think that sealed the deal, with his mom as least. She knew I was a "keeper".

I loved the theme of the talk of our speaker, Rachel Rossi, gave in September. Her topic "Bringing Quilting to the Next Generation" brought back so many fond memories for me. It also inspired me to think of ways to pass along my love of sewing and quilting to my daughter and granddaughters. Rachel calls quilting a "timeless and treasured tradition". I couldn't agree more. My daughter has her own home now and she was very excited to add quilts made by her grandmother and great grandmother to her décor. I'm not sure she's quite ready to bust out the sewing machine I gave to her and make a quilt for herself but someday maybe. She definitely likes to create things

## **The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild**

meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM  
except November at

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit  
3461 Cedar Crest Boulevard  
Emmaus, PA

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## Guild Officers

President: Valerie Johnson  
Vice-President: Jane Merkel  
Secretary: Suzanne Nelson  
Treasurer: Kathy Moore  
Programming Officer: Nicole Folino  
Membership Officers: Janet Tryson & Janet Yandrisevits

## Guild Calendar

Oct 1 – **Quilters Studio** 5:45 pm  
**Guild Meeting**, 7pm,  
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,  
Emmaus, PA

Oct 5 – **Sit & Sew**, 10:15 – 3 or 4  
Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA

October 30 – November 3, **International Quilt Show Trip**, Houston, TX



## From the President (Continued)

My granddaughters also are developing an appreciation of quilts. I have made several for them already and it makes me so happy to see them using them. One is their favorite picnic blanket and one is the favorite snuggle on the couch blanket. I got a sewing machine to store at their house for incidental sewing while I visit. It allowed the three year old to work on a project with Gramma Val on a recent visit. Her attention span was short but she enjoyed helping and seeing the finished product, a little fabric storybook for her baby sister. Now I have to plan a project for my next visit!

Best always,  
Val



## **Late breaking request for help!**

### **Help with Minutes at the October Meeting**

Suzanne Nelson, our secretary, has been called away on short notice to help out her pregnant daughter who lives in California. She will not be able to attend the October Guild Meeting. If you can help out by taking minutes, please let her know asap! (Suzanne will have a template all ready to go – you will essentially just need to fill in the blanks.)



### **Program Chair SOS**

As many of you already know our current Programs Chair, Nicole Folino, has taken a full-time job that unfortunately requires her to work on Tuesday nights. She has done a great job of filling in the calendar for the year with speakers and other programming. Only one date (June 2) remains unplanned. **We need someone immediately to pick up where Nicole left off. If this is something that might interest you please let Val Johnson know asap.**

## Programs and Workshops

Nicole Folino

In October we welcome Lisa White-Reber of Dippy Dye. She will do her lecture "Can I dye this?" Lisa White Reber is a proud, self-confessed dye geek. Starting with the basics of dyeing quilting fabric, her exploration of dyes has expanded to include many different dyes for different fabrics. More dyeing led to the creation of her hand-dye business, DippyDyes, in 2008, followed by a regular schedule vending at quilt shows since 2009. Teaching dyeing at many of these shows followed in 2012, with students returning year after year to learn new skills for use in their own creations. <https://www.dippydyes.com/>

## Sit & Sew

Helen Hanton

Sit & Sew will meet Saturday, October 5th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus. Bring your projects, machine, light, extension cord, and lunch.

There is plenty of room to spread out. Help and opinions abound. Come share the fun.

## Community Service

Kathie Laposata

Do you sit down to dinner with placemats to brighten your table? I know I do. Clients of our local Meals on Wheels would love to have a placemat to make their homes a little more 'homey.' You have the fabric and the imagination, and I hope you have the time to make some this year. It can be a holiday theme, or something that would be good year-round. I sometimes make them with holiday fabric on one side and year-round fabric on the other. And remember, there are men receiving Meals on Wheels also. I'm hoping you will overwhelm me with Meals on Wheels placemats at our October and December meetings. Thanks.

## Raffle Quilt Marketing

Our season is well underway! The stapling party, comprised of Lorraine Bujnowski, Diana Defanti, Helen Hanton, Val Johnson, Kathy Moore, Rhonda Moore, Karen Rush, Nancy Scholz, and Linda Wojciechowski, met at atZion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Old Zionsville, PA on Tuesday, September 10 to staple tickets.

Members can pick up their tickets at the October 1 meeting. I will be set up at the tables outside our meeting room. You may get your tickets prior to the meeting (I'll be there by 6:45 PM) or during break. Please do not interrupt the program or our business meeting. Contact me directly if we need to make special arrangements to get your tickets to you. Look for information about my R.I.P. (Reward Incentive Program) in November.

Our first show at Oaks was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve as white gloves and/or sold raffle tickets over those four days. Ticket sales have been very encouraging!

Keep thinking of creative ways to entice people up to the table to see the quilt and purchase tickets. The lollipop bouquet was nice, but I feel we need something different and perhaps interactive to spark more interest. If you know of other venues (local area preferred) that we should explore, let me know.

The list of upcoming events for the raffle quilt can be found on our website:  
<http://www.crazyquilters.org/raffle%20quilt.html>

Sue Marin



## Show and Tell

Lorraine Bujnowski and Roberta Whitcomb

Thank you to the following members who participated in Show and Tell at our meeting on September 3rd:

Betsy Golden, Deb Veshinsky, Mercedes Gurniak (2), Jane Merkel, Carole Whaling, Valerie Barber, Marsha Heimann (2), Suzanne Nelson (2), Agnes Rayone, Debbie Heeps (2), Kathie Laposata (2), Sam Cetrulo, Adele Bush, Lorraine Bujnowski

## Hospitality

Diana DeFanti

Thanks to the volunteers who provided the refreshments at our September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. They were Kathy Moore, Nancy Scholz, Kathie Laposata, Nancy Skok, Sandra Mugridge, and Valerie Barber.

Volunteers for the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting are Ronnie Moore, Irene Madalena, Roberta Aeschliman, Mercedes Gurniak, Betsy Golden, Lorraine Bujnowski, Kim Bringhurst. You will receive a reminder the week prior to the meeting.

## Quilters Studio

Julie Borden

The October Quilters Studio will begin at 5:45 when we will learn more fabric dying tips from our own member, Nancy Ayers. **Please RSVP to Julie Borden.**

## Optical Illusion Quilt Challenge January 2020

Samantha Cetrulo

Pledge sheets for the challenge were out at the last meeting. I had a couple of people turn them in and I hope to see more at the next meeting. Let me know if you have any questions about the Optical Illusion Challenge! Happy Sewing! It's not too late to work on a project for the challenge. <http://www.crazyquilters.org/challenge%20quilt.html>



## The Quilt Retreat for 2019

Sandy O'Connor

We have enough people signed up for the retreat. Thanks to all that signed up.

## Library

Michele McLaughlin

Sharon Yurkanin has volunteered to bring the raffle gift in October! Thank you Sharon!

## Getting To Know You

Jane Merkel

This month I am featuring two ladies who can always be found side by side at our monthly quilt meetings. They are **Doris Horwath** and **Ruth Hoffman**. Both ladies share a love of gardening and are co-presidents in the Countryside Garden Club. To support the work of the garden club, they have formed a weekly quilt group (of garden club members) and proceeds from their quilt efforts help sustain the garden club efforts.

Doris has at least four sewing machines, including a shuttle run treadle, an old family Kenmore, and newer Brother machines. She is a hand quilter. She and her four sisters all knew how to sew. Their mother was especially creative. She recalls that as kids, they walked to the next farm and bought feed sacks for 50 cents to make clothing for themselves. The genes continue to run in her family as her daughter and granddaughter also quilt. Doris is retired from Lehigh Valley Hospital Center and as most retirees is busier than ever!



Ruth on the other hand is the only one in her family who has a love of quilting and she truly likes designing her own quilts and doing machine quilting. She does less quilting in the summer because being outside in her garden is important to her. She also is quite taken with the Modern quilt movement. Her favorite charity in guild is the Camp Erin quilt making. She is always anxious to learn new things and enjoys our programs. She is ever so glad Doris invited her to attend a Crazy Quilters Meeting.

Both ladies live in the Southern Lehigh area. Both like the camaraderie of guild, participate in charity projects, enter our challenge events, and love show and tell. Both ladies also volunteer at the Kutztown Folk Festival in the Quilt Barn. They are a delightful duo, please say hello and share some "quilt talk."

## Membership

Janet Yandrisevits and Janet Tryson

Our September meeting was attended by 52 members, and we welcomed a new face and member, Phillis Walden. She is an intermediate level quilter who lives in Bethlehem, and is retired after 35 years' service with the US Postal Service. She has a growing family with 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren -- she is a lucky lady!

So far we have 60 members who have paid their membership dues for the 2019-2020 year. Membership renewals will continue to be accepted at the October 1 meeting, and new members are always welcomed throughout the year.

The name tag raffle was entered by 32 members who were rewarded for wearing a name tag by being entered into the drawing for a prize of a fat quarter. Our winner was Jane Merkel



## October

10/2 Lois Drendall  
10/4 Michele McLaughlin  
10/4 Roberta Whitcomb  
10/5 Ann Lineberger  
10/12 Doris Horwath  
10/13 Lyndda Cromeans  
10/13 Nancy Scholz  
10/14 Roberta Aeschliman  
10/14 Nancy Keeler  
10/24 Maria Hance  
10/29 Patricia Piasecki  
10/29 Judy Walker

## November

Nov 5 Kathy Moore  
Nov 14 Julie Borden  
Nov 15 Nancy Brudellie  
Nov 17 Sue Marin  
Nov 19 Jane Merkel  
Nov 20 Nancy Dunham

## Sunshine and Shadows

Jackie Leipert

Congratulations to our members who entered and won ribbons at the Allentown Fair. Those participants who were at our September 3rd meeting showing us their quilts, were Judy Walker, Best of Show; Karen Hartzell, Blue Ribbon; Kathie Laposata, Blue Ribbon; Samantha Cetrulo and Diana De Fanti. If you too had a quilt in the Fair and were not at the September meeting, please let me know.

If you know of any member who needs cheering up or TLC email me.

## Member News and Requests

### Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group

Michele McLaughlin

If you are interested in learning about old and vintage quilts, why not consider attending a quilt study meeting? Meetings are held at the Hellertown Public Library, weather permitting.

If you have questions or wish to be placed on the email list, email Michele McLaughlin.

### Long Arm Machine Quilting Help

Roberta Aeschliman

Member, Roberta Aeschliman, is willing to help people finish quilts for veterans. Her email is [rjaartdealer@gmail.com](mailto:rjaartdealer@gmail.com).

### Stamps for the V.A.

Mercedes Gurniak

Please bring cancelled stamps, **with ¼ inch of the envelope remaining around the stamp**, for the V.A. The stamps are used to decoupage items for sale in the gift shop

### Yarn for Cedarbrook

Ruth Skinner

I am still accepting yarn of all size skeins or balls to make shawls for Cedar Brook Nursing Home residents.

## Did you know...?

Thanks to the fifteen people who filled out "Getting to know a bit about each other" surveys at the September meeting I have some ***Crazy Quilter Fun Facts*** to share with you...

In this group of 15:

- Total years of sewing experience – 495. That doesn't include one forever and one lifetime!
- Total years of quilting experience – 328+. That's a 21.9+ year average!
- Total number of machines - 52. That number may be low since I know I didn't include two machines I technically own but keep else where, just in case.
- Dark chocolate was favored slightly over milk chocolate.
- Wine was favored slightly over coffee. There were three tea drinkers and one who prefers whiskey. I love thinking outside the box!
- The favorite color was a little hard to define. Every color including black was represented. I would say the favorite color of Crazy Quilters is definitely Rainbow!

The fun isn't over yet. The surveys will be available at the October meeting. Please fill one out. Did I mention there will be prizes? Thanks for playing. -Val



If you bring items that are placed on the table in the back of our meeting room for others to take home, please remember to take away with you anything you brought that has not been claimed by another guild member.

## **Events**

### **2019**

**Sept 21-22**, Lehigh Valley Fiber Fest, Macungie Memorial Park <http://www.lvfiberfest.com/>

**Sept 21**, Hope Township celebrating 250 years. Over 30 antique quilts on display. St. John's Methodist Church, High Street, Hope, NJ, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Sept 28**, Lancaster Modern, Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Oct 11 -12**, Keystone Quilters, 2019 Quilt Show "Beauty and the Batik, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Zeigler Rd, Pennsburg, PA, 10 a.m. [www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org).

**Nov. 1-16**, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern PA Shop Hop, "Pennsylvania Rainbows". [www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop/](http://www.facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop)

**Nov 8-9**, Lebanon Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Lebanon Area Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
<https://lebanonquiltersguild.com/exhibition-of-quilts/>

**Dec 7**, IndieMade at Starlight Ballroom, Fearless Fire Co., 1221 S. Front Street, Allentown, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
<https://www.indiemadecraftmarket.com/>

### **Open Call for Entries**

The organizers of Art Quilt Elements in Wayne, PA, are currently accepting quilt entries for their show that runs from March 29 – May 2, 2020. The event will be held at the Wayne Arts Center in Wayne, PA. Entries must be received by **October 13, 2019**. An entry fee of \$45 is required. This is a juried show and all items must be eligible for sale. For more information, visit [www.artquilelements.org](http://www.artquilelements.org).

**May 2-3**, Colonial Quilters Guild, Quiltfest 2020  
Charles Chrin Community Center of Palmer Township  
4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA  
[www.colonialquilters.org](http://www.colonialquilters.org)

### **2020**

**March 25-28**, The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Double Tree Willow Valley Resort. [www.lancasterquiltweek.com](http://www.lancasterquiltweek.com)

**March 28-29**, County Line Quilters, A Quilters Home quilt show, St. Cyril Jerusalem Social Hall, 1410 Almshouse Rd., Jamison, PA. [www.countylinequilters.org](http://www.countylinequilters.org)

## **Committee Chairs**

**Challenge:** Sam Cetrulo

**Community Service:** Kathie Laposata

**Communication Chain:** Diane Pesola

**Historical:** Rhonda Moore

**Hospitality:** Diana DeFanti

**Library:** Michele McLaughlin and Dawn Martrich

**Modern Bee:** Nicole Folino

**Newsletter:** Karen Rush

**Publicity:** Linda Wojciechowski

**Quilters Studio:** Julie Borden

**Quilt Raffle Marketing:** Sue Marin

**Raffle Quilt Creation:** Jane Merkel

**Retreat:** Sandy O'Conner

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

**Sit & Sew:** Helen Hanton

**Sunshine and Shadows:** Jackie Leipert

**Website:** Nancy Scholz



There will not be a newsletter in November.  
The deadline for the Dember newsletter is **Monday, November 18th.**