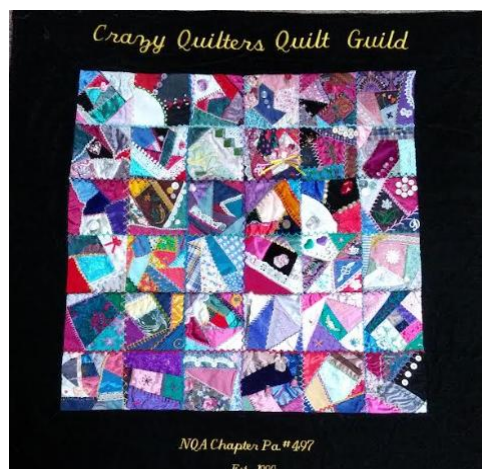




Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Katrina Idleman

September is filled with endings and beginnings. Summer wanes, fall's shorter days approach. Youngsters leave behind vacation freedom to return to the classroom. Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild ends one guild year and starts the next. We closed the 2025-2026 year feasting on ice cream in August and are returning to a new slate of guild officers in September. A big "Thank You!" to Jessica and all of last year's officers and volunteers!

I am excited to be serving as president this year and look forward to supporting – and being supported by – such a creative, skilled, and generous group of quilters. My life as a quilter started when I befriended a quilter in graduate school. I loved the geometry, the use of a kaleidoscope of fabrics, and the freedom to create. I soon gained a mother-in-law who was a gifted quilter and generous mentor. Since then, my time at the sewing machine has ebbed and flowed with the seasons of my life and of the year. After my garden gets put to bed in the fall, my studio (a corner in the basement!) takes its place as a valued escape to color and beauty.

Take a look at our fall program line up – what a variety! Whether you love to quilt for a cause, want to journey to Japan to meet indigo dyeing masters, or need a little inspiration to make your workspace more work-able, there is something for you. We're off to a great start!

The Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild
meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
at Calvary Baptist Church-Allentown

Guild Officers

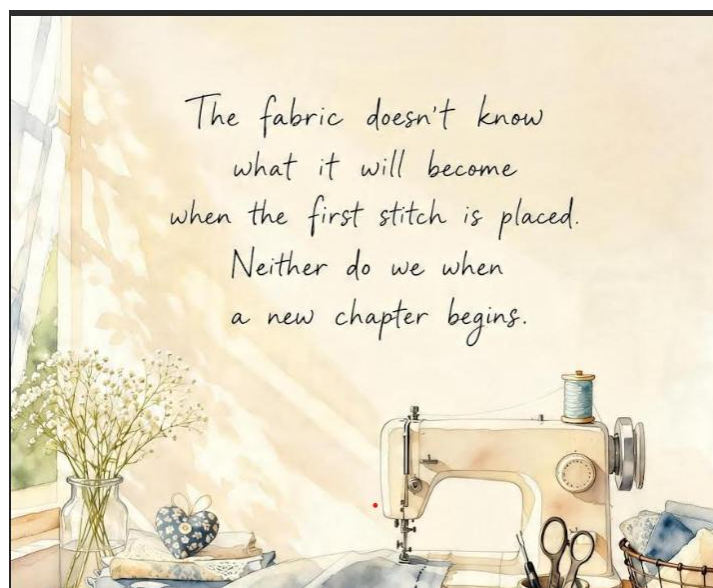
President: Katrina Idleman
Vice-President: Karen Rush
Secretary: Jane Rossetti
Treasurer: Kathy Moore
Programming Officer: Jessica Dayon
Membership Officers: Irene Oehmke & Nancy Snyder

Guild Calendar

Monthly Guild Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Sit 'n Sews: In-person, Sept 26 10:15 – 4:00;

Virtual, Sept 23 6:30 – 8:30



September 1, 2026 – Ann Parsons Holte - Quilts for a Cause



Since there have been quilters, we have been making quilts for causes. The cause might be something small and personal such as raising money for a family in need. The cause might be national and urgent such as calling attention to the issue of the abolition of slavery. Since the Civil War, quilts have been made to support and memorialize soldiers. This lecture focuses on these kinds of quilts and introduces a technique for making quilts completely on a home sewing machine.

IN PERSON WORKSHOP -- September 8, 2026- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine

This variation on the quilt-as-you-go technique was developed in order to help quilters who want to make quilts for the Quilts of Valor project. With this technique, an individual quilter or a group can complete a quilt on home machines without the backlog of waiting for a longarm to become available. Of course, the technique can be adapted to many quilt patterns.

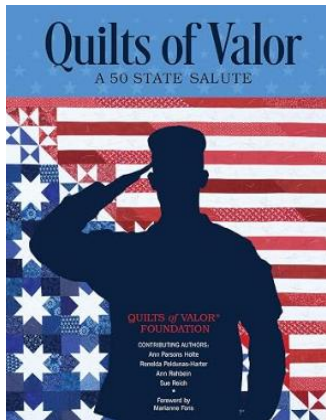
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 9am to 4pm, with a 1hr lunch break from 12-1; doors open at 8am for set up

Location: Calvary Baptist Church

Cost for guild members: \$45 per person

[Link to an AQS video featuring Anne and this process.](#)



The “quilt as you go” idea is not new, but this technique will allow you to attach blocks with almost any width of sashing on the front of the quilt – a problem that has plagued this technique for years. In this workshop, Ann will teach you to adapt the BAT Quilting technique to quilts of many different sizes of blocks and sashing while you complete a quilt that is about 54” square.

This workshop is a 6 hour, in-person workshop. Prep work required for this class. The prep work handout will be available to read with the sign-up folder at monthly meetings and will be emailed to you upon signing up.

October 6, 2026 – Lilo Bowman- Love Where You Create: It's Not a One Size Fits Solution

Our studios are deeply personal spaces—filled with the tools, materials, and ideas we love. But when things start piling up, even the most beloved studio can become overwhelming, frustrating, or simply unusable. If you find yourself spending less time creating because your space no longer supports how you work, it may be time for a thoughtful refresh. In this lecture, Lilo Bowman shares practical, realistic approaches to shaping a creative space that fits your life right now—your space, your budget, and your working style. Drawing on real artist studios and lived experience, she offers adaptable ideas rather than rigid rules. Participants leave with renewed confidence, fresh perspective, and actionable ideas they can apply immediately to create a studio that feels supportive, functional, and inviting again.



November 6, 2026 – Patricia Belyea- Indigo Adventures in Japan

Join Patricia as she takes your guild to Japan for insider experiences to meet indigo masters, visit dyeing studios, tour an indigo farm, and more. Patricia finishes with a display of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

December 1, 2026 – Holiday Potluck Dinner

January 5, 2027 – Annual Guild Challenge Meeting at Calvary Baptist

**** See the details from your Challenge Chairs in their article below.**

February 2, 2027 – Bea Byrne- Kick Out Your Inner Critic and Make It

Is everyone else making amazing quilts and yours don't seem to measure up? Or maybe you don't enter your quilts into shows because you don't think they're good enough? Or even you'd like to call yourself an Artist with a capital A but you're embarrassed. Anything sound familiar? Imposter syndrome is something that impacts almost everybody at some point. But there's good news! It doesn't have to control you. In this lecture we look at recognizing what's happening and how to conquer those fears. Ideal for encouraging people to enter quilt shows and share their work.

POSSIBLE ZOOM WORKSHOP with Bea Byrne

March 2, 2027 – Jody Beck- Jody's Jems Journey: The First 12 Years

Jody will share her quilting journey through many states and show the inspiration behind the first 21 Jody's Jems patterns.

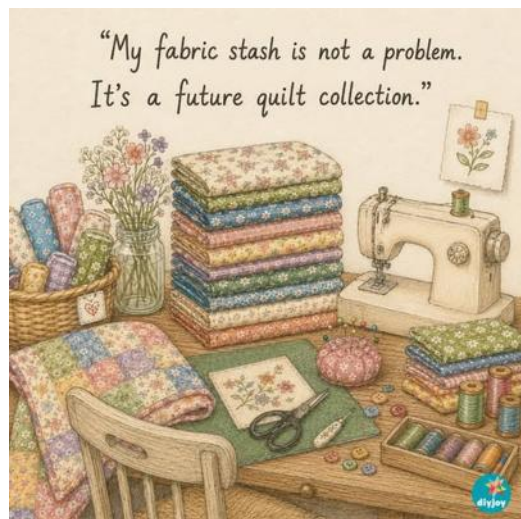
April 6, 2027 – Pending

May 4, 2027 – Margaret Fleisher- Discovery Through Repetition

Margaret will share her six 100 Day Projects and describe how daily practice, play and experimentation have increased her skills, broadened her outlook and helped her find her creative voice. All of this while having fun, too!

June 1, 2027 – Jamee Pemberton- From Gifts of Love to Finding my Artist Voice

This lecture is a trunk show of my quilting journey. I fell in love right from the start with this art form; and with boundless energy, I jumped in with both feet passionately and prolifically making quilts! This enthusiastic lecture will include loads of quilts and my stories and inspirations for creating them. This lecture should leave you feeling reflective and joyful about your own quilt journey and hopefully will impart some inspiring ideas for your next creations!



IN PERSON WORKSHOP at Calvary Baptist

June 2, 2027 – Jamee Pemberton- Scrap Happy

In this workshop we will explore many ways to organize and USE UP your scraps to make beautiful quilts. It is very rewarding to make beautiful things with leftovers. It also invigorates your creativity to "make do" with fabrics on hand. You can focus on only using scraps or selecting one fabric as a cohesive element while using your scraps. I will provide you with several patterns and ideas. Before the class you will be given a small homework assignment to organize your scraps before bringing them to the class. Plan to make a small quilt or project during this class. We will cover string quilts, made fabric quilts, rainbow quilts, working improvisationally and a whole lot more. Bring your scraps, I will also bring mine to share, and let's have fun. This is a full day workshop and runs from 9-3:30. Doors will open at 8 AM. Lunch will be 30 minutes.

July 6, 2027 – Pending

August 3, 2027 – Annual Social

How to Make a Design Board. September Quilter's Studio will start at 5:30 before our September guild meeting. I've previously done a Quilters Studio on this topic but I have had members ask about it because they missed it the first time. So, I'm revisiting the topic. If you would like to make one with me, please bring a 9" square foam poster board (or larger and we can cut it), a scrap of batting that is at least 9" square, and 1- 2 1/2" x 42" strip of fabric. I will bring the hot glue. Please email me to let you know if you are coming. If I don't not get any responses, I will cancel the Quilters Studio for September.

2026 Challenge

Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin, Quinn Pagano

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's quilt challenge. This year's challenge will be a little different because there will be two main categories: Upcycled/Recycled and America 250.

For Upcycled/Recycled, make a quilt or other item using repurposed fabric from old clothes or an old quilt. The idea is to take something old such as fabric from an old garment or an old quilt and make something new. You can use leftover fabric from a quilt project to make something different, but don't just remake the same over again. You can also take an item of clothing and transform it. (Remember the examples that Bethanne showed us?)

For America 250, create something to celebrate America's 250th birthday. It can be red, white, and blue or it can feature something that is all American.

For both of these options, we will have the following categories:

- Large Quilt (40" X 40" or larger)
- Small Quilt (less than 40" X 40")
- Other (placemats, totes, garments. Wearable art, etc.)
- Original (any product, quilt or otherwise, that was not a purchased pattern created by someone else. This must come out of your own imagination. (If your product was inspired by another creator, please give them credit).

In addition, we will have some other special awards:

- Best Quilt that falls into both categories
- Best Use of Color
- Best Workmanship
- I Wish I Made That

Better Done Than Perfect

Kim Carlo



Remember to sign in at the membership desk with the name of the project from the list you submitted. You will show your finished projects during the Show 'n' Tell section at the monthly meetings.

August Mini-Challenge Winners - Congratulations to Anne Maberry (1st place), Pat Piasecki (2nd) and Lori Mauer (3rd) for taking ribbons in our ice cream themed mini-challenge. Thanks to all of those who participated.

Sit 'n Sew

Linda Wojciechowski & Cathleen Kilpatrick

The in-person Sit 'n Sew at Faith Presbyterian has been rescheduled to **Saturday, September 26, 10:15 – 4 pm**. Bring your project or work on Community Service projects.

After many years, Judy Walker (who previously was holder of the key) will no longer be able to open & close the site. Many thanks to Judy and her predecessor, Linda Wojciechowski for giving of their time all these years.



We need volunteers to open and close the Fellowship Hall at Faith Presbyterian for the monthly Sit 'n Sews. The Sit 'n Sew hours are 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and typically the 3rd Saturday of each month unless the Church advises of an activity.

If we do not get a volunteer, the future of these gatherings may be in jeopardy.

Virtual Sit 'n' Sews from May through October will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The time will alternate between evening (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and afternoon (1:30 – 4 PM). The virtual Sit 'n' Sew September will be held **Wednesday, September 23 from 6:30 – 8:30**.



Hospitality

Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

“True hospitality consists of giving the best of yourself to your guests.” -

Eleanor Roosevelt

Thank you to the members who brought toppings for our ice cream social. They were Janet Yandrisevits, Lori Maurer, Lori Smith, Nancy Shannon, Donna Gasser, Pat Piasecki, Irene Oehmke and Linda Anderson. Special thanks to my 2 Sandys (Sandy O'Connor and Sandra Mugridge) for assisting weekly and those who scooped out the ice cream. We hope you all liked the assortment and the Tillamook brand of ice cream in addition to the root beer float.

Members who signed up to bring an item for our September meeting are: Karen Hartzell, Pat Piasecki, Donna Gasser, Doreen Gramling, Quinn Pagano, and Lorraine Bujnowski. A reminder will be sent prior to the meeting

Membership

Pat Piasecki and Quinn Pagano

We had 60 members in attendance at our August meeting. Those members celebrating a birthday in September are:



YURKANIN	SHARON	SEPT 2
SEGMUND	CAROL	SEPT 3
IOBST	DONNA	SEPT 7
WHALING*	CAROLE	SEPT 10
RUSH	KAREN	SEPT 12
DENGLER	DAWN	SEPT 16
OEHMKE	IRENE	SEPT 16
SNYDER	NANCY	SEPT 19
JONES*	TAMI	SEPT 20
ANDERSON	LINDA	SEPT 29

Membership Dues for the 2026 – 2027 year are now being collected. The cost is \$45/year. Make checks payable to Crazy Quilters Quilt Guild. **ALL MEMBERS** should check your contact information on the membership list to make sure everything is correct. A new, updated list will be sent out soon.

Community Service

Dawn Dengler, Kathie Laposata & Pat Piasecki

September is both Hunger Action Month and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

In support of both, we're encouraging members to sew quilted placemats for our annual autumn donation for clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley (MOWGLV), <https://www.facebook.com/MOWGLV/> and, also, to sew cheerful pillowcases to contribute to Ryan's Case for Smiles' Miles of Pillowcase Smiles (MOPS) Campaign for hospitalized kids, <https://www.facebook.com/people/Case-for-Smiles-Lehigh-Valley-Berks-Chapter/61587626488524/>.

On the last Thursday of the month (so August 27th and September 24th) starting at 9 am until about noon at Wooden Bridge Dry Goods, <https://justplainbusiness.com/wooden-bridge-dry-goods/>, the Case for Smiles Lehigh Valley - Berks Chapter holds their monthly Pillowcase Sew Day. The chapter provides fabric for volunteers to cut and/or sew. Email Kim Lutz, the chapter coordinator, at Kim@case4smileslehigh@gmail.com, if you plan to attend so they have an idea of how many people to expect.

At the September 1st monthly CQQG meeting, we'll have precut kits of a variety of projects near the sign-in table for members to take home to sew.

And at the September 26th Sit and Sew at Faith Presbyterian, Emmaus, we'll be collecting any types of completed community service projects and providing supplies to sew placemats or pillowcases.

We're working on scheduling an Autumn Sewcial to sew quilted placemats together. We'll let you know as soon as the location and date are confirmed.



Community Service (Continued)

Since the last newsletter, CQQG members donated:

61 placemats to add to our annual autumn donation for the 800+ clients of Meals on Wheels Greater Lehigh Valley

27 pillowcases for kids, to be distributed to local hospitals by the Lehigh Valley-Berks chapter of Ryan's Case for Smiles

2 breast cancer comfort pillows that will be distributed to local patients by The CHEMO Bag,

<https://www.facebook.com/TheChemoBag/>

10 preemie blankets for LVHN NICU babies

17 preemie prone bears for LVHN NICU babies

5 wheelchair blankets for local nursing homes

1 quilted blanket for The Kindness Project <https://www.facebook.com/My.T.K.P/>

Remember, we have Hobbs Bonded Fibers Heirloom Premium 80/20 Blend Quilt Batting available for Community Service Charity Quilts. Please let Dawn Dengler or Kathie Laposata know the size(s) you want brought to the meeting. (First requested, first served; we still have yards of 96" wide batting.)

Thanks to the many CQQG members for not only sewing community service projects but also for donating supplies and preparing kits for other members to sew!

Thanks to all of you, we've had a very productive year and hope to continue to encourage and facilitate our guild's community service efforts for our new year!!

Crazy Quilt Retreat

Sandy O'Connor

Get ready! It's time for the Crazy Quilt Retreat!!!

Just as the last several years, the retreat will be held at the Blue Lake House 14 Ross Rd. Denver PA 17517

The retreat length will be 5 days like last year. The dates for this

Sew/Vacation are Wednesday, November 11th, to Sunday, November 15th.

Set up your sewing machine for the 5 day sew! SEW, SHOP, EAT, REPEAT! It's all FUN! Sleep and relax too, your call!

The cost for all four nights is \$287.00 per person.

We can take 14 people. If some people want to room together, we can take a few more. Call now to reserve your spot.

In September/October, more information will be sent to those who have signed up. Last year we planned on some additional activities to do during the retreat.

If you're interested in the retreat, please text / call Sandy O'Conno.



Show and Tell – August 2026



Carole Whaling



Deb Veshnfsky

d Tell



Karen Rush



Debbie Goodwin



Doreen Gramling



Jane Rossetti





Linda Anderson



Lorraine Bujnowski



Nancy Ayers



Ruth Smith



Suzanne Nelson

Better Done than Perfect



Suzanne Nelson

Committees

Challenge: Kim Carlo, Debra Goodwin & Quinn Pagano

Community Service: Dawn Dengler, Kathie Laposata & Pat Piasecki

Fundraising & Ways & Means: TBD

Historical: Karen Hartzell

Hospitality: Diana DeFanti & Sandy O'Connor

Newsletter & Communications: Susan Marin

Publicity: Linda Wojciechowski

Quilters Studio: Jessica Dayon

Retreat: Sandy O'Conner

Show and Tell: Suzanne Nelson & Lori Maurer

Sit & Sew: Linda Wojciechowski (In-Person) & Cathleen Kilpatrick (Virtual)

Sunshine and Shadows: Linda Anderson

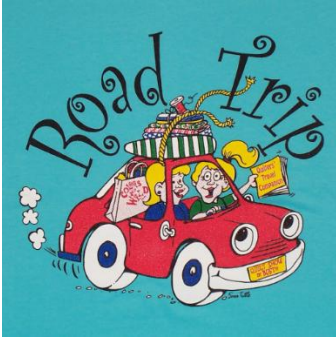
Technology: Kim Carlo, Katrina Idelman, Cathleen Kilpatrick, Gail Shearer

Website: Nancy Scholz



**Reminder: Newsletter Deadline is always the 21st of the Month
Mark your calendars!**

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026

July 5-Nov 5 -- Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center presents a quilt exhibit by Jamee Pemberton, *From Gifts of Love to Finding My Artistic Voice* [Changing Exhibits — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#)

Sept 8 -- Ann Parsons Holte- BAT (Block-at-a-time) Quilting Technique: Finish an Entire Quilt on Your Home Machine

Sept 17-20 – Pennsylvania National Quilt Show Extravaganza, Oaks, PA
[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza » Mancuso Show Management](#)

Sept 18 – Quilters Yard Sale, MCC Material Resources Center, 517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA
8 am – 4 pm

Sept 19 – Airing of the Quilts and Quilt Fest, Gardenspot Village, 433 S. Kinzer Ave, New Holland, PA 17557. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Feature: Illustrated Lecture by local Art Historian Gloria Mast entitled “Crazy Quilts & Scrap Boxes” [Airing of the Quilts & Quilt Fest - Garden Spot Village](#)

October 2-3 – Berks Quilters Guild quilt show, “Quilts from the Heart of Berks”, Leesport Farmers Market, 312 Gernants Church Road, Leesport, PA.

October 9-10 – Keystone Quilters Quilt Show, “Freedom of Expression”, Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg, PA. [Keystone Quilters](#)

October 17 & 18 – Warwick Valley Quilter’s Guild 2026 Show, Stars of the Valley, featuring Paula Nadelstern, Sanfordville Elementary School, 144 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY

October 17 & 18 -- Courthouse Quilters Guild is proud to present the 2026 **Quilts in the Mill** Show, Prallsville Mills, Route 29, Stockton, NJ [courthousequilters.org - Quilt Show](#)

October 22-24 – [Faithful Circle Quilters’ Guild](#) 2026 Quilt Show, Chesapeake Bay Blues Quilt Show. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md, 21045

October 23-24 – [Valley Forge Homestead Quilt Guild Show](#), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 132 E Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA

October 23 – Nov 7 – 23rd Eastern PA Shop Hop. “Harvest Beauty” by Kansas Studio.
[Facebook.com/EasternPASHopHop](#)

November 6-8 – Fall Harvest of Quilts, Pleasant Valley Community Firehall in Westminster, MD

November 14-15 – Newtown Quilters’ Guild’s 2026 Quilt Show at Newtown Middle School, 116 Newtown-Richboro Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Saturday’s hours are 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sunday’s hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Contact newtownquilters@gmail.com.

Workshops highlighted in red are Crazy Quilter Guild events.

If you discover any events to be added, please send to marinmuse2@gmail.com.