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CRAZY QUILTERS GUILD NEWSLETTER – Jan/Feb 2020



From the President

By Vicki Nardone

My quilting buddies,

Thank you so much for the magnificent quilt- I absolutely adore it, but I am even more touched by all the kind words inscribed. It already has a home hanging in my living room and I am enjoying it every day. I am truly humbled.

Our past meeting was a wonderful start to our new year- thank you all for the participation. There are still a few decisions to be made, as well as volunteers needed, but I hope that by our next meeting, we will have all our ducks in a row.

I am still reeling from the shock of Mary-Lee Turner's passing, and I am sure I am not alone. We will do something for her soon, and I will be back in touch when we have a date.

On a happier note, Road to California is next week-for those going, have a blast! A special thanks to Mary Mcadara for her efforts organizing.

Lastly, I wanted to share the following with you.

Till next time, happy quilting.

Vicki

Craft in America Exhibit (<https://www.craftinamerica.org/exhibition/quilts>)

Did you see Craft in America: Quilts on PBS on December 27, 2019? If not, the episode (and others) are available online on PBS and YouTube.

We have the opportunity to view the work of the featured quilters at an exhibit at the Craft in America Center, 8415 W 3rd Street, Los Angeles.

The exhibit, "Quilts: Highlights from the Episode" runs from 1/1/20 through 3/7/20. It is open Tuesday - Saturday 12-6.





Membership



By Linda Nelson

Thank you for the beneficial discussions and input at the January meeting. It was an important beginning toward setting our 2020 guild goals. Please continue to let us know ideas that you have for Crazy Quilters this year.

Suggestions were made from you to also look locally as a source for our philanthropy. We are exploring local outlets for our quilts and to also make pillowcases.

Welcome to our newest member Mary Sinclair. Her information can be found on the membership page of our guild website.

With sadness I mention the passing this month of our member Mary-Lee Turner on January 12th. Per Mary-Lee's wishes there will not be a service.

Remember your dues for 2020 may be mailed to me or paid at the February meeting. Dues are still \$35. My address is:
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January Birthdays

Fran Nuelle	9
Audrey Bowman	11
Mona Bonbright	13
Mary Bushnell	19
Judith Karabelnik	29
Betty Khzouz	31
Mary Sinclair	31

February Birthdays

Elaine Weinstein	2
Mary Payne	5
Carol Charlton	11
Ann Cout	11
Linda Le Due	13
Judy Ann Dimmick	14
Evelyn Flores	21
Shari Riter	26



Educational TidBits

by Mona Lisa Bonbright



As you may have noticed, this month continues on the topic of quilt magazines. As I discussed last month, I really love perusing hardcopy quilt magazines. I flip through them and mark patterns I want to try. After doing this, I have to put those magazines some place. I went to my cupboard where I keep my magazines, and alas, it was full of other wonderful magazines from the past. Uh oh, now what do I do? Every couple of months I receive more magazines. Just like my fabric collection, my magazine collection seems to be overwhelming the space in which I store them. I cannot just cram them in and hope for the best.

Before I could put away my recently acquired magazines, I was forced to go through my stored magazines and toss out any that I no longer want to keep. But how to choose what to toss and what to keep? There are so many patterns I marked and wanted to keep. I was in a dilemma, if I keep all these magazines I run out of space. If I toss them out, then I will miss out on some really cool patterns.

My solution was to go through the magazines, cut out those marked patterns, and toss out the rest of the magazine. I am currently storing those saved patterns in plastic sleeves inside a binder. Unfortunately, this binder also takes up precious storage space.

The long-term plan is to scan the patterns into my computer and create pdf documents that I can store in the “cloud”, and I then print them out later when I use them to make a quilt. Voila! - two birds, one stone. I clean out the cupboard, toss out the magazines, and keep the preferred patterns - or is that 3 birds? Storing the pattern documents on the computer clears more room in my storage cupboard, yay room for more magazines! I happily made room for the magazines that I will be receiving in 2020 while keeping those wonderful new pattern ideas. My husband Bruce has a scanner on his computer, so guess who gets to help me with the scanning and pdf document creating?

On a related topic of magazine perusal, during this exercise, I discovered that there are some really detailed sewing and quilting instructions in the back of quilt magazines. For instance, included in the last few pages of the Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting and McCall’s magazines is a section called “Sew Easy”. These pages include fabric cutting and block sewing tips. I could not just discard all these words of wisdom, so I cut them out and saved them too!

The pages I cut out include: quick-pieced-triangle-squares, setting a square on point, quick-pieced-flying-geese, paper foundation piecing, mitering corners, fussy cutting, curved piecing, bias strips, cutting and sewing 8-at-a-time triangle squares, and managing bulky seams. I look forward to trying some of these techniques in some of my future quilt projects.

A month or so ago, Nancy Allen taught several of us in the CH4 Studio how to sew lovely blue and white star blocks using the quick-pieced-flying-geese process. I discovered this process was included in both the McCall’s Quilting magazine and the Fons & Porter’s magazine. The quick-pieced-flying-geese process was very clever, and the resultant blocks were really beautiful.

I hope you have fun using this tidbit to create more space in your sewing room and to learn new quilting skills. I am looking forward to perusing more magazines as they come in the months to come. And oh yeah, watch out Bruce, I have a 2020 honey-do project for you!

Happy 2020!

Holiday Party
2019



show and tell

December 2019
Audrey Bowman

Thank you everyone for sharing your beautiful creations. At our Holliday meeting in December, Karen, Nancy, Judy, Angie, Susan, Alice, Fran, Harriet and Vanda shared with the guild their latest finished projects





show and tell

**January 2020
Audrey Bowman**

Thank you everyone for sharing your beautiful creations.

In January, Judi Karabelnik redid her 'Happy Boyhood Days 2' in Hoffman Jewels.

Ruth Baily created 'Improve Sampler' from Allyson Allens Improv class.

Nancy Allen's quilt creation was 'Convergence' from Monas workshop. Most of the fabric came from scraps in the quilt room.

Harriet Schmitt's quilt was 'Failed Stack and Wacked'. A friend taught her how to cut and left her with instructions. After getting the blocks finished she didn't like the direction and put it together her way.

Maria Jaspersen's creation was a rug, assembled with strips of fabric.

Angie Kirkstricks's quilt was a Baby Quilt which she made for her great granddaughter Charlotte and a hand bag made for her by Sue Prince.

Thank you for sharing and we will all forward to more show and tell.



