



Newsletter ~ December 2011

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Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Kearns Spirituality Center, LaRoche College, unless otherwise noted.

December 6, 2011 Holiday Meeting!

This special meeting does not have a program - leaving more time for socializing. Business will be discussed first, 'Show & Tell' will be next, then the rest of the time is designated for Fat Quarter.

Everyone is asked to be a dozen cookies to share at Fat Quarter, as well as several copies of the recipes used.

Instead of a gift exchange, members are asked to contribute toiletry items for the North Hills Food Bank, to address the growing need. These items are not usual contributed to the Food Bank, but they see the need and we have a welcome chance to help them address it.

The **Dream Basket** theme for this month is **Holidays**. Any holiday: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Halloween, Birthdays, Easter, 4th of July, Groundhog's Day, etc. Anything goes: decorative paper napkins, paper plates, decorations, party items, and, of course, fat quarters, patterns related to holidays. Be creative - as if quilters need to be encouraged to do that. As ever, **Trisha McSorley and/or Paula Ducoeur** will be accepting donations and **thank everyone for their generosity**.

Please remember; fabrics for Thanksgiving table runners are still needed for an upcoming craft night, **Louise Warner** is accepting these for Community Service.

January 3, 2012 Crafts Work Night!

"Hello Everyone! I'm sure you are all busy getting ready for the Holidays - but want to let you know that the January meeting will be a "Crafts Work Night", making items for our show. We will be having demo tables set up for the following crafts, so look over tis list and see what you'd like to make. Hope to have the kits made up for the pin cushions and wine bottle covers, but will definitely have instructions if you need them.

The crafts are: Pin cushions, wine bottle covers, seat belt covers, oven mitts, pot holders, bracelets, greeting cards. Also, feel free to make anything else you think would sell. We have enough pins, wallets, and baggy bags. There will be equipment lists in the January newsletter so you will know what to bring to work on your chosen craft. **Thanks in advance for all your help.**”

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Day - see you soon.....Marilyn MacArthur

February 7, 2012 “BIG” Show & Tell

Everyone is encouraged to bring something to Show & Tell. Some suggestions are: Your 1st quilt, your favorite quilt, (could be made by someone else: Mother, Grandmother, Aunt), a favorite tip, technique, book. How do you record your quilts? Do you have a UFO from a class that you do not know what do next, or any other project you need help with?

This is your time to ask questions and pick the brains of fellow members. Just about anything goes. This could be a very interesting meeting.

Betty Kania

May 2012 Program with Sandy Lord

In May 2012, Sandy Lord, owner of **The Gallery** in Mercer, PA, will teach us how to make a small wall hanging with a woven background and broderie perse applique. I'll have a sample of this by the February meeting, but I can tell you that I've seen several of her samples and all are gorgeous. The woven background for this project is not the woven tubes some of you may be familiar with. The supply list for this project is attached. Each registrant will choose a kit theme and Sandy will ensure that no two are alike. Workshop fee is **\$30.00** and the fee for Sandy's kit (**includes all fabrics and fusible**) is **\$20.00**, payable to her at the workshop. Please notify **Loretta Crum** if you are interested and what theme you prefer.

Supply list on next page.



Sunshine

Sent a card to Louise Kline who is recovering from shoulder. No other reports of members who should receive cards from us. Please do remember to let me know if you hear of anyone who should receive congratulations or get-well messages.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All NPQG Members!!

Dee Malter

WOVEN QUILT CLASS

Taught by Sandy Lord, owner of The Gallery, Mercer, PA

May 2, 2012 - From 9:30 a.m. to no later than 6:00 p.m.

Class Fee \$30.00

Kit Fee \$20.00 - payable to Sandy Lord in class

The kit includes all fabrics and fusible to make a wall hanging approximately 16" x 20"

Supplies required:

Nylon thread, both light and dark, plus gold metallic thread

Sewing machine in good working order

Walking foot

Darning foot

Scissors (both sharp and paper)

SHARP rotary cutter

Cutting board 18x24 is best (two can share if you buddy up)

Maybe a seam ripper, but let's think positively

Ironing board and iron (2 or 3 for the entire class so we don't blow the circuits)

All kits will be cut in different colorways so no two will be alike. Kits that will be available are (if Sandy offers more choices, that will be announced to registrant):

Oriental - Geishas, Koi Fish, or Cranes

Florals in vase

Winter houses

Cats playing in flowers

Dogs playing in flowers

Horses in trees

Deer in trees

Butterflies in flowers

Peacocks

You must choose your kit style when registering. Varieties will vary when orders are placed. Sandy will cut extra kits in a category so if there is a desire to switch or to buy an extra kit, they will be available once each student selects the ordered kit.



Committee Announcements

Membership

We have two new members to report:

Jane Moore
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Mary E. Thal
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Please add their names to your directory and be sure to make them feel welcome.

Also, there is a change in **Lynn Fezza's** email address to make note of: lynnfezza@gmail.com

New Members ~ Getting to know you!

Lynn Fezza

One of our newest members, Lynn is the mother of three daughters. She has three grandchildren, two boys and one girl. She shares her home with her husband, Bob, and pet cats.

She has been quilting for a couple of years, completing about four small quilts and some seasonal items. Lynn has taken classes in Bargello at Piecing It Together and made a quilt in that style for her oldest grandson. She has attended two Quilt Retreats and enjoyed them both with the uninterrupted sewing time.

Lynn has dedicated time volunteering at the Duquesne University Women's Guild. Also volunteering for Homeless Cat Management, a group dedicated to the spaying and neutering of feral and abandoned cats.

We hope to inspire Lynn with our workshops and lectures and know she will be a wonderful new addition to our guild. **WELCOME, LYNN!**

Cerise Moodey

With a Border collie named Jamie, three cats; Moon, Mars, and Mercury, plus two girls, ages 17 and 18 and a 9-year-old boy, we can assume that Cerise's house is a very busy one! Husband Bill is a manager for Coventry, formerly Health America, and Cerise home-schools her children.

Originally from the Erie-Meadville area, she followed her husband, whom she met at Allegheny College about 25 years ago, when he moved to Pittsburgh to get his MBA/MS and, subsequently, employment here.

Cerise is very interested in historical reproductions of textiles such as hand-embroidered tapestries and medieval quilts and is doing research to aid her in writing booklets on these subjects. She is a teacher of textile art and ran classes in textile and scribal arts in 2006 in a castle-style home in Franklin Park.

Cerise's favorite method of quilting is pieced quilts and her second favorite is trapunto work. She is now involved in hand-dyeing silks for her reproduction. This lady of many talents also enjoys working in wood, metals, stained glass, and jewelry. In August, she attends classes at Coopers Lake and is involved in the medieval re-enactment there. She usually quilts or works on one of her many projects in the evening and admitted that her fabric is enormous and overflowing.

When looking for a quilting group to join Cerise found us on the internet and came to meeting with Linda Williams, who lives very nearby. We are certainly happy she found us and know that she has much to contribute to our guild. Perhaps we can get her to do a program on historical textiles and tapestries in the future. **WELCOME, CERISE!**

Lynn and Cerise's biographies submitted by **Marilyn MacArthur** ~ Membership Chairman

Susan Salyards

Susan joined our guild in November and when I caught up with her she was heading to her art quilt group, the Pine Creek Quilters. They meet on Monday evenings at the Glenshaw Public Library. Sometimes they work on projects and sometimes they just sit and talk. Susan grew up in Beaver Falls, PA, but she moved to Pittsburgh to attend Chatham University. She met her husband Christopher Gaber while she was in graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a local guy from Bethel Park. They have three cats and dog (a black Lab-mix) that she rescued from the middle of Rochester Road in Ross Township.

Susan was the Director of Annual Giving at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium until the end of September. She recently joined the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation as the Director of Auxiliary Organizations and Events. She is a very busy lady. When does she have time to quilt?

Susan sewed in high school, making some of her own clothes. A few years ago, she felt the draw to get back to sewing so she took a refresher sewing course at Jo-Ann Fabrics. That's where she met fellow guild member Ardis Gibson, who encouraged Susan to join the Pine Creek Quilters. Susan also participates in First Saturdays at The Quilt Company, and she recently learned how to use the long-arm machine at Piecing It Together. She is learning new techniques all the time. For beginners, she recommends reading beginner quilting books - she has learned quite a bit from them and even more from her involvement with the Pine Creek Quilters.

Every January, Susan's art quilt group gets together for a whole day of sewing at Peg Ainey's home. And the group gathers each August at Sue Dreier's camp near Cook Forest for a weekend of sewing. The weekend is so popular that some quilters stay overnight at the neighboring retreat of Guild member Lynn Noel. These are the two times of the year when she gets a lot of her sewing done.

Just a final tidbit about Susan. Her grandmother was a sewer and used a treadle sewing machine. Susan has that machine! North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild WELCOMES Susan.

Submitted by **Noreen Nance** ~ Membership Committee Assistant

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt - Merry Christmas to All!!

