North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter - February, 2010

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President's Message

Where has the last month gone? It is almost to the end of January. I spent this last weekend at a Quilting Retreat at Camp Kon-O-Kwee with 53 other quilters. What a great way to spend a winter weekend. I will confess that I do not get a lot of sewing done at these get-togethers as I am much too busy socializing with all the friends I haven't seen for a year, but I do come home inspired to sew and quilt. On Monday I finished the Mystery Quilt Project that I started over the weekend and put all the sashing into another quilt top I had started. Now I have to finish the borders. This project had been on my design wall for quite awhile. I feel as if I am accomplishing something.

If you have never gone to a Retreat, you should try it. I highly recommend it no matter how big or how small. There is always inspiration and help with your problems.

If you are having some problems with your piecing or quilting, why not bring them to Guild. What better place to get help than from your peers. If you are having a particular problem, be assured that someone else has had that same problem, and perhaps found a solution they are willing to share. Our February meeting may be a good time to do this.

Cup & a Quarter - We will be having more cups and fat quarters up for raffle this month. Come prepared to purchase raffle tickets. You will not want to miss out on the fun.

In the mean time, keep on quilting. See you in February.

Betty Kania, President

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Meeting Schedule

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

February 2, 2010 - February meeting we are doing Demonstrations. Since everyone was very excited about a few of the ornaments that were brought to the meeting in December, we are going to have those wonderful ladies demonstrate how they made them. After the demos we will be making note cards since the January meeting wasn't very productive. Please bring your scissors and some glue and trims and goo-gaas if you have any to make the cards.

March 2, 2010 - Guest Vivian Benton will present a Trunk Show

March 19, 20, 21, 2010 NPQG Quilt Show - *"Celebrate the Seasons!"* One more month to go to our quilt show.... see the Quilt Show Committee Announcement section below for more information.....

April 6, 2010 - Ideas for Creative Borders presented by Sheryl Robinson of Muddy Creek Originals. Sheryl will show many examples of border ideas for art quilts, traditional pieced quilts and landscape quilts. She'll also provide formulas for determining the size of border needed to keep your quilt balanced. So bring your camera, notepad and pen to help you remember all the imaginative ideas you'll learn from Sheryl.

May 4, 2010 - Judy Fenton, owner of Millcreek Sewing Center in Erie, PA, will conduct a *workshop on jackets* using various finishing techniques and have a *trunk show at our evening meeting* . Judy has presented workshops around the country and she, with Katherine Artines, demonstrated their creative jacket techniques with Nancy Zieman on the Sewing with Nancy show. Some information is on the workshops page of NPQG's website, details will be added as they become available. Meanwhile visit the store website at http://www.millcreeksew.com

June 1, 2010 - Annual Dinner

July 6, 2010 - Picnic

August ?, 2010 - Quilt n' Wilt

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Committee Announcements

AQS Books - Hello Everyone! I received an AQS e-mail on January 18th announcing a special 50% off sale on selected books. Listed below are some interesting titles you might want to check out on their website: http://www.americanquilter.com/books_supplies/

"Big One-Star Quilts by Magic" Was $27.95 Now $13.98
"Instant Bargello" Was $14.95 Now $7.48
"Love is" (all heart designs, perfect for Valentine's Day) Was $18.00 Now $9.00
"Quiltastic Curves" Was $26.95 Now $13.48
"Quilting for Joy" Was $26.95 Now $13.48
"Simple to Sensational Batiks" by Nancy Smith & Lynda Milligan Was $19.95 Now $9.98

These book specials will run until they are out of stock. We are unable to get our additional 30% on these, but still, what a bargain! So contact me if you want to order. I know I'm seriously thinking of making a batik quilt and am collecting batik fabric, so guess which one I want! Also listed on the website is their usual "Special Sales" books which are a good bargain too. Put that Christmas gift money to creative use – remember, you can NEVER have too many books! ....Marilyn MacArthur

Hospitality - Thanks to all who brought snacks for the January meeting for Fat Quarter. No one signed up to bring something to the February meeting so here is a plea for people to bring a snack to share. It is Groundhog Day and Valentine's Day is near so something to commemorate either would be nice. .....Charlotte

Membership- We welcome two new members:

Eleny Maul
elenyquilts@gmail.com

Debi Fitch
deblar01@verizon.net

....and two renewing members:

Lisa Sauer
lisasauerquilting@verizon.net

Tina Pickl
tinapickl@comcast.net

Dee Malter has a new email: doris.malter@comcast.net
Ruth Anthony has a new email: DKARUTH1@verizon.net

➜ Don't forget to update your Membership Directory! ➜

Quilt Show - CELEBRATE THE SEASONS QUILT SHOW - As I write this, the countdown clock on our web site for the entry deadline is 14 days, 8 hours. And as you read this, that part of our event is really coming soon. Please get your entries in, be it a bed quilt, wall hanging, or wearable. Remember you don't have to have it 'quilted, bound and signed' to take the photo for your entry form. Get that photo taken, fill out the form and mail it to Joyce Fugini. The deadline is February 1st (or at the meeting on February 2nd.)

Pat Barry has extra raffle tickets if you need them. Please bring the money and ticket stubs for the tickets you have sold to Pat at the February or March meeting. Any tickets that you have not sold by March 19th should be brought to the show so that we can sell them to the attendees. It is a beautiful quilt and well worth the $1.00 to $20.00 or more spent on perhaps the winning ticket.

Beautiful posters and flyers are available. If you can get a favorite store, beauty shop, pet store, a bulletin board, etc. to post the information, please get a poster or some flyers at the February meeting and spread the word.

We hope to ready the Charm Baskets at the beginning of March. If you are storing baskets or have other donations, please bring them to the February meeting so that we can determine what we have and what our needs might be to make up some gorgeous baskets to raffle off.

At the February meeting, Debbie Helmstetter will have sheets listing time slots for different jobs that must be filled for the quilt show. Please check out the volunteer possibilities and help where you can. There will be sign up sheets for the workers at the guild meeting but if folks can't make the next two meetings and would still like to volunteer to work they can call or email Debby and let her know.

The time slots are:

Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon to 2 p.m., and 2p.m. to 4 p.m.

Workers are needed for the following places:

Guild Table - inform people about the guild, etc.

Pins & Cards - selling the items

White Glove - showing the quilts and answering questions if needed

Raffle Quilt - selling tickets for the quilt

Charm Baskets - selling tickets for the baskets

Admission - greet people entering and collect admission fee

Kitchen - make sure there is coffee and drinks for workers and that the white gloves are easy to find

If a slot is filled you can always sign up for it and if workers are needed elsewhere they can fill in there. If you need further information or want to sign up for the guild show, call Debby at 724-553-5638 or email luv2quilt@zoominternet.net

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Orleman or Ruth Anthony.

Sunshine - A get well card was sent to Eva Wittman for her recent hospital event.

Received from Carol Hartman regarding her recent hospital event: *"a great big thank you to all for the cards, letters and well wishes while I was ill. It was so nice to have friends that worry and give an extra boost in the prayer department."* So glad it turned out well for you, Carol!

Please call or email me with good news and information or cares, concerns and information of illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. Ruth Anthony, 412-767-4098 dkaruth@peoplepc.com

Website - If you have some quilting equipment or fabric for sale, are looking for some special fabric, or have a quilting request or announcement, let us post it for you on the *Member's Bulletin Board* at our guild's Website. Contact webmistress Beth Haubach bhaubach59@msn.com

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Upcoming Quilt Events

For a complete list of local quilt events, visit Quilt Pittsburgh at www.quiltpittsburgh.org/QPevents.html

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Member Announcements

One-Day Sew-in at Camp Kon-o-Kwee I will have a sign up sheet, *showing interest only*, for the one day sew in at Camp KOK on May 18, 2010. If you sign up I will send information to you either by email or snail mail letting you know it's time to decide if you will attend. The price is $22 which includes the facilities for a place to sew without interruption and a cooked dinner. You provide your own lunch if you want it. We need to guarantee 30 people. Payment will be due when you confirm that you will attend. Cancellation must be made by May 11th or there will not be a refund. Also, think about attending the same type of day on Sept. 21. It used to be in October but we were losing attendance due to the weekend retreat so we are trying to do it in September. If we don't succeed in getting 30 people to attend either day we will have to stop having the sew in.

If you need further information or want to sign up for the Camp KOK, call me at 724-553-5638 or email me at luv2quilt@zoominternet.net .....Debby Helmstetter

Member Announcements(cont)....

Heinz History Center in January was a huge success! See a photo of member Carol Hartman that was in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette at http://www.post-gazette.com/journal/ and watch a 3-minute video of event at http://www.post-gazette.com/multimedia/?videoid

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Sunshine: Ruth Anthony
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Your guild newsletter will be published monthly throughout the year and will be emailed and/or snail-mailed to you by the last Tuesday of each month. Your contributions and input are welcomed. If you have articles, website links, information or stories of interest to your fellow guild members, please submit them to me by the 20th of the month for insertion in the following month's newsletter..... Mickie Swall mddks@consolidated.net

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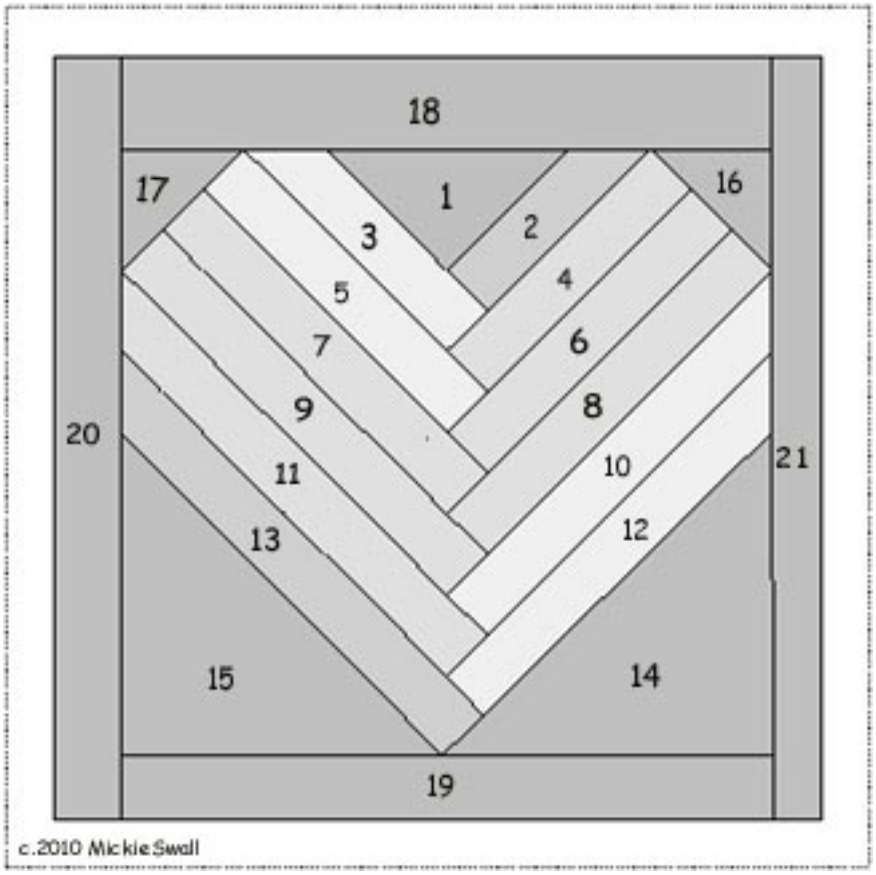
Happy Valentine's Day!

Here is a pattern for a foundation-pieced heart block. This should print at 4.5" to make a 4" finished block, however you can enlarge or reduce it to any size you want to make, just remember to adjust the outside 1/4" seam allowance.