

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter - January, 2010

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President's Message

Happy New Year!! I hope you all have had a happy and joyous Holiday Season. Now it is time to think about the New Year ahead. Have you made any New Years resolutions? I have not. I usually do not as I know I will not keep them. My intentions are always good but I don't carry through. Instead of vowing to finish up those UFO's, and other unfinished things that I really don't like anymore, I would rather dream about the new projects I would like to do.

Lately my life has been very busy and hectic and my quilting has been sadly neglected. If I were to make a resolution it would be to slow down and smell the roses, and do all those things that mean so much to me. My dreams for 2010 are to make that batik quilt, start a new applique project, do a Civil War quilt project, make a beach quilt, etc. I could go on and on with a list of dream projects. All I need is time and inspiration. I am not going to resolve to do these things, only dream, and maybe someday I will do them all.

Our January meeting is going to be devoted to making note cards and pins to sell at the History Center and the Quilt Show. If you would like to participate, please see the supply list for things you would need to bring. (see *January in the meeting schedule below and the list on the last page of the newsletter*)

See you all in January.

Betty Kania, President

Meeting Schedule

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

January 5, 2010 - _____

“A CUP AND A QUARTER”

What is this?? Something new. Come to the January meeting and find out. Be prepared to purchase some raffle tickets. You are not going to want to miss participation in this event.

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We will work together making cards and log cabin pins to sell at the History Center in January and at our Guild show in March. The program committee is asking members to bring their scissors, trims, glue, etc. to make more note cards. We already have PLENTY of fabric and blank cards for decorating. We could use small ironing pads and irons to fuse the fabrics. We REALLY need more pins, we have only 8 so far. Anyone that will be working on the pins will need to bring their sewing machines too. There will be some precut kits for pins for us to work on.

January 12, 2010 - *Executive Board* meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7:00 PM, at the home of Lorretta Crum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

February 14, 2010 - *Quilt Show Committee* meeting, Thursday, Jan 14, at 7:30 at Piecing it Together

February 2, 2010 -

March 2, 2010 -

March 19, 20, 21, 2010 NPQG Quilt Show - *“Celebrate the Seasons!”* Two more months to go to our quilt show..... more information follows in the Committee Announcement section below.....

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 -

Community Service - Again this group came through with a very successful community service project. We gave 50 pillowcases to families at HEARTH, 75 to elderly at New Hope Assisted living and 63 to children with cancer at Kon Kerr Cancer. We are going to sell a dozen at the Heinz history center in January. If you have any you were unable to turn in, bring them to the meeting and we will take them to the history center. Thanks again for your generosity and service.Donna Martin

Hospitality - Thanks to all who brought so many goodies to our Christmas meeting and those who helped set up the table. I'm looking forward to seeing what you bring for the January meeting...Charlotte

Quilt Show - Two months and counting until Celebrate the Seasons on March 19, 20, 21, 2010. VERY IMPORTANT - Registrations are due by the February 2 meeting so please get them to Joyce Fugini as soon as possible. If you need to have your quilt photographed for entry and would like to have it done at the January meeting, see Carol Beck. This will be the last opportunity to have them taken. Cost is \$1.00, payable at the time the photo is taken. The photo will be returned to you at the February meeting.

We will be working on note cards and pins at the January meeting to be sold at the Heinz History Center show as well as our show in March. This has always been an enjoyable work evening for our members, so please come out and help us. We are also in need of a few more pincushions and will have some available for hand stitching. Bring your thimbles, thread and scissors if you wish to work on them.

Posters and flyers will be distributed in January - please take posters to any businesses which you feel will display them for us. Publicity is crucial to our success and we need all members to help publicize the event. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will also be available at the meeting. Bring your calendars with you and see Debbie Helmstetter to volunteer your time at the show. There are plenty of opportunities over the three days of the show and we urge the entire membership to get involved.

Raffle tickets will be available from Pat Barry and Nancy Smith. If you have sold all of your tickets and would like more, please contact Pat or Nancy.

We are in need of one more quilt drop-off place for the show, somewhere in the Route 8 area. It needs to be a smoke free, pet free home (or at least have an area where pets are completely separated from the quilts at all times). Please contact Sue or Ruth if you are able to help us out.

The show provides a great opportunity to become acquainted with other guild members and makes it possible to present speakers and programs for you as a member. Please volunteer your efforts to make this show a success. Thanks so much..... Sue Orleman

Sunshine - Our condolences go out to these members and their families: A memorial was sent to Light of Life Ministries in memory of Joshua Thompson, son of Barb Thompson. A memorial was sent to North Hills Library in memory of our member, Shirley Kuntz. A memorial was sent to Animal Friends in memory of Joan Schaffer's son, Brian.

Sunshine (cont.) 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

January 23-24, 2010 - Saturday thru Sunday, The Third Annual Quilters Weekend at the Senator John Heinz History Center, 1212 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA. More details to follow in the January newsletter. Meanwhile, visit their website at <http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org> Print the coupon at the end of this newsletter for \$1 off admission.

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

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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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SENATOR JOHN HEINZ
HISTORY CENTER
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

1212 Smallman Street
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<http://www.pgnnhistory.org/>

\$1 Off

Present this **Quilters Weekend** coupon for \$1 off admission to the History Center and the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum.

Good January 23 - 24, 2010 Only
One coupon per person per day Expires January 24, 2010

For more information or questions about this event contact:
Erin Murray – Educator, Heinz History Center
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SUPPLY LIST FOR MAKING PINS - January Meeting

Learn to paper piece miniature pins. Easy to do.

Bring the following:

Sewing machine (with sharp needle)

Extension cord

Basic sewing supplies – neutral thread, pins, scissors, etc.

Rotary cutter – 48mm or smaller is best

If you have the following, bring: (do not go out and purchase, they can be shared)

Small cutting board – to be used by your machine

Small ironing surface

Small iron – Clover mini, craft iron, etc.

“Add an eighth ruler”

Kits and fabric will be provided.