

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter - November, 2009

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President's Message

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Are you ready to do some Community Service? Have you seen the fabric that has been turned in for the pillowcases? Great fabric!! I am looking forward to working on them. It is going to be such fun. Pack up your sewing machines and your sewing supplies and join in. As we are making these, let us pause for a minute and be thankful for the time and talent we possess, to be able to help make lives of others a little happier in the Holiday season. Pillowcases will be donated to the Hearth Organization, and possibly to another local Assisted Living Facility.

For the December Christmas Social, we are asking that each person bring a homemade ornament, wrapped, to be exchanged. I have been looking through my patterns to decide on that one special ornament. Also, we are having a Fat Quarter Frenzy [*fabric, not food*], for those who want to participate. You are to bring a fat quarter of Christmas fabric. This is a good way to build your stash for next year.

Our tentative program for January will be another working session. We are in need of pins and cards to sell at the History Center Quilt Weekend (Jan. 23 – 24, 2010), and Quilt Show. This will be your opportunity to learn paper piecing of miniatures. More details to follow in the December Newsletter.

In the meantime, I am sure you are all busy working on those special Christmas gifts. Keep on quilting.

Betty Kania, President

Meeting Schedule

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

November 3, 2009 - For our Community Service project this year, we will be making pillow cases for HEARTH at Benedictine Place that provides housing for homeless women and their children.

We will also have a Show n' Tell of the Mystery Quilt. All who participated in the mystery should bring what they have done to the meeting.

December 1, 2009 - Christmas Party. No auction this year, be we are planing an ornament swap: Please bring a pretty hand-made Christmas ornament to the meeting.

January 5, 2010 - 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.

February 2, 2010 -

March 2, 2010 -

March 19, 20, 21, 2010 NPQG Quilt Show - "*Celebrating the Seasons!*"

April 6, 2010 - Sheryl Robinson will show samples of and discuss creative borders for quilts

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. Details to come.

June 1, 2010 - Annual Dinner

July 6, 2010 - Picnic

August ?, 2010 - Quilt n' Wilt

Committee Announcements

Community Service - Our project this year is to make pillow cases to give to the children and single mothers through HEARTH at Benedictine Place. HEARTH provides safe and affordable housing for homeless women and one to four children up to age 18. If you would like to donate fabric for this project, please bring 28 inches x width of fabric plus 10 inches x WOF for the contrasting cuff to the November meeting. Remember to bring your sewing machine so we can finish making the cases. Also, please bring a copy of the directions so I do not need to print a lot. We appreciate any donations and please feel free to use the directions to whip up some at home. Thanks soooo much to those who brought fabric and finished cases to our October meeting. We are off to a good start! Call Donna Martin with any questions (412-487-2427) or email, donna_martin99@yahoo.com

Hospitality - Thanks to all who brought refreshments for the October meeting. Six people signed up for November and I know others usually bring something, too. Thanks so much for sharing! Charlotte Kewish, Hospitality

Membership - We have 2 new members from last month, both are in the new directory, but I wanted to formally announce them in the newsletter, so.....

Welcome to the guild, Sandra Schott & Diane Vogel we are glad that you decided to join us!!!

Mystery Quilt - Show n Tell! An email has gone out already to remind all participants to bring what they have done so far for the mystery quilt. My first one (and the model for the pattern directions) only needs to have the outer border sewed on, and my second one is still in the block stage. I know I won't have time to work on them in the next week, but I'm bring them both to the November meeting to share with everybody. I hope you will do likewise! Mickie

Newsletter - Have any quilty things to share with us? A link to an interesting website? A new product that we would love to see? Send them to me in an email and I will publish them in the newsletter.... Mickie mddks@consolidated.net

Quilt Show - "Celebrating the Seasons" Four months and counting until our quilt show in March – who is going to be the first person to submit a registration to Joyce Fugini? Carol Beck will be taking pictures of your quilts for the show submission form beginning at the November meeting – it does not need to be quilted or bound but the top should be completed. For a fee of \$1.00, payable when we take the picture, it will be printed and returned to you at the next meeting. Of course, you may use your own picture – just remember that a photo MUST accompany the registration form. Pictures will also be taken in December and January. Registration forms are available at meetings from Joyce or you can download the form from the NPQG website. Please consider getting your forms in as early as possible to make it easier for the committee to do final planning. All registrations are due by the February meeting.

We could use a few more favors – about 200 more will help us reach our goal of 1000. Don't forget your donations for our charm baskets; if you have any questions about that, ask Ruth Anthony or Harvene Lynch. We hope to have a variety of themes this year – beginning quilting, a basket for men, kitchen, sports, gardening, knitting/crocheting and a seasons basket. We could also use a few single bed size white sheets for hanging entries.

Tickets for the raffle quilt were given out at the October meeting. If you did not get yours or you have already sold yours and need more, please see Pat Barry or Nancy Smith. We have printed 3000 tickets and would love to sell all of them! Our sincere thanks goes to Fidelity Savings Bank for sponsoring our raffle tickets.

We will be selling pins and notecards at our show as well as at Heinz History Center in January. We are in need of pins for those two events and encourage our members to make a few to sell. The pattern for the log cabin pin is on our show page and the pink ribbon pin is in the October newsletter. Finished pins can be turned over to Marilyn MacArthur.

Keep stitching and get those registration forms in soon! If you have any questions, please see Sue Orleman or Ruth Anthony.

Sunshine - 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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