

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter - October, 2009

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President's Message

FALL SEASON

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the warm days and cool nights, and even more, I love the warm fall colors, The oranges, golds, reds, browns, and greens are my favorite color palette. As I drive down a road in the fall, and look across at a hillside of trees in all their glory, all I can think up is, "Wouldn't this make a great quilt?" "A clamshell pattern?"

I haven't made that quilt yet, but it is high on my list "to do." It may end up being a miniature rather than a wall hanging. But that's OK. My intentions are good. How about yours? Are you letting those creative thoughts come to life?

I am sure those of you who are taking the workshop this month will end up with some terrific hand dyed fabric that will inspire you to use it in a special project. I expect to see some great examples at a future Show & Tell (and we will all be envious). In the mean time, 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.

October 6, 2009 - Tuesday workshop "Playing With Dyes" conducted by Linda Salitrynski will be held at Carol Hartman's house 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Learn how to mix dyes, dye fabrics from single color to gradations to multi-colors, and learn a better understanding of color theory. Cost is \$35.00 which will include a kit. Participants are to bring their own lunch. Visit her website: <http://lindasalitrynski.com/> Call Carol Hartman 412-364-0736 to sign up or if you have questions.

October 6, 2009 - Tuesday meeting will feature guest Linda Salitrynski who will discuss her work and present a trunk show.

October 22, 2009 - Executive Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. at Panera's on McKnight Road. Betty will send an email reminder to all the committee members. All guild members are invited to attend.

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, but we may have a game swapping of inexpensive wrapped gifts that members are asked to bring. Details will be provided later.

January 5, 2010 -

February 2, 2010 -

March 2, 2010 -

March 19, 20, 21, 2010 NPQG Quilt Show - "Celebrating the Seasons!" (See the quilt show update notice in the Committee Announcement section below.....)

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

May 4, 2010 -

June 1, 2010 - Annual Dinner

July 6, 2010 - Picnic

August ?, 2010 - Quilt n' Wilt

Committee Announcements

AQS Books - Hi Everyone! Our AQS membership is up and running and I want to tell you about some books that are available now. Some of these are on SALE (our favorite 4-letter word!) Remember -- we get a 30% discount if our order exceeds 6 or more books -so if there's a book you're yearning for, let me know. This discount also applies to sale books. You can never have too many!

Christmas Ideas:

SALE PRICE: \$6.00 Quick Quilts for the Holidays
SALE PRICE: \$6.99 3 Quilters Celebrate the 4 Seasons

Children's Quilts:

SALE PRICE: \$4.00 Stitch a Child's Quilt (11 patterns)
REG PRICE: \$19.96 Clowns on Parade
REG PRICE: \$19.96 Heirloom Quilted Nursery

Folk Art Quilts:

SALE PRICE: \$7.20 Everyday Folk Art
SALE PRICE: \$7.20 Wool-On-Wool Folk Art Quilts
SALE PRICE: \$7.20 Alphabet Soup

Stack & Whack:

REG PRICE: \$15.96 Magic Stack-n-Whack
REG PRICE: \$21.56 Stack-n-Whackipedia (10th Anniversary issue)

And how about a 2010 Quilt Wall Calendar (only \$10.36) or a Quilt Art Engagement Calendar (\$11.16) for that very special quilting pal? Wouldn't that make a great Christmas gift! I am waiting for the 2009 AQS Catalog. I'll bring it to our October meeting if it arrives in time. See me for any books you are interested in. And don't forget to check out the AQS website for more titles. <http://www.americanquilter.com/>

Thank you!Marilyn Mac

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 prewashed fabric plus 10 x WOF for the contrasting cuff to the October meeting. We would like this in October so we know how much additional fabric we need to purchase for our November sewing session. We appreciate any donations and please feel free to use the directions to whip up some at home. If this wonderful group of ladies can make over 50 baby quilts last year, surely we can make over 100 pillow cases this year!! Call Donna Martin with any questions - 412-487-2427

Hospitality - I had so many requests for the recipe for the cake I brought for the September Fat Quarter, so I thought I'd have it published in the newsletter::

MERK'S PINEAPPLE NUT CAKE

2 C flour **2 eggs**
2 C sugar **1 #2 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, not drained**
2 Tsp baking soda **1 C chopped nuts**
1 Tsp vanilla

Mix flour, sugar, and soda first. Add pineapple and other ingredients. Mix well.
Bake in a greased 9 x 13 pan at 350 for 35 – 40 minutes.

FROSTING

1 #2 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, not drained
2 packages instant vanilla pudding
½ C coconut
12 oz. Cool Whip

Mix pineapple and pudding together. Add coconut and fold in cool whip.
Spread on cooled cake.

Enjoy!Nancy Jeffries

Membership - Thanks to all who have already paid their 2009-2010 dues. Unfortunately for those who haven't paid; the dues went up to \$25 on August 15th. Dues were to have been received by September 15th to be included in the 2009-2010 directory. The directory will be distributed at the October Guild meeting..... Membership Chair, Vicki Fitzsimmons

Committee Announcements (cont.)

Mystery Quilt - DATE CHANGE - bring your Mystery Quilt to the **November 3rd** guild meeting for our own special Show n' Tell. Don't worry If you don't have time to get it completely finished/quilted, please know that we still want to see it, however far it is in progress, even if it is just blocks! I will send an email as a reminder to all the Mystery Quilt participants a few days before the meeting.... 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 - Celebrate the Seasons is just five months away – we hope you are all working on your entries for the show. Plans are moving along nicely for our “Celebrate the Seasons” show on March 19, 20, 21, 2010. We are so thankful for all the hard work that all of the committee chairs are doing.



Raffle quilt – Our raffle quilt is completed and you will see it at the October meeting. You will also receive your envelope of raffle tickets. The quilt is beautiful and you should have no trouble selling your tickets for this gorgeous prize. (A selling tip: Tell all your online friends to check out the beautiful photo of the quilt on www.NPQG.org – 2010 quilt show. They will be ordering tickets right away!)

Registration forms – Joyce Fugini has forms for you to fill out and return to her with a photo of your quilt entry. We will be taking photos of your entry at the Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan. meetings. **THE ENTRY DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FINISHED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.** A \$1.00 charge is to be paid when the photo is taken, and you will receive your photo at the next months meeting.

Children's category – Don't forget that we have included a new category this show for youngsters 15 and under. So please encourage children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, young friends who are interested in quilting to enter our show. Registration forms can be downloaded from the web site, and their entry photo can be taken at home and attached to the registration.

Charm baskets – Many of you have been very generous with your donations for the baskets, and we have already received gifts from 12 companies/shops. Thank you so much. We are hoping to have a Basic/Beginner Quilter, a Knitting/Crocheting, Sports/Outdoors/Gardening (Man), Kitchen (apron, potholders, placemats), and Seasons basket as well as a Pennsylvania Shop Hop Basket. If you have any ideas or donations for any of these baskets, please let us know, or bring the items to the meeting and place it in the plastic storage box.

Show favors – We still have need for some more pincushions. The 'pattern' is on the web site, and we also hope to have some at each meeting for you to do the end hand stitching.

Sheets – We also need a few single bed sized white sheets for hanging some of our entries. If you have any you can donate please see Lisa Sauer.

Thank you - Please get in touch with Sue Orleman or Ruth Anthony with any suggestions or questions.

Sunshine - A sympathy card was sent to Dee Carioto at the passing of her sister. 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

October 2-3-4, 2009 Tri County Quilters "Life's a Beach" quilt show ant the Family First Resource Center in Butler, PA Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Admission \$4.00

October 9-10-11,2009 Beaver Valley Piecemakers "Quilting from the Heart" quilt show at Brady's Run Lodge, New Brighton, PA Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. Admission \$5.00

October 17-18, 2009 Woodland Quilters Annual Quilt Show at Lutherlyn, Prospect, :PA Call 724-865-2161 for further information.

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

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Member Announcements

Quilt Shop Alert - There is a new quilt shop in Castle Shannon that opened in September named the Quilters Depot. It is located at 4160 Library Road (Rt.88) Send email to quiltersdepopa@comcast.net or call 412-308-6236 or see <http://quiltinggallery.com/search/listing/197/271/quilters-depot/> for store information and a map. (psst....they have a *husband's corner!*).....Beth Haubach

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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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This is a picture of two sizes of the free foundation piecing pattern offered at the Connecting Threads website (<http://www.connectingthreads.com>) They also offer a host of other free patterns from quilt blocks to quilts to totes and pillows, there's even an instruction sheet to download with instructions how to applique.

A copy of the ribbons pattern is included with this newsletter. The guild members will be making the smaller version to add to the collection of pins to sell at the History Center in January and at the quilt show in March. Please consider making one or more? Thanks!