

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter - September, 2009

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President's Message

Family Quilt History

About a year and a half ago, I decided I did not know enough about my family history, so became interested in Genealogy, building a Family Tree (rather large), and discovering my roots. So many details are still missing. In researching hundreds of people, I found only one known quilter, my Great-Grandmother, who passed away when I was a toddler. Fortunately, I was given one of her quilts and I know of only one other that is practically in tatters. Are there more? Was her Mother or Grandmother quilters? How and where can I find this information? Will I ever know?

So, my message is this: Leave a legacy of yourself and your quilts to be passed on to future generations. At some point in time, your talent and efforts will be a large part of your family history.

This month's program on The History of Quilting by Brenda Applegate, will help to shed some light on why we should do this. We, as quilters, are part of history being made today. I am sure future generations will want to know about us.

Betty Kania, President

Meeting Schedule

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

September 1, 2009 - Brenda Applegate is our guest with a presentation on the History of Quilting.... About 20 years ago, Brenda was asked to demonstrate basic quilting at a local Maple Syrup Festival. After several other similar presentations, she began to wonder what types of quilting were done in earlier time periods, and thus began her interest in the history of quilting. Brenda has been serving at the Executive Director of the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation for the past 10 years and also teaches various quilting classes at the Community College of Beaver County.

September 22, 2009 - Quilt Show Committee meeting at 7pm, Panera's on McKnight Road. Please let us know whether or not you are attending: Ruth Anthony 412-767-4098 or Sue Orleman 412-766-7655.

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 \$TBA which will include the class kit. Participants are to bring their own lunch. Visit her website at <http://lindasalitrynski.com/>

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

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 - TBA

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 -

June 1, 2010 - Annual Dinner

July 6, 2010 - Picnic

August ?, 2010 - Quilt n' Wilt

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Committee Announcements

AQS Books - The guild gets 30% discount on books, calendars, how-to CDs and quilting software from the American Quilter's Society. We need a minimum order of 6 books to get the discount. You can see all the available items at the AQS website www.americanquilter.com/books_supplies/Marilyn Mac

Hospitality - The Committee Members will be providing the munchies for Fat Quarter at the September meeting. Please consider volunteering to bring things for future meetings when the sign-up sheet is passed your way!

Membership - Our newest guild member is, Char Friel, who lives at Squire Place in North Hills. Welcome to the guild, Char!

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 must be 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

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 seven months away – we hope you are all working on your entries for the show. The committee is hard at work and will soon be looking for your help. Joyce Fugini will have entry forms at the September meeting. Raffle tickets, posters and flyers will be available at the October meeting. The raffle quilt is complete – many thanks to Mickie Swall and Carol Hartman. We will display it at the September meeting.

We are still in need of pincushions for favors. One member sent an e-mail saying that she and some friends have made over 100 at present – what a great effort on their part!

A show committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 7pm at Panera's on McKnight Road. Show committee chairmen: please let Sue or Ruth know whether or not you will attend.

Sunshine - Thank you to Marilyn MacArthur for continuing to take your information on illnesses, hospitalizations, deaths, etc. while I was recovering from surgery. Also, I wish to thank her for doing such a great job as the Sunshine chairwoman. I would now appreciate it if you would please inform me of any events, happy or sad, concerning our members. You can e-mail me at dkaruth@peoplepc.com, or call me at 412-767-4098. Let's look forward to a happy year! Thanks, Ruth Anthony

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

Did you know you can get an *extra 10%* off most of your purchases at JoAnn Fabric stores and online all the time?!?!? Just present your NPQG membership card and a state-issued photo ID at any JoAnn store to get your VIP Discount Card. Use the card every time you shop!

Some exclusions apply, cards are good for a year



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Just for Fun -

Think about it.....

Do coin collectors SPEND their coins?
Do stamp collectors MAIL their stamps?
Do clock collectors NEED all their clocks?
Then fabric collectors do not have to SEW all their fabric!
That must mean I'm a collector!
Aren't you?

-Taken from the Emporia Regional Quilters' Newsletter



10 Commandments for Quilters

1. Thou shalt not do buttons.
2. Thou shalt sew 1/4" seams.
3. Thou shalt leave no bolt unturned.
4. Thou shalt not rip - only "un-sew".
5. Thou shalt not envy thy neighbor's stitches.
6. Thou shalt never pass a quilt shop.
7. Thou shalt cook & clean but one day a week.
8. Never quilt tomorrow what you can quilt today.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's blocks.
10. Thou shalt not reveal funds spend on quilting trips.

- contributed by Betty Kania

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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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