

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

January 2018 Newsletter

Merry Everything to Everyone! Hope this newsletter finds you all in the recovery mode from waiting for the holiday season to start - and soon to end. Family and friends in abundance here and I hope with you too.

The December meeting provided an evening of laughter and joy for all in attendance. The “ugly Christmas sweater” parade received many finger-pointing moments. Mary Lou Dunlop made the quilt top, Ann McCarten quilted it, and Marilyn Foringer won it. A great prize for the sweater contest. Thanks to all who participated.



Marilyn Foringer was the lucky winner of the Ugly Sweater Contest. (This is the best picture the photographer got. Clarice did not purposely photo-bomb the shot - credit goes to the photographer.)

We played the “Right, Left, Center” game and quite a few lucky people left with a stash of fat quarters. Again much laughter was resounding during this event.



Jane Moore was one of the lucky winners of the game.

And - oh the 'fat quarter' table. What an array of wonderful snacks.

Yes, the January meeting is still scheduled for Tuesday, January 2. Kathy Farra is scheduled to speak and enlighten us on the history of small sewing machines etc. She will conduct a class on how to care for your machine - details to follow from the Program Committee.

We have our community sewing projects and a bus trip to Berlin, Ohio scheduled in April. April will be a busy month for our guild. Reminder that the quilt show is April 6, 7 and 8. Not for me to worry because I know how reliable all guild members are in providing the most beautiful quilts to be displayed. And, that you all pitch in and help with all the events at the show. We are blessed with people who know how to set up and organize such a large event that we might take it for granted. But, for all this to come together, the guild needs your help. So, don't be shy and stand back. Jump right in and you will find yourself having a good time.

Just in case bad weather decides to show up next week, we will post an email on Monday evening reminding you that the meeting is still ON - OR - IF IT IS CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

Here is wishing you a New Year with "good health", happiness and a continued love for the "Reason for this Season".

Clarice

Programs

Hello Quilt Sisters of the NPQG!

Happy New Year!

Our **January 2, 2018** Guild meeting promises to bring an excellent Lecture on "The History of the Singer Sewing Machine." Kathy Farra, our guest, is also known as the THE MACHINE LADY.

She will share how this American made sewing icon was started and how their product, the Featherweight, became known as the Perfect Portable sewing machine. She also will teach a small workshop "Love Your Featherweight"-on Wednesday January 3, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church from 9am-12pm. The workshop fee is \$25. This class will include instructions on

cleaning/oiling/ and the general care of your Featherweight machine. This **workshop is limited to just 15 members** but if there is enough interest, an additional class might be scheduled to accommodate those unable to attend at this time. If the weather forces us to cancel the January guild meeting, the class will also be cancelled. Kathy would then be our guest at the **February guild meeting and the class will be held on February 7th, from 9 to 12.**

The March guild meeting will be organized by Kathy Friel and will be our annual Community Service Project.

Our April guild meeting is being scheduled at the time of this newsletter..

Saturday April 21, 2018, Our Spring Bus Trip has us headed to Berlin, Ohio. to explore several amazing quilt shops Our deluxe Lenzner motor coach can hold 56 passengers. Therefore, please consider offering this fun- filled bus Quilt Shop trip to other members of other guilds. The cost is \$25.00 and reservations can be mailed to:

Tricia McSorley	~or~	Linda Williams
110 Tanglewood Drive		2544 Derby Court
Wexford, PA 15090		Wexford, PA 15090

Please have your check payable to NPQG. A detailed itinerary will be available in February that will indicate the names of shops we will be visiting.

Should you find it necessary to cancel your reservation, your check will be returned.

I leave you with this thought:

Reasons to buy Fabric

1. I need the extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction when I drive on icy roads!
2. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population worldwide might wipe out the cotton crop for the next 10 years!
3. When a big hurricane comes, all the fabric shops might get washed out into the Atlantic and never be seen again.

Your Program Peeps
Tricia and Linda

Fund Raising

January's **50/50 Raffle** is a good way to start off the New Year !!

Jeannie McCormick

Hospitality

"I want to say thank you to everyone for a wonderful holiday spread at our December meeting. Everything was delicious and there was plenty of good eats. Since its freezing outside, I'm thinking for January's meeting bring your favorite thing that gives you warm thoughts. See you soon!"

Your friendly quilter. Liz Hodgkinson
