



**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
April 2018 Newsletter**

Wow – the sun is shining while I am sitting here enjoying it shine through my winter covered window. Time for Spring cleaning – and since spring has been delayed – so is window cleaning.

Carol and Carol have laid out the quilts for hanging and they are being collected in various drop-off places. Janie has collected the ticket sales for the raffle tickets (still tickets available), Marcia has the vendors lined up; Liz and Nancy have the Preview Party set up; Sandy has the award ribbons ready to be awarded. Jan, Trish, Kathy, Linda, Liz and Marie have collected and arranged the Dream Baskets. Tracy is working on the Programs. Peggy, Linda, Sandy and myself have completed publicity. Louise has sent out the acceptance letters and written lots of checks to cover the expenses. Peggy is coordinating the Members Table. That leaves Donna still trying to fill her volunteer sheet for the various jobs that need filled for the show. If I left anyone out, my apologies.

AND - we need your help to hang these works of art and love. So, whatever you can do to help on Thursday will bring **your** show closer to opening day and the Preview Party. Judging takes place on Wednesday and if you are interested in this process, please be there.

Our own member, Eleny Maul, will present information on technology and quilting at our April 3 meeting.. She will teach us how to fully use our computers to assist in creating our quilted treasures.

We will vote at the April meeting to adopt the revision to change the by-laws to reflect 5 rather than 6 the number of executive board meetings required during the year.

The nominating committee will present their candidates for office at this April meeting and election will take place at the May meeting.

The March meeting was buzzing with conversation and the whirl of sewing machines. It was great to see so many making veteran quilts and getting so much accomplished in such little time. Thanks to Kathy for cutting and supplying the materials. Looking forward to hearing how many she has collected.

April 21 is the time for our bus trip to Ohio. I look forward to sharing a seat with someone and joining in on the many conversations. Conversation is right up there with my interest in quilting. **Somewhere Sewing, Miller's Dry Goods, Helping Hands Quilt Shop and Berlin Farmstead** for lunch. Sounds like a very good day out.

April 14 - Unofficial Quilt & Wilt - 10 AM to 4 - St. Johns Church (across from Northland Library) This is your opportunity to have a large work space, garner some tips from experienced quilters, and meet some of your fellow quilters. Opportunity is the key word here. Remember the saying - when opportunity knocks, open the door. You will be pleased with what you find.

Jeanne and Peggy have the "cup and a quarter" raffle planned for April's meeting. Liz will be setting our table so help her out by bringing a treat to share.

Honestly when I sat down to write something, I didn't know what I would write - but as you can see I was not at a loss for words. Have a peaceful, joyful Easter. Looking forward to seeing you Tuesday.

Clarice

Once again, Clarice has done a masterful job of compiling the newsletter. But, just in case there are any questions, here are the highlights:

Programs

Eleny Maul will present a talk on how computers can be helpful in our quilting endeavors at the upcoming **April 3** meeting.

Which takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Kearns Spirituality Center at LaRoche College.

Hospitality

Looking forward to Spring with warmer weather. **No more snow !!!!!**

For **Fat Quarter** think spring and make it light and airy! There have been more requests for my Chicken Spread recipe, I'll bring copies to the meeting.

I'm looking to our Quilt Show!!

Your friendly Quilter,

Liz Hodgkinson

Cup and a Quarter will be the gambling event for this meeting. As always, contributions are most welcome.

Jeannie McCormack ~~~~~ Fund Raising Committee

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt

Denise and Janie remind you to turn in your money and tickets stubs at this April meeting. Needless to say, but we'll say it anyway, if the stubs are not turned in, you can't win the beautiful quilt.

Denise also asks that you turn in your President's block to her at this meeting, though you still have time to complete it.

History

DID YOU KNOW ?

The first NPQG Quilt Show was held on April 11 to 17, (Monday through Sunday) **1983 at the Northland Public Library. Marilyn Colerick** was the Chairman.

The Raffle Quilt was a generous double-bed size. It had an all-over design of the Night and Moon Pattern in brown, rust, and cream. It was handcrafted by all of the Guild's members. All proceeds were donated to the library.

On display were quilts of all sizes, wall hangings, quilted clothing, pillows, and accessories, as well as displays on the processes of quilting.

Betty Kania, Historian

Annual Dinner ~~~

Please plan to attend the Annual Dinner. Please send your check for \$39.80, made out to NPQG, to me, Ann McCartan.

Thank you!

Member-at-Large.

Thanks go out to the hard-working Members-at-large committee for their efforts to arrange this dinner. It is never an easy task.

Sunshine

A reminder that the Guild wants to comfort those who may be ill or grieving, and needs notice if you hear of any. Please let Sylvia Lynn know.



In keeping with the holiday and because it is so pretty, I am adding this photo of Betty Kania's collage quilt of a bunny. It made a preview appearance at a Quilt'N'Wilt, because Betty wanted to show us in a casual setting. We had plenty of time to appreciate its detailed workmanship. Some of us were inspired to try it ourselves.

The next un-official Quilt'N'Wilt is on April 14, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Cumberland Road.

Sandwiched between the epic Quilt Show (since 1983 - 25 years now !) and the Bus Trip !! So much quilting opportunities !!!

Hope you are looking forward to all of it !!

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt