

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
December 2020 Newsletter**

President's Message

Welcome to December!! I find it hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. Christmas and New Year's are coming up fast, are you ready? I most certainly am not; so many projects still left to do! As we close on the end of 2020, we have been doing our best to help keep the guild together. Stacy Koehler has done an excellent job setting up a speaker and doing classes/demonstrations via Zoom. We have plan to be able to meet in person, which will hopefully be for the April 2021 meeting. The plan is to meet at the Martina Renewal Center off of Perry Highway (Ross/West View area). More details forthcoming as to the requirements for meeting there — masks, distancing, etc. —as we get closer to that date. I am excited for about this possibility, but also very aware of the restrictions due to Covid.

We also need to start making plans for our next **Quilt Show - 2022**. Connie Holko has graciously volunteered to be on the planning committee, so we need another person to step up and join her. It's your/our Quilt show, let's work together and make this one memorable. A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to **Clarice Sabina and Jane Walker** for all their hard work and planning for this year's show that never got to be.

And, the Guild will be in need of a President and Vice-President for the 2021-2022 year. Kathleen Mohr (current V-P) will not be able to take over the President position for personal reasons. And sadly, we lost Melanie Cavlovich in October—she would have been Vice-President. So, folks, we (the Board) are searching for for volunteers who are willing to assume these positions. Is it **YOU ???** Please consider this. It is a vital step towards rebuilding our Guild.

Finally, in closing, I want to thank all of you for stepping up this year and making the **Santa Sacks** for Children's Hospital. **334 bags!!!** That are now washed and delivered to Children's, and waiting to be filled with the

toys and goodies to be given to those who have to spend Christmas in the hospital.

And kudos to you all who made and donated walker bags to **Mt. Assisi Place**—the residents will be blessed at Christmas because of you.

I want to wish you all a very blessed **Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year !!** “God bless us, everyone!”

Mollie Healy ~~ President

Programs

For our December **1st Program** we are going to be looking way back and way far away... to the turn of the 20th Century and the central plains of the United States. And we are going to be meeting quilters of that time through the first person accounts of their lives and quilting’s place in those lives. Bring your favorite beverage and relax and listen to the accounts of lives that were very different from our own, or maybe not so very different. Watch for the Zoom invitation from me and if you don’t get it by Monday afternoon, call me at 610-357-9646.

See you there,
Stacy

Now, Let’s Try Something New!!! It’s time for a **Quilter’s Coffee Break!**

What most quilters are missing the most about not meeting is...each other! So, I’m declaring **Friday, December 4th at 3:00 PM, the first NPQG Coffee Break.** (The date and time is a shot in the dark. I know some people, who would like to attend, will not be able to. Please let me know who you are and when you are available and I will gladly schedule another. I can easily do evenings or weekends, as well as day times, if that’s what folks want.)

So, what happens at the Coffee Break? Well, obviously you bring your tea or coffee and maybe a snack (your independent Fat Quarter) and meet up virtually with your friends.

And let's plan on a little activity to get us going. For this time, bring your favorite fabric in your stash for an informal little Show'n'Tell. You don't have to have made anything out of it just bring the fabric! If you have a pattern or idea (or two or three) that you're thinking about using with it, bring that too. We're all curious and looking for ideas and eager to help. Come and share and chat....we all need it!
Watch for the Zoom invitation from me. If you don't get it by Thursday (12/3) afternoon, call me at 610-357-9646.

Stacy Koehler ~~ Programs

Something new from the NPQG Website !!

New Slide Show and Caption Contest

It's been a few months since everyone sent in photos of their Covid quarantine projects.
A **second** slide show has begun. So, send along pics of what you have been accomplishing this Fall, including tops not yet quilted, holiday gifts, etc.
You can email them to **Tracey** at : zigo13@comcast.net or text them to **412-916-1280**.

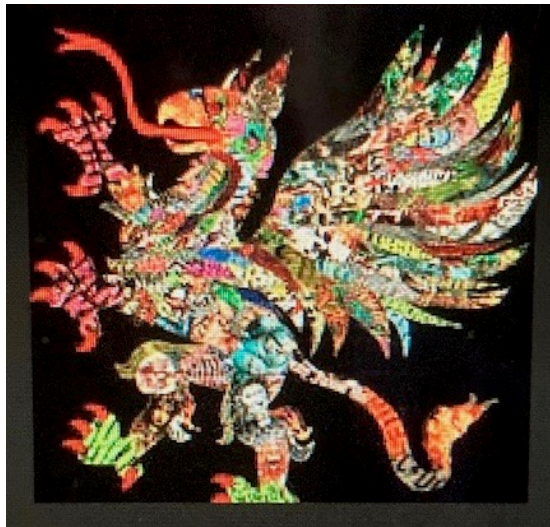
When visiting our website to see all of the great projects our members have done, be aware there is a **Caption Contest** running from now until **December 20**.
A prize will be awarded for the best option submitted.
You can enter as many times as you wish - only limited by your clever or humorous imaginations.

Tracy Zigo ~~ Website

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checking account is \$13, 198.53.

Sylvia Lynn ~~ Treasurer



This photo was taken from the website of the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The museum and the details involved in displaying and protecting these quilts is unbelievable. Who knew? It claims to be the home of the largest publicly held quilt collection in the world. The website invites you to explore and get inspiration for your own endeavors.

One interesting detail is that there is “an isolation area with a laboratory-grade deep freeze that holds newly acquired quilts long enough to kill insects and larvae to keep the collection free of damaging pests.”

If you are interested, the website is quiltstudy.org

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt

