

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild  
February 2019 Newsletter**

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**Program for the February Meeting, Tuesday, February 5, at Kearns Spirituality Center, LaRoche College.**

The program will be presented by our own **Missy Bauer**. Her topic is “**My Favorite Things**” - an overview of inspiration, creativity, and the gadgets and tools that make the process easier. Also a look at favorite bags, quilts, techniques, and designers. Be prepared to be inspired!

**March Program ~ March 5 ~ Same time and place**

**Community Service Meeting ~ Fidget Mats ~ The Making of.....**

Fidget Mats provide a soothing and stimulating activity for people living with dementia or recovering from strokes. The purpose of the mats is to keep residents’ hands busy and their minds active and calm through sensory stimulation.

Community Service has been presented with the need for Fidget Mats for some of the residents at the Veterans’ Facility on Highland Drive.

At the March Meeting we will endeavor to create them as part of our ongoing efforts to support our veterans. An attachment to this newsletter provides a list of items needed for the project, please refer to it. As we perhaps use our enforced hibernation to “clean up” our sewing rooms - please consider contributing some to the cause. Little notions are needed to create “fidget” items. Please consult the list of recommendations. Any questions, please contact **Kathy Friel** -

[quilterqueen73@gmail.com](mailto:quilterqueen73@gmail.com)

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And, as you are “cleaning” or possibly rearranging, your treasures, remember that the Quilt Show is approaching, actually pretty fast for some of us, and feel free to donate to the [Dream Baskets Raffles](#).

Thanks!

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### Vice President’s Message

I hope everyone is staying warm and cuddly under your quilts. I’m taking this opportunity to get my sewing room organized. [What did I say ? ! Getting organized?](#)

I don’t know about you, sometimes I buy fabric and think, “Oh, I like this”, only for it to sit in my fabric drawer for a couple of years. [Only a fabric “drawer”, Liz????](#)

So, I’m donating the fabric to the Guild. [Way to go, Liz!](#)

NOW I HAVE ROOM TO BUY NEW FABRIC ON THE BUS TRIP!!!

See you soon at the meeting.

Your Friendly Quilter,

Liz Hodgkinson, Vice President

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### Hospitality

February is full of celebrations:

2/12 is Lincoln’s Birthday and that would be good for a Chocolate Lincoln Log cake.

2/14 is Valentine’s Day and again, that would be good for Chocolate anything

2/22 is Washington’s Birthday and Cherry Pie comes to mind

Your decision. Peggy and I look forward to being surprised.

~~~ Jeannie McCormick and Peggy Splane, Hospitality

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**Sunshine**

No cards were sent in January. Please remember to email or call me if you know of someone in need of encouragement, or get well wishes, etc.

Thank you

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**\*\*\*\*\* Bus Trip \*\*\*\*\***

There is still time to join your Guild Buddies for a fun trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show!

We leave **March 28** and return **March 29**.

If you are interested, just fill out the attached form and send it to **Sylvia Lynn**, or hand it to **Donna Martin** at the **February 5th** Guild Meeting.

Sylvia Lynn ~~~~~ Bus Trip

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**Name tags** - the members that ordered a name tag can pick it up at the February Guild meeting on Tuesday, February 5th.

David Fohl

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# 2020 Quilt Show ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

## Quilt Challenge

REMINDER ~ your Challenge quilt is due at the MARCH MEETING.

If you haven't started yet, you still have time. The Quilt Challenge Exhibit at the Quilt Show is always an big hit and causes viewers to stand in awe at the creativity. Be one of the creators !!

The theme is **UP, UP, AND AWAY!!** Anything you can find that goes up in the air - balloons, birds, airplanes, bugs, etc. Your imagination is your only limitation.

The strips can be any color needed for your idea.

They must be **6 inches in width and 40 inches in length.**

They must have a **4 inch hanging sleeve on the back.**

Voting will take place during the Fat Quarter of the March 2019 Meeting. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. These challenges will be hung as a group in the **2020 Quilt Show.**

We are looking forward to many entries. The weather has been our quilting friend as it keeps us inside and provides the opportunity to do what we like the best - SEW.

Thank you,

**Jane Walker and Clarice Sabina**

**Co-chairs of the 2020 Quilt Show**

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Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt.