



Newsletter ~ February 2013

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President's Message

Yay! It's February, one full month of winter down!! Time for Valentines and groundhogs.

I am looking forward to spring - who isn't? - and our meeting next week. Always looking forward to hearing new ideas, learning new techniques, and hanging out with good people who share that passion.

The Orphan Block Exchange sounds like fun - an instant inspiration to take home and see what I can do with it. Hopefully someone will feel inspired by the orphan that I surrender.

The Business Meeting will be short, to provide plenty of time for the instructional sessions, the Cup and a Quarter, and the Orphan Block Exchange; followed by another special Long Arm Presentation by our Long Army.

Anyone with a topic to present at the business meeting, please let me know so that I can prepare an agenda (to make life a little easier for our Secretary). She appreciates it!

Thank you, looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday! Muriel



Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Kearns Spirituality Center, at LaRoche College, unless otherwise noted. If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on the website - or call Muriel or Jan to check.

February 5, 2013 ~ Demonstrations Extravaganza ~

Please prepare to be overwhelmed by the choices - there will be tables with individuals who will be demonstrating quilting techniques. They are graciously working very hard to present topics of interest to everyone.

Each presenter will have a table, when you enter the meeting room, you can sit at any table you'd like, but remember that once the sessions start, people will be switching tables to observe the assorted demonstrations of their choice. So, when you choose your seat, remember that you will only have it for the business meeting - after that, you will be moving around. We ask

that you place your coats and/or bags on the small platform in the front of the room to facilitate movement.

Once the business meeting is over, the revolving sessions will begin. Each 'session' is to last about 15 minutes, a signal will let us know when we should move on, if we choose. Feel free to flow easily from table to table, making sure you get to see the techniques you are interested in. We figure that we will have about an hour - 4 sessions - due to time constraints - so check the following list to plan your trip around the 'campus'.

We have a lot of good topics available - hope you really get informed. And hope that all enjoy the process. Please appreciate the work the presenters have done so diligently!

And here are the topics and presenters, so that you can think about what tables you really want to catch!!

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Presented by:</b>
<b>Binding by Machine</b>	<b>Carol Hartman</b>
<b>Paper Piecing</b>	<b>Sue Sebastian</b>
<b>Home Machine Quilting</b>	<b>Ann McCartan</b>
<b>Tips and Mystery Tool</b>	<b>Donna Martin</b>
<b>Tricia McSorley</b>	<b>Hexagon Techniques</b>
<b>Betty Kania</b>	<b>Hand Applique</b>
<b>Clarice Sabina</b>	<b>Cathedral Windows</b>
<b>Deb Thompson</b>	<b>Painting on fabric with oil paint sticks</b>
<b>Rebecca Stahl</b>	<b>Setting in Triangles (to avoid bias stretch)</b>
<b>Jan Merritt</b>	<b>Puffy hexagons and a throw</b>

And after the sessions are done, Carol Hartman will present the discussion of long arm work, and how to prepare your quilt for the long arm machine.

**While the sessions are underway, you are invited to surrender your orphan blocks and select your choice to take home with you. We will be interested in seeing your adaptations at Show N' Tell some time soon.**

**Also, the Cup and a Quarter will be there for bidding on, and of course, Fat Quarter. We never forget Fat Quarter.**



**Volunteers for Fat Quarter:**

**Charlotte Kewish  
Cathy Mahoney  
Paula Ducoeur  
Denise Ludwig  
Kathy Batykefer  
Clarice Sabina  
Mary Thal  
Sue Sebastian  
Jan Merritt**

**We will also be collecting the Lap Robes for the VA at the meeting - there will be a large basket by the Orphan Block table. Thanks SO much all of you who were able to contribute, your warmth counts in so many ways!!**

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**So, on your way to the February meeting - remember your orphan blocks, your cup and a quarters if appropriate, and your quarters - your fabrics for Community Service, your lap robes, your enthusiasm for learning. Sorry - we can't provide valet parking.....**

**March 5, 2013 ~ Community Service Program**

As described by Louise Warner, we will be working on the **notebooks** for the youngsters at the **Mars Home**. Bring your machines, pins and scissors to help out with the construction of quilted binding for the notebooks. Please bring fabric pieces that would appeal to younger people to the February Meeting. The pattern will also be available at the February Meeting for anyone interested in working on some at home - all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you ~ **Louise Warner ~ Community Service**

**April 6, 2013 ~ Workshop with Vivian Benton**

Vivian will teach a workshop on Saturday, April 6, on cutting and sewing curves and circles for your quilts and other projects. If you're timid about working with curved piecing, or just want to sharpen your curved piecing skills, this program is for you. The workshop will be held at the Highland Room of the St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Vivian has a lot of techniques to teach, and participants will work on small projects rather than a full quilt. The supply list will be published shortly. **Lunch is included** in the class fee of \$30, payable to NPQG. Sign up with me at the February meeting or send me an email at [loretta.crum@verizon.net](mailto:loretta.crum@verizon.net).

**Loretta Crum ~ Programs**



## Fund Raising

Hello Quilters!! Once again we will be holding our **Cup and a Quarter** activity in the month of February. Ideas for cups and fabrics might be Valentines, hearts, snowy days, winter sports, anything pink and/or red, etc. As I'll be basking in Florida sunshine, Nancy Jeffries has graciously accepted the official position of Fundraising Chair for **February and April**, so please continue to bring in those cute cups and pretty fabrics for our drawing. We have done well with this project as a money making effort and I appreciate your interest and participation. See you in the Spring!!

Another idea: I'm suggesting a Silent Auction with items made by members. Items could be anything made by the members: wall quilts, table runners, place mats, doll clothes, purses, and other home made items: jams, jellies, chili, sauces, soups, etc. Could also consider 'used but like new' items. This is a big project, and one that needs time to think about and prepare for.

Thanks!!

**Marilyn MacArthur ~ Fund Raising Chair**



## Sunshine

Sorry to report on the death of Heather Collins father, Craig S. Church. And Joanne Bouda's mother passed away. The appropriate donations are in the process of being made.

Please remember to notify me of any members who are sick or who have lost loved ones so that I can let them know that the Guild cares and that we are keeping them in our prayers.

Thank you.

**Helen Marcellus ~ Sunshine Chair**



## On another note:

### President's Block

To thank Muriel Petschke for her 2012-2013 term as President of the North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild, we would like to ask each member to make an 8 1/2-inch quilt block (finished size) to give to Muriel. This is a long tradition and will make a nice keepsake for our outgoing President.

I asked Muriel what she likes. Her favorite colors are "cottage colors," which are soft sage green, pale yellow, and soft pink. Any 8 1/2 inch quilt block - of **your** choice - would be great. I will start collecting the finished 8 1/2 inch blocks at the February meeting. We would like to present the blocks to Muriel at the June, end-of-the-year dinner.

At the February meeting, I will have an 8 1/2 inch (finished size) “Country Nine-Patch in a Square” pattern for you to use (if you want to) and samples of cottage colors.

The finished 8 1/2 inch President’s Block should be neatly pressed and include your signed name.

**Thanks !            Deb Thompson            And please note the following!!!**

## **Nominations for 2013-2014**

### **NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD**

Even though we are just about half way through the 2012-2013 NPQG “year”, we have to start organizing and preparing for the upcoming year for our guild. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I am asking for two members to volunteer with the nominating task. This is a very short-term commitment and members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Please let me know at the February 5, 2013 meeting if you would like to help out. I have listed below, as a refresher, the pertinent Bylaws of NPQG, a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation.

**Section 1.4 Executive Board**— The officers of the Corporation which shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Members-at-Large, and such other officers as the Executive Board deems desirable. They shall have all rights and duties normally granted to a Board of Directors under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation law.

**Section 1.5 Executive Committee**-- Shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the immediate past President, and the Chairman of each standing committee.

**Section 1.6 Elections** — Shall take place annually at the May meeting of the General Members

**Section 1.7 Term of Office** — Shall be one fiscal year. The treasurer shall serve a term of two years.

**Section 8.1** The term of office for elected officers and Members-at-Large shall commence 1 July and conclude 30 June.

**Section 8,3 Election Procedures.**

a The Nominating Committee shall consist of four (4) members with the Chairman of the Nominating Committee being appointed by the President.

b The Vice President shall serve on the Nominating Committee

c Members of the nominating committee shall understand that they are not eligible for nomination as executive officers or as Members-at-Large with the exception of the Vice President who succeeds to the Presidency

