

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

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The extreme cold weather gives us more time to stay indoors and quilt – what else can you do? It does get tiresome when one needs to actually go outdoors and contend with it. I found this on facebook and got a real kick out of it. I like wolves, nothing necessarily against groundhogs and I'm sorry if anyone reading this is a fan of them.

I also took the time to do some reading, and read “Thunder Dog” by Michael Hingson. (I like wolves and their tamer canine relatives). It is a story of a blind man who was in the World Trade Center when it was attacked on 9/11. He worked on the 78th floor, and was there when the plane hit. His story tells how he and his guide dog, Roselle, were able to escape the tower safely, down the staircase. He gets to expound on his blindness and how he has learned to cope. The story is thought provoking and inspiring and easy to read. It is not sensational, just a gentle tale of a masterful deed by man and dog. I also appreciated this quote from the book: “This is the true joy in life – being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; being a force of nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.” George Bernard Shaw

The President's Message is not meant to preach, nor is that my intention – I whine with the best of them, but this quote moved me, along with the book where I found it. I figure that the impact meant that I should share it with you.

That being said, I hope that the weather lets us see each other in February. Now, get back to your quilting!

JAN

Next scheduled NPQG Meeting – February 3, 2015 Kearns Spirituality Center

Hi everyone,

I was just looking at one of my quilt magazines and I realized that we are close to the deadline for subscribing to or renewing Fons and Porter's "Love of Quilting" magazine. There is still time to order or renew your subscription for \$15 for 1 year. You can email me (sueannseb@aol.com) with your information or give it to me at the Quilt and Wilt on Saturday (Jan 31) or at our February 3rd meeting. I will need everyone's check (made out to NPQG) by February 3rd also. Thanks to everyone that has already signed up and sent checks. Stay warm and quilt! See you at the Quilt and Wilt on Saturday, Jan 31! 😊

Thanks,

Sue Sebastian

PROGRAM – Denise Ludwig

Bring those Bingo Cards – and buttons. We will be playing Bingo in February. Also we will have an informative session on the History of the North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild. Also, Cup and a Quarter will be held. So, please bring those beautiful cups with the gorgeous fat quarters. Be prepared to purchase tickets to win one of these cups.

Please advise Barbara.turke@gmail.com or peggy1900@hotmail.com if you are planning to bring something to our Fat Quarter table. We are always looking forward to the surprise offerings on this table.

Another Quilt'n "Wilt – January 31, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland – Fellowship Hall – Lower level, 311 Cumberland Road

Since we will be using the lower level, we are asked to enter through the door on the West side of the building on that level – not the front door. We can use the kitchen, and we are asked to be sure to clean up after ourselves, including sweeping up any scraps around our sewing areas – essentially leaving the area the way we find it. Same as Kearns, except that the floor is tiled, so not wrestling with the lint roller.

Food-wise, we have made these plans: Sue is bringing a crockpot with taco-seasoned chicken. It would be great on rolls or on a green salad. I am bringing olive salad – which we discovered is great as part of a muffaletta sandwich – with rolls, provolone, and salami, and ham. You are welcome to bring along accompaniments to these 2 offerings – i.e. the rolls, or sandwich makings, or whatever else you think would work. Or, you can just elect to bring along your own lunch – it is totally up to you.

Other contributions to the general menu could be snacks, desserts, salads, and drinks. We all know what works! I believe there is a coffee maker available. Perhaps paper plates, utensils, cups.

If you are inspired to bring something towards the general buffet – could you let me know just so we don't have too many of any one thing?

After things are underway we will tally the attendance and figure out what it will cost each of us. Should not be more than \$2 or \$3.

Thanks, looking forward to it!

If this goes smoothly, we should be able to repeat it in February, etc. Let's see how it goes.

Thanks, Jan

Special Note: Johanna Blarrik, an NPQG member and owner of "Piecing It Together" quilt shop, adopted our Christmas Charity "Backpack Initiative" and used various means to raise monetary donations to the "Backpack Initiative" fund. By raffling a "Pittsburgh Steeler" signed pillowcase in November, \$240 was donated. Raffling off a quilt, won by Deb Thompson (NPQG member), \$120 was donated in December.

For your March calendar:

NPQG Meeting – March 3, 2015 – Kearns Spirituality Center

Three Rivers Quilters 2015 Annual Quilt Show – The Circuit Center, South Side Pittsburgh PA

Thursday, March 26,; Friday, March 27; Saturday, March 28

Hours are: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM Thursday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday

Theme: Hexagons Judges for Show are: Illona Hull, Westminster, MD and Fran Kordek, Elkins, WV

Admission \$7 (Only \$5 from 3:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday) Passes good for up to 3 days will be available

Thursday and Friday for \$10. For additional information quiltshow@threeriversquilters.org

March 11 – 14, 2015 AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster Convention Center

www.quiltwood.com/locations/lancaster

Where is your name tag? Don't forget to wear your name tag. No name tag, contribute \$.25. The fees collected during this meeting for no-name tag, will be raffled off. When registering for the meeting, you will be given a raffle ticket for wearing your name tag. So, wear your tag proudly so we know your name.

What is Fat Quarter? - Fat Quarter is the food table at each meeting. Members graciously bring a dessert, snack, fruit, etc. to be shared with the meeting participants.

What is Cup and a Quarter? - Again, *generous* NPQG members, donate a cup filled with fat quarters or useable sizes of materials. These cups are raffled off during the meeting.

What is "Show and Tell"? Show and Tell is your opportunity to show the guild your quilting projects. It is a time to share your joy of completion and your story about your project. It is held at the end of the business meeting. So, don't be shy – show us your stuff.

Satchels of Care update;

We have 33 beautiful completed bags ready to be filled and given to Cancer Patients.

We have 14 kits waiting for someone to say "I will make one or another.

Which means we have 53 bags which will be brought to our meeting on Feb. 3.

I can't wait to see all of them and how fun and funky they look.

Please please don't forget because we need to wrap up this bag adventure and move to the next.



And what you ask is the NEXT? At our March meeting we are asking everyone to bring their sewing machine, extension cords and supplies because we want to Make 98 Beads of Courage bags for Children under going treatment for cancer. So please plan to be at the meeting ready to accept kits and sew away. The kits are being put together by Donna Martin's Thursday Quilt group so remember to say thank you when you see those members.