

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild February 2016 Newsletter



It is time to quilt! The deadline for our quilts for the quilt show is fast approaching. Hearts, flowers and candy are wonderful February sentiments but I would rather have uninterrupted days of sewing. I envy the quilters who are all finished with their show quilts. Mine are all in pieces, in my head, or in a bag waiting to be started. Cleaning, cooking and sleeping are terribly overrated! Does anyone else's life get in the way of what we really want to do? As soon as I finish this, I am climbing the stairs to my sewing room and trying to get one more block finished before the next obligation raises its ugly head. Good Luck on getting your quilt finished. I can't wait to see all of the beautiful, creative and unique quilts at the show!

Let's hope that Phil does not see his shadow! We will have a great presentation by Guild members about using rulers at our meeting on February 2. There will also be lots of news about the quilt show and upcoming events. I hope to see everyone there!

Mollie needs our help! Kathy is not able to help with hospitality the next few months. Mollie needs a few assistants to make calls, set up and clean up for Fat Quarter. Please either call or email Mollie (mollie111103@yahoo.com), Jan (feathergate@mac.com), or me (sueannseb@aol.com) if you can help. As always, everyone can help by bringing a snack for Fat Quarter. It always seems impossible until it's done.
Keep quilting,
Sue



This is a quilt by Maggie Ball. She will be our speaker at the May meeting - and there will also be a workshop. Denise will have some of her quilts at the February meeting so that we can vote on which one we would like to do. I don't think it will be as complex as this - but wouldn't it be great to be able to do this? Look her up on facebook - that is where I got this photo.

And now - what you've been waiting for:

From the Quilt Show Committee –

Time is flying by. I hope you've been working on your show quilt and have it ready to get quilted. I can't wait to see all the beautiful creations.

The due date for applications for the show is March 1. Depending on how many quilts we have entered by then, the deadline may be extended. Let's try to get them in sooner than later. The application is now uploaded to the website. It is a writeable form, so you can just type all your information in and then print out and send to Louise. Don't forget you also need a description and a picture of the quilt. The quilt does not have to be finished – we are mostly looking for size and color so we can figure out the layout. We will have blank applications at the meetings.

If you have not returned your quilt raffle tickets, please do so and hopefully you can take some more to sell. Lets try to sell all 3,000 this year !!!

There will be flyers and posters at the meeting in February. If you know of an establishment (church, library, doctor's office, etc.) where we can hang the poster or leave some flyers, it would be wonderful. The more exposure we get, the more people we may get through the door for the show.

Think about how you can help at the show. We will need lots of people to help on the day we hang the quilts and the day we take down the quilts. That' would be Thursday, April 14 and Sunday, April 17. There also will be volunteer spots that will need filled during the three days of the show. Selling dream basket tickets, admissions, selling raffle quilt tickets, kitchen duty and white glove ladies. This is your show and we need all the help we can get to make it a success. Please pass on the information to all your friends and family. Let's make this our best show yet !!!

Thank you in advance for your help,
Carol Beck/Carol Hartman



Community Service Special Meeting *****

March Gladness is coming. March 1 is our Community Service night at Quilt guild so:

Bring your sewing machines, your supplies, your quilt kits and your hearts full of gladness that you are able to help others using the skills with which you have been gifted.

We are planning to have something for everyone to do. Here is our task list:

1. Finish and admire the quilts for Hospice.
2. Tie tags on the quilts which read, "Made especially for you by members of the North Pittsburgh Quilt Guild because we care".
3. Using donated fabric cut out kits for making pillowcases for Shepherd Heart and sewing one together.
4. Sew a Bead of Care bag for a ill child
5. Celebrate being together

Pat and I think this should be enough to keep us all busy and having fun but just in case we are going to be giving away goodies every 30 minutes so be sure and write your name on a slip of paper and put it into the Gladness bag when you check in.

See you on March 1 with a smile on your face and Gladness in your heart.



Remember that Cup-and-a-Quarter resumes at the March Meeting !!
Harvene & Joyce

Another photo of a Maggie Ball Quilt:



A closing thought:

From the Lewy Body Dementia Association. “Don’t waste a single precious moment on negativity. We only receive 1000 waking minutes each day to accomplish what we want, to improve, to be the person we want to be.

Never assume you will receive a refill of minutes tomorrow.

Be amazing today and hope **you receive the same gift tomorrow.**”

- Unknown



Submitted by Jan Merritt

