

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

February 2018 Newsletter

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Hope you all kept warm during our recent “COLD” spell. Good time to have a quilt on your lap. Also a very good time to be working on your “Quilt Show” project. Time is getting close and I know that all of you have special sewing skills to show off in a project. We all love seeing the finished hanging of all the amazing quilts. So, don’t hang back - get your quilt done and entered in the show. The entry form will be available shortly for you to submit.

With that said, I am looking forward to Phil not seeing his shadow, to the many athletes performing at the Winter Olympics, and not so much so to the Super Bowl. However, I thank the Steelers for a great season - Pittsburgh has the greatest sports teams -now I can concentrate on the Penguins.

January’s meeting was a great success. We were all delighted to see so many old Singers. Nice to know that if you have one, there is Kathy around to help you keep it in working order.



Our next guild meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Don’t forget to bring your quilts for Western PA veterans and/or your animal shelter throws. Also sign up for the April bus trip with Linda Williams or Tricia McSorley. There will also be a cup and a quarter raffle at the meeting.

Hope to see you there.

Clarice

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The Meeting ~ ~

Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at Kearns Spirituality Center, La Roche College.

Begins at 7:00 p.m. ~~~~~ If there is a weather cancellation, there will be an email, so check your email if any doubt.

The Program ~ ~

What is a “Modern Quilt”? Maybe I am a closet modern quilter and am just not certain? Where can I meet a real modern quilter?

This meeting will give us the opportunity to answer these pesky questions. February’s meeting welcomes 2 guest speakers, members of the Modern Quilt Guild of Pittsburgh.

They will talk about their group, defining modern quilt techniques, and bring samples of their beautiful quilts. You have the chance to ask questions and discover this potential new avenue for your own quilting adventures. If you think that you have a quilt that fits, bring it for show and tell. Take advantage of this learning experience.

In addition ~ ~

Fat Quarter ~ Let’s mark the event with our favorite Valentine’s Day treats. (meanwhile keep in mind next month’s St. Patrick’s Day observance - I am planning on bringing my green punch)

Liz Hodkinson ~~~ Hospitality

Cup and a Quarter ~ February is the cup and fabric quarter raffle. Donations are gratefully appreciated.

Jeannie McCormick ~~~ Fund Raising

Please remember to bring your Quilt Raffle ticket stubs and money to the meeting, the Committee would like to see how the sales are proceeding. There are more tickets available, see

Denise Ludwig or Janie Walker

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Speaking of the Quilt Show ~~~ Please remember your donations for the “Dream Baskets”. We have several themes in Progress but anything you have to donate, new or gently used, is appreciated and needed. Thanks!

Tricia McSorley and/or Jan Merritt

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I have been having a great time this past year delving into the past Newsletters, Pictures, and other records of the North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild, attempting to establish a history of the guild. However there are a few years where the information is scarce. Namely, 1998 through 2002.

This may be a shot in the dark, but if anyone has anything from those years, and is willing to share, I would really appreciate it. I will copy and anything you might have. I am most interested in the Quilt Shows of 1998, 2000, and 2002: Brochures, Ribbon Winners lists, or pictures would be great!

Thanks for your help.

Betty Kania, Historian

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Now, on to the Bus Trip!!

Let us repeat:

**BUS TRIP ~~~ BUS TRIP ~~~ BUS TRIP**

Hello Quilt Sisters!

Your “Program Peeps” have arranged an *awesome* Bus Trip to Berlin, Ohio for Saturday, April 21, 2018.

We are planning on visiting 3 different Quilt Shops and having lunch in the area.

The itinerary: *Somewhere Sewing (15% discount)*  
*Miller’s Dry Goods (10% discount)*  
*Helping Hands Quilt Shop (discount*  
*undecided)*

Lunch (yummy, of course) is planned at the Berlin Farmstead.

The cost of this amazing trip is only \$25.00.

Includes travel in a luxury travel coach (with rest room), 3 fabulous quilt shops, and a tip for the driver.

Water, snacks and games will be included to help pass the time on our way to the Buckeye State. The bus holds 55 so there is plenty of room for Guild Members, family and friends. Encourage yours to join the fun, let’s fill the bus and have a blast!

**Leaving Kearns' parking lot at 7:30 a.m. back at 7:30 p.m. !!!!!**

Please register/sign up/pay (check made out to NPQG, please)

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Any questions, please email Linda or Tricia.

Quilting is the thread that binds our gifts of Joy.

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I have to add this editorial comment. I attended the St. Brendan's Speaker Series where Clarice and Sue Sebastian presented a lecture about quilting and displayed the most lovely quilts. Clarice, in my experience, usually downplays her skills as a quilter, but she is too modest - as seen in her t-shirt quilts and her Cathedral Window quilt - done completely by hand!! We are aware of the wonderful quilts that Sue makes, and some of her best were on display.

Thanks to Clarice and Sue for reminding us of their considerable other talents, their presentations were great and can make us very proud!

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt