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Newsletter ~ January 2012

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President's Message

I don't know about the rest of you but I'm glad the year 2011 is in the past, 2012 has to be a better year, at least for me. There are exciting things coming up this year with the guild. We are kicking the year off with a craft night for our first January Monthly meeting. I enjoy these types of meetings because it gives us time to relax and create with our fellow guild members. We will be selling those items at the Heinz History Center that will be at the end of January. Items not sold at the History Center can be sold at our **Quilt Show**. The February Monthly meeting should be an interesting and fun meeting. I love seeing the quilting talents displayed from our own Guild members, so I'm looking forward to our "**BIG**" **Show & Tell**. Before we know it, we'll be setting up for our **Quilt Show**. With such a busy winter scheduled for our Guild, I hope you find time to settle into your sewing space and quilt until your heart's content.

See you at the January Meeting.

Patti



Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Kearns Spirituality Center, LaRoche College, unless otherwise noted.

January 3, 2012 ~ Craft Night ~ Lead by Marilyn MacArthur

Hi Everyone: Thanks in advance for helping create our "**Money Makers**" for the Heinz Show and our **Quilt Show** in March. Following is the items you will need to bring to the January Meeting depending upon which craft you want to do. Call me at 724-443-6436 if you have any questions.....Marilyn MacArthur

Pin Cushions (Nancy Jeffries will be at demo table with sample and instructions)

- 3 coordinating fabrics, approx. 1/4 yd. each
- Rotary cutter and small mat
- Scissors, pins
- Needle and neutral thread
- Sewing machine with neutral thread, extension cord

Stuffing (we will have walnut shells available)
Decorative button for the top

Button Bracelets (Patti Lisowski will be at demo table with sample, buttons, and instructions)

Elastic - 1/4", 1/2", or 1" (whatever width you like - wider size will take more buttons)
Buttons
Thread, needle, thimble, scissors

Seat Belt Covers (I will have sample and instructions)

Fabric - 2 pieces 8x10"
Batting - 1 piece 8x10"
Velcro - 2 pieces 7" long
Scissors, pins
Sewing machine with neutral thread, extension cord

Wine Bottle Covers (Charlotte Kewish will be at demo table with kits and instructions)

Scissors, needles, thread, pins
Sewing machine with neutral thread, extension cord

Oven Mitts (Cathy Mahoney will be at demo table with kits and instructions)

1/4 yd. will make 3 - bring as much fabric as you need
Scissors, pins, thread, needle, marking pencil
Sewing machine, extension cord

Fabric Flower Pins (Ann McCartan will be at demo table with all necessary items (except fabric) plus instructions)

2 contrasting fat quarters

Greeting Cards (I will bring cards, fabric scraps, trims, buttons, ribbons - Heather Collins will help assemble cards)

Fabric scraps
Glue (Elmer's works well)
Scissors - regular and pinking
Glue gun and glue sticks, extension cord (needed for button attachments)
Appliques, bows, trims
Magic Markers

Also! For the January Meeting, remember the **Dream Baskets!** We need contributions. We appreciate anything, big or small. January's donation theme is "**All Pittsburgh Sports Teams**". This can include any Black and Yellow fabric. Item ideas: fat quarters, appropriate fabrics, pattern books, sport items. Be creative, make it fun. **Patricia McSorley**



Membership

Getting to know you! Jane Campbell

Jane (Drellow) Campbell is a NPQG returnee! Jane held the office of President in 1992-1993, Vice President 1991-1992, and Secretary 1990-1991. How lucky we are to have her back. She has some life changes and recreated herself as a Campbell. Jane has three sons, one in San Francisco, one in Virginia and one in Atlanta.

Jane grew up in the Finger Lakes of New York and landed in Pittsburgh because of a job. Currently Jane is a massage therapist and lives in Wexford. She also works part time for the Quilt Company in Allison Park. She has memories of the guild as some of the best times of her life: the friendships, the creativity.

When I asked her how long she has been sewing - she said "I think I have always been sewing, at least 30 years." Since getting back into quilting, she has uncovered two very important UFO's Bear Paw pattern, that she is now finishing. They were for two of her sons' bunk beds. The boys are now 27 and 29!

Does Jane have a big stash? A big laugh - yes, she has tons of fabric! She does all styles of quilting except hand applique. Although she appreciates the beauty of applique she is strictly a machine-piecer.

Jane founded "Going Home Greyhounds", an organization that still exists today and helps ex-racing greyhounds get adopted by good families. Although she's no longer involved with the organization, she's proud that GHG has had 2000 dogs adopted to date. These days, Jane and her husband have a Great Dane mix, a full-blooded German Shepard, and 'a shinny old gray cat.'

Jane is a voracious reader with three books going at one time. Currently she is enjoying some light reading, the Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich. Her bottom line is - it has to be fun!

NPQG welcomes Jane Campbell!

submitted by **Noreen Nance**, Membership Committee



Sunshine

Sent a Sympathy Card to Tina Pickl whose husband died very suddenly in December. She is no longer a member of the Guild, but had been an active member for many years. She has already sent us a Thank You note.

Dee Malter

Programs

Heinz History Center Quilters Weekend

Saturday, January 21 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 22 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Carol Hartman is coordinating staffing for the Guild's table at the History Center. If you can spare two or three hours on either of those days, contact Carol or see her at the January Meeting to register. You'll have free access to the show for those few hours of work but you must be on the official list to be admitted as a volunteer.

The **History Center** also needs volunteers to help with the show, for **White Glove Work** with the display quilts, help with the crafts table, taking care of the book exchange, and possibly helping at the **Log Cabin Quilt Project Table**. If you can spare two or three hours on either Saturday or Sunday, please contact **Natalie DeRiso** (nderiso@heinzhistorycenter.org) or **Erin Murray** (ekmurray@heinzhistorycenter.org) to volunteer. In your message, be sure to include your telephone number and email address and indicate which day you are available and when you can be there: morning, early afternoon, or late afternoon. Also let them know if you can give two or three hours. Before or after your "shift," you will have access to all of the show.

Quilt Show

We need lots of volunteers to help during the show: white glove angels, admissions, raffle and dream basket tables, and overseeing security in the kitchen. **Dee Malter** is coordinating kitchen staffing and **Charlotte Kewish** and **Linda Williams** are handling the other positions. Please volunteer for a shift of two or three hours sometime during the three days of the show. Keep in mind that old adage - many hands make light work; many volunteers will keep this from becoming a burden for a small group of members.

Remember, too, that those who volunteer for a shift receive free admission to the show for that day.

May Workshop ~

I went to Mercer and picked up the samples for the May Workshop. I will bring them to the February Meeting, but am forwarding some pictures. Jan is going to try to include at least one in this newsletter.

Loretta Crum



Yay!! I did it!

Newsletter compiled by Jan Merritt. Who finally learned how to do something new, but no guarantees that I can do it again.

Also regarding the **Quilt Show** - We need many volunteers to help on “**judging day**” Wednesday, March 21st. **Lisa Sauer** will be at the January Meeting to sign up volunteers and talk about the various duties of the day.

Remember to keep selling raffle tickets. See **Pat Barry** or **Nancy Smith** if you need more.

