



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild July 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello Everyone, I hope you are staying cool with all of the hot and humid weather we have been having.

Our **Guild Picnic** is only a week away on **Tuesday, July 6 at 3 p.m.**

It will be held at the **Beveridge Pavilion on South Ridge Drive in North Park.** If you have GPS, Mapquest will take you directly to the pavilion. If you need directions, please let me know and we can get them to you.

We are asking if members with the last names starting with **A - M bring an entree or side dish, and those with the last names starting with N - Z, please bring a salad or dessert.** The Guild will provide water to drink, if you prefer to bring another choice, please feel free to so. Just a reminder - no alcohol of any kind is permitted at the picnic. Stacy is planning a game for us at the picnic, so get ready to have some fun.

The August Guild Meeting will be our Annual Quilt & Wilt. More details to follow on the location. We will be having our monthly Guild meetings starting in September at **Berkley Hills Lutheran Church** on Sangree Road. This is a change from our usual location, **so please be sure to make a note of it so we don't miss you!!!**

Stacy happily agreed to continue having the meetings on Zoom as well, if you want to attend but not in person.

I hope everyone stays cool, and is able to spend some time with loved ones over the 4th of July.

See you at the picnic !!!

Kathleen Mohr ~~ President

Membership

It's that time of year for current members to renew their memberships.

Of course, **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !!**

Dues are \$25.00 and should be paid by **August 15th** to avoid the \$5.00 late fee.

Checks should be made payable to **NPQG**, and mailed to **North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild, PO Box 101747, Pgh, PA, 15237.**

Please find the renewal forms and new members applications located on the website, NPQG.org

Harvene Lynch ~~ Membership

Santa Bags

Thanks to all for taking Santa Bags to sew. They all (about 350) have been distributed !!!!!

So, now it's time to sew those little suckers right up. I will be so very happy to receive your completed bags at the picnic on **July 6**, or anytime over the summer. If you want to meet for coffee, I'll buy. I can stop by your house.

Whatever works for you. In any event, they will all be due in **September, since we deliver them to Children's Hospital in October.**

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2022 Quilt Show

The 2022 Quilt Show is **April 22 - 24**. It will take place at the **Ross Community Center** as in years past. The Committee is meeting monthly and busy planning.

The Committee will be discussing the use of the additional room. Once the final decision is made, it will be announced to the membership.

You can participate in the raffle quilt this year by sewing a block (or 2) for the **Flower Chain Raffle Quilt**. Kits will be available at the **July 6th Picnic**. If you want to participate but cannot make the picnic, please contact **Carol Hartman** at littlestoes2072@gmail.com.

More information on the specifications for the Flower Theme Quilt and the Miniature Challenge Quilt can be found on the website npqg.org

Sandy Schott and Lisa Sauer ~ 2022 Quilt Show Chairmen

Help needed !!

Raffle Quilt quilt block kits will be distributed at the picnic (July 6th).

There are **2 different types of blocks**.

I am asking that they be **returned to me sometime in August** so that I may assemble the quilt for no later than **October reveal**.

Thanks !!

Carol Hartman

Programs

**** Virtual Quilt 'n Wilt

Mark your calendar for another Zoom Quilt 'n Wilt. Let's get together on Saturday, July 24 from 9:30 or there-about until 4:00 or we wilt, whichever comes first. Come for the whole day or drop in to day Hi. Look for the Zoom invitation the week before.

See you there,

Stacy Koehler ~~~ Programs

Treasurer

Show Me the Money

Dues time, everyone. Oh, how the time flies. It feels like it was just yesterday when dues was last due. It was actually a year ago.

It sure has been a weird couple years. We have all adapted as best we can to the challenges of the pandemic. But it has been so very stressful — in different ways for different people, but undeniably difficult for all. We have all missed the society and community that the Guild provides us — It may be those very things for which you joined the Guild in the first place.

The Guild has done well in maintaining at least some continuity and sense of community. Throughout, Jan Merritt has continued to provide a great monthly Newsletter and other communication of items of interest. We had 9 member meetings via Zoom, including 3 speaker presentations. We had 3 Zoom workshops and 3 Zoom Quilt and Wilt's. As Program Chair, Stacey Koehler introduced the idea of Quilter's Coffee for an hour in the afternoon and we did that 3 times. We each had the opportunity to do a Row-by-Row quilt in 2020 and a Mystery Quilt in 2021, both sponsored by the Guild. We had a program of quilt themed readings and a discussion of

favorite books. All of that: not too shabby, especially while the world was shut down. Now, a lot of people never liked, or have grown to hate Zoom over the last 18 months. Some members don't have access to or find the technology a pain the the neck, or just don't have the interest, desire, or space in their homes to do the Zoom thing. And that's a drag; it has made it even harder for you.

Now that things are "opening up" we had an in-person, human-to-human, back in society, seeing friends in person, have to wear shoes member meeting and an Annual Dinner. The joy and emotion at reunion was palpable. And now a Picnic !! Going forward, we plan to resume regular in-person member meetings (and also hopefully with Zoom access for those who want that). There will be workshops and Quilt and Wilt's. We will be working on a Raffle Quilt and preparing for the 2022 Quilt Show. And other good stuff I can't think of right now.

All of that is to say, the Guild both never left — and is back. And we need everyone's participation and support, and some of your money. So, please pay your \$25.00 dues as soon as possible. Attached to this newsletter is a member renewal form. Please send the form and your check to the address listed. We will also have forms and be happy to collect your dues at the Picnic. If you aren't going to be at the picnic and don't have a printer to pull the form, please let me know, and I will send form to you. We need you - all.

Thanks

Anne Shearon ~~ Treasurer

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt



