

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the following new members:

Shelly Holley

Audrey King

Jeannie McCormick

Peggy Splane

Tracey Zigo



[2013-2014 NPQG Membership Applications are now due](#)

New Members: _____ \$25.00 Annual (July
1 through June 30)

January 1 (1/1 - 6/30) _____ \$12.50 if paid after

Renewing Members: _____ \$25.00 if paid
before August 15, 2013

August 16 or later (**\$5.00 late fee**) _____ \$30.00 if paid

Please make checks payable to **NPQG**. Complete form and
mail with your check to:

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
P.O. Box 101747

As there was no formal meeting in June, there are no minutes attached. A notation to that effect will be entered in the Record of Minutes.



July 9 (Tuesday) NPQG Picnic at Beverage Grove in North Park located in the Swimming Pool/Pie Traynor area of North Park.

Directions to the Pavilion:

1. From Babcock Blvd. or Sample Road – turn onto Hemlock (From Peebles Road, go towards the park, bear left when it “t’s” onto Hemlock.
2. Turn in towards the swimming pool
3. Turn right at the fork
4. Turn right again, passing by the ball field and its parking lot (At this point it is a one way road)
5. When the road “t’s”, turn left again
6. Beveridge will be the first pavilion on the left (across from other ballfields and parking)
This pavilion sits in the midst of trees which will provide some shade and hopefully some relief from the heat.

There are about 8 electrical outlets and there are flush toilets a convenient 20 yard walk away.

Dinner is at 6 PM-ish. Feel free to come at any time and leave whenever (but by midnight) No one watches the clock. Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish (and serving utensils) and also bring your OWN PLATES AND EATING UTENSILS. This is a really fun event – get to know your fellow quilters, share quilting stories (good or bad), and just relax.

Community Service – Louise reports that she is still accepting “covers” and that the Guild will be presenting them to the Mars Home at our September meeting.

Program - - August 9 – Quilt N Wilt

September 2 – NPQG Meeting – Trunk Show by Vivian Benton

Fill UP Your Calendar

August 16 and 17, 2013 – Rediscovered Treasures: World War II Quilts – 40 Vintage Quilts 1941-1945 from the collection of Sue Reich of Washington Depot, Connecticut. Where – Conneaut High School, 381 Mill Street, Conneaut, Ohio – Sponsored by the Conneaut Quilters Guild

August 22 – 24 t 22, 2013 Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville PA 15146 www.sewngexpo.com

September 2-8, 2013 LutherlyIn Crafty Lady’s Getaway

September 7 and 8, 2013 Saxonburg Festival of the Arts Show Centennial Hall Quilt Show

October 11 and 12, 2013 10 am – 5 pm Oct 12 – 11 am -4 PM Beaver Valley Piecemakers Nineteenth Annual “Autumn Quilt Show” Holy Family Parish Social Hall, 1851 3rd Av., New Brighton PA 15066

October 19 and 20, 2013 – Life is a Basket Full of Cherries Quilt Show in the Autumn Splendor at Lutherlyn , Prospect PA

October 23-26, 2013 Country Roads Shop Hop 10 Stores Bedford, Uniontown, Johnstown Phone Lowell Martin 814-623-2413

November 8 , 2013 10 AM to 5 PM November 9 10 AM to 4 PM Martha Washington Quilters Guild 2013 quilt Show Church of the Covenant, 267 East Beau Street, Washington PA 15301

REMINDER – NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD show dates are April 25, 26, 27 2014

Have you started on your quilt????? Are you thinking about it????? This is your guild – you make it shine! Please return your completed block for the RAFFLE QUILT asap to Carol Hartman or Carol Beck.

These can be brought to the picnic, Quilt N Wilt, or dropped off at their home.



We are sorry to hear that a tree limb fell onto “Piecing It Together”’s roof during the storm on June 25. Happy to hear that no one was hurt, damage is under control and that the roof will soon be fixed.

Hopefully Linda Williams will be up and about after breaking a bone in her foot.

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The time has come to hand over the duties of the newsletter, and Clarice Sabina has graciously taken on the challenge. Due to a number of eye surgeries, I was unable to do a few of the newsletters, and I have to thank Clarice and Charlotte Kewish for helping, and doing it well. I also will take this opportunity to thank those of you who helped me with trips to the Surgeon’s office – those long visits.

I took the “job” as Newsletter Chair because #1 – I wanted to do something in the guild, and #2 – no one challenged me for the position. There were times when it seemed like a lot of work, but basically I enjoyed it. Especially when so many of you encouraged me with appreciation. Those of you who commented “What were you thinking?” did not hamper me (pretty much like when I make fabric choices.?)

I would encourage everyone to jump in and get involved with the guild. You don’t have to do what I did and take on the immense undertaking of the newsletter, do something small, simple, and get your feet wet. Then move on as you see fit – I found it very gratifying. And if it doesn’t turn out like you expected – you can always tear out the stitches and try again!

Thanks to all of you for being so supportive! Jan Merritt

FUND RAISING EVENTS – Marilyn MacArthur

Hello Everyone! At the Board Meeting on Tuesday, it was decided to continue on with the “Cup and a Quarter” program as it seems to be well received and we made over \$350 on it last year. We will be having it on alternate months again beginning in September. It will occur again in November, January, March and May. So start collecting those cute cups and lovely fat quarters! If anyone has any other fundraising ideas for October, February and April, please let me know.

Another idea was presented which was to hold an Auction in December of sewn, quilted and other handmade items. Also included would be food items, usable house items in good condition, baked goods, gift certificates, etc. Still to be determined is whether it will be a live auction or a silent auction. Eleny Maul will be co-chairing this activity with me and we will need some volunteers to set it up, and generally help with the auction. More to come on this later. We want to give everyone a heads up on this in case you wish to donate a handmade item – hopefully you will have enough time to create something. This will be either a potluck dinner lilke last year or a wine (punch) and cheese party. Has not been decided as yet.

Also discussed was the possibility of creating a quilt from “orphan blocks” which we could raffle off to the Guild members when it is completed. Jan Merritt has agreed to collect any block you may have, so bring them to the picnic. Quilt and Wilt, or the September meeting. A committee will assemble and sew them together when all are received.

Thanks for any input anyone may have --- call me at 724-443-6436 Marilyn MacArthur

I do not believe the Heinz History will be having a Quilt Show this coming January but will confirm with Loretta as soon as she is home.

And, last but not least, a message from our new president

Dear Fellow Quilters,

I would like to introduce myself if you do not already know me. I have been in the guild for almost 10 years since I retired from teaching Family and Consumer Science at Pine Richland High School. I was a member of the guild in its early beginnings during my 10 year maternity leave from teaching. Sewing and quilting has always been part of my life as both of my grandmothers and mother were quilters and I have wonderful family quilts to help me remember their makers. I know many of you feel the same or maybe you are new to quilting and just want to explore a new form of creativity and fellowship. Whatever your reasons for being part of this awesome group, I welcome you.

I know our first formal meeting isn't until September but we have two really fun events this summer. Please come to our picnic on July 9th. We have good food, and fun. It is a great time to get to know someone new or just enjoy each other. On August 9th is "Quilt and Wilt" at Kearns from whenever you get there until 10:00PM This is a great time to catch up on your quilting projects that have been put on the back burner because of summer activities.

To my new board, I look forward to working with you and thank you sooooo much for volunteering your time and efforts to this wonderful group. To the membership, you have heard a hundred times, the more you put into any organization, the more you get out of it. Please introduce yourself to me, call me, or email me if you have any comments or concerns.

Enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer!

Donna Martin