

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
March 2019 Newsletter**



From the President

Greetings fellow quilters! I hope everyone is working on something fun. For those of you who didn't make it to Quilt & Wilt, you missed a great time. We had a lot of good food and fellowship.

Please remember to bring fun things to embellish the Fidget Mats. We put some kits together at Q&W, many thanks to Tracey and Betty. The kits contain the fabrics, so embellishments are needed. A great opportunity to put to good use those odds and ends that you keep but really don't know why - now you know why!

Also, please let Liz or I know if you are interested in becoming a Chairperson. Many of those who have tried it have found that though it can be work, it also can enhance your Guild experience. A reminder that the last Board Meeting is March 26th.

See you at the meeting - Community Service!

Denise Ludwig ~~~~ President



Vice President's Turn

Well, I've been working hard on my quilt challenge. It has been slow going, but I think it will turn out cute. I'm thinking of making my Shamrock Punch for the meeting. Since we'll be working hard on the Fidget Mats, we will need to keep hydrated!

Since I've been involved with the guild, it is amazing to see how generous and giving you guild members are. I find that quilters are always thinking of others. I don't know about you, but I find myself buying fabric for other people's quilts that I like to make for them in the future. We also donate our time and talents to serve others. I find that Quilters are good hearted people!

See you at the meeting!

Your friendly Quilter, **Liz Hodgkinson ~~~ Vice President**

Programs

We are “leafing” two great programs and workshops to conclude the year. Our April Meeting brings **Penni Domikis** of Cabin in the Woods Quilters.

Her topic is **Quilting Threads**. The following day - **Wednesday, April 3**, Penni will be presenting her **Scrap Petal Garden Workshop**.

There will be pictures of some results of her earlier workshop on display at our March meeting.

She has also prepared a short video explaining the workshop and the prep for it. Go to our website: www.npqg.org and on the home page you will find a link to the video.

Pat Pauley comes to us for the May Meeting and on **Wednesday, May 8**, she will be helping us to not just “**think outside the box**” but burst out of that box with her “**Big Leaf**” **Workshop**. Pat is a real joy and we know you will love her enthusiastic and innovative approach to design.

The workshop fee is **\$25** each and an incredible bargain since both Penni and Pat include the pattern with the workshop.

Tracey Z. and Carol B. ~~~ Programs



Scrap Petal



Big Leaf



March meeting ~ Community Service ~ Fidget Mats

We will be making Fidget Mats at the meeting. As stated earlier - kits of the fabrics have been prepared, just need skilled hands to construct, and then embellish. There are about 30 kits available.

We will need some sewing machines - ideally 2 per table should work. Other helpers at the tables can work on cutting and assembling, etc. and sewing on the labels.

So, please bring whatever fun things you can to embellish, decorate, add to the interest for the recipients, those who need something to “fidget” with.

If you have already made a mat or 2, that is awesome! The more the merrier, add it to the pile!

Examples of Embellishments or Decorations include:

Yarn, felt, quilting textures, buttons, bric-a-brac, zippers, rick-rack, pockets, fake fur, fleece, flannel, lace, fringe, pompoms, ribbon loops, buckles, beads, bells, key rings, etc. All need to be sewn on securely.

Webbing or woven straps are needed, as well, if you have a quantity to share please bring it.

Kathy Friel ~ Community Service

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## Hospitality

Our Meeting falls on Shrove Tuesday or Donut Day. Need I say anything more?

It is also Mardi Gras and Liz has volunteered to bring a green punch. Pralines, King cake, guacamole would go well with the punch. And, that leads us to St. Patrick's Day and more green: St. Paddy Dill Dip, green hummus and green deviled eggs.

All of you rose to the occasion in February and exceeded our expectations. Thank you very much. Can you raise the bar in March?

**Jeannie McCormick and Peggy Splane ~ Hospitality**

**Sunshine**

Two cards were sent out in February, one for a member in rehab and one for a member anticipating surgery.

**Mollie Healy ~ Sunshine**



**Please remember**, donations are still being accepted, with gratitude, for “**Days for Girls**”. Please see Nancy Jeffries with any questions.



The March edition of **Quilt & Wilt** is Saturday, **March 9**, at St. John’s Church. 10:00 to 4:00.  
The theme for this event is **Salads!!!!**

**P.S. Future Q&W dates are April 27, May 18, and June 15.**



Newsletter respectfully submitted by Jan Merritt