

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
March 2020 Newsletter**

President's Message

Happy March !!!! How 'bout this weather we've been having? I guess Ol' Phil was right - early Spring.
First day of Spring is 24 days away as of today (2/25) and the **Quilt Show** is just over **8** weeks away!
I hope that your entry(ies) are on their way — I'm working on mine.
Don't forget to help publicize the show and sell your raffle tickets!
Everyone working together makes this Guild successful.
See you all on March 4th.

Mollie Healey ~~ President

Sunshine

A reminder, if you know of someone who is ill, or recently bereaved, or just needs some encouragement, please let us know so that we can send them a card on behalf of the Guild.
Thank you,

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From the Treasurer

The Guild belongs to you, the members, and if anyone is interested I will always have the Treasurer's Book with me and *you are welcome to look at our income, expenditures, and balances.*
Just let me know at the meeting.

Sylvia Lynn ~~ Treasurer

Programs

March is our traditional Community Service meeting. This year, you have your choice of activities.

Option 1 is about the **Santa Sacs**. Children's Hospital has asked us to make Santa Sacs for next Christmas. We did a big bunch last year, and as we all know, your reward for doing something well is to be asked to do more of it!

Children's provided us with gift cards to Joann's, which **Carol Beck**, using her employee discount, has turned into many yards of end-of-season-priced Christmas fabric. (It's great to have someone in the business!) At the meeting, we will be turning the fabric into kits for us to finish over the next **9-ish** months.

If you would like to work on this project, bring a large cutting mat, a long ruler, scissors and a rotary cutter.

Dimensions for the Sacs kits: **40 inch lengths of fabric**
one yard lengths of ribbon
a gallon- sized plastic bag outfitted
with 2 pieces of fabric and 2 ribbons
(hence 2 kits per bag)

A number of tables would be set aside for the assembly line portion of the program.

It is expected that **Kathi Exter** will come to the meeting and share some of what happens at Children's Hospital with the bags we are making.

Option 2 is about our **Disaster Relief Quilts**. Our goal is to provide our local **emergency responders** with a supply of quilts that can be given by those responders, to victims experiencing a disaster.

We would like to build up a little stockpile before we start giving them out. To that end, we have been making kits for members to sew up at home, or you are free to work one top on your own. They only need to be a moderately sized throw. They can be quilted or tied in any way you choose. They can be bound or pillowcase-turned .

If you want to work on these quilts, you can use the meeting space to do so...the tables make a great surface to work on if you are at the stage of tying your quilts. Or, anything else you might want to do.

Machines are welcome, if that's what you are inclined to bring.

Option 3 is the **Fidget Mat Project**. I understand that last year's Community Service Meeting was cancelled due to the weather, so the fidget mat project relied on home-bound efforts. So, if you are inclined to work on this at the meeting, that would be fine.

It doesn't matter what project you want to work on, Quilters are caring folk and this meeting is an opportunity to let that shine. Bring yourself, your stuff, your energy and enthusiasm and let's do some good. It'll make you smile!

Kelly Gascoine and Stacy Koehler ~ Programs

Quilt Show 2020 ~ Log Cabin Fever ~

Notes:

We are pleased to say that our Raffle Quilt was on display at the "Gallery of Fabric" in Mercer for the past month and they sold 30 tickets for us. Please be sure to thank them when you visit their booth at our Show.

As a reminder ~ please place your label in the bottom **right** corner of your quilt. If you have already placed it on the left, we will accept it; but in the effort to reduce time spent looking for the label, we request that it be in the lower, right hand corner.

Members' Table ~ Yes, there will be a Members' Table at the Show.

Peggy Splane is coordinating this effort. Please contact Peggy if you want to participate in the sale of new, handmade items. 10% of the price of your item comes back to the Guild. Peggy's phone number is 724-444-8420, or email her at jsplane@consolidated.net.

Quilt Show 2020 ~ Clarice Sabina and Janie Walker

Days for Girls ~~~ Updated list of needs ~~~

Items needed at this time include:

Gift cards from JoAnn Fabrics

Gift cards from Target (used to purchase underwear)

Wash cloths (not white), preferably darker colors

Fabric - 100% cotton

patterns work better than solids; "stain busting" patterns are preferred

dark colors work best

Small (travel size) bars of soap

Thanks !! Nancy Jeffries

Coming attractions in Programs:

April meeting ~ Jan Rodgers ~~ Appraising Quilts 101

May meeting ~ Projected ~~ Gyleen Fitzgerald ~~ It's a Polygon Affair

Step outside the "square" to evaluate the mechanics of Pyramid, Diamond, Kite, and Hexagon Quilts. It starts with the simplicity and elegance of the One-patch and continues with a play of combined mix and match. The look can be contemporary or modern with just the right twist. Features quilts from The Polygon Affair Series I & II.

Wednesday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ~ Workshop at St. John's

"Quilt of the Century"

Workshop fee is \$30. (FYI for you - we increased the fees a bit to allow us to buy a deli tray so we can provide lunch)

Description: Remember the bathroom tile floor of the 60's, made with little squares and octagons? You've got the picture. This quilt uses just 2 simple shapes to make an old fashioned favorite.

It's called "The Quilt of the Century" or "Melon Patch" but I call it pure fun for fabric collectors. Make a wall hanging or lap quilt, the choice is yours. All you need is **6 and 1/2 inch squares and one accent fabric.**

And learn how to do a "double" **Butterfly seam** to set-in squares quickly and accurately.

Special tools required: 6 and 1/2 inch square ruler (any brand)

Kelly and Stacy -- Programs.

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt