

# North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

  Newsletter ~ March 2013  

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## President's Message

Howdy Folks!

Just a quick note as I sit there watching more snow fall and wishing for some sunshine...

Don't forget this Tuesday is our Community Service Day, so let's all show up ready to cut, sew, and stuff composition books into our journal covers so that we can enliven the lives of some struggling teens.

We'll have a short meeting first, so anyone who has anything to say, please email me by Monday so that I can get you on the agenda. As soon as we finish the meeting, we'll move onto our event. And, of course, we mustn't forget Fat Quarter, all those who signed up, don't forget - we're looking forward to your goodies....

I know sunshine is coming, so I plan to keep busy indoors until then.....  
See you on Tuesday!

Muriel



## Meeting Schedule

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

*In case of snow, please check your email for possible cancellation or call Muriel or Jan.*

## March 5 ~ Community Service Work Session

The March meeting will be our time to work on the journal covers for the **Mars Youth and Family Services**. Please come prepared to iron, measure, cut, sew, and/or prepare "homework kits." Supplies needed are irons, ironing surface, cutting mats, rotary cutters, 24" rulers, sewing machines, etc. Please bring whatever equipment you will be using. If you find fabric that is just perfect for the teenager population, please bring it!! **We do need more flannel to use for linings. Since it does not show, any color/pattern is fine.**

The size needed for both the cover and the lining is **14" x 29 1/2"**.  
Contrasting prints and solids for the decoration on the cover measure **6" x 29 1/2"**.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this project. We will strive to have all of the covers completed by the **May** meeting so a representative from the organization can pick them up at the meeting. I had 50 journals but will gladly get more if we need them!!! They will take as many as we make since their resident population is constantly changing.

### **Louise Warner ~ Community Service**

#### **April 2 ~ Lecture and Trunk Show by Sandy Lord**

How to use large prints in quilting. Most, if not all, of us buy them, get them home, and then are afraid to cut into them. So, Sandy will be giving us lots of ideas on using them, so we can clear shelf space and make room for new fabrics!!

#### **April 6 ~ Workshop with Vivian Benton ~**

##### **Taking the Fear out of Circles and Curves.**

Workshop will be held in the Highland Room at St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road (cattycorner from the Northland Library). We're starting at **9:30 a.m.** and planning to run until **5:00 p.m.** You may arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. to set up...please arrive so you can set up and be ready to go at 9:30 a.m. **Lunch is included.** We must clean up after ourselves and vacate by 5:30 p.m. Read the supply list from Vivian for materials needed and lots more info about her class. Fee for workshop and lunch is **\$30.00**, payable to NPQG.

### **Loretta Crum ~ Programs**



#### **Sunshine ~**

Heather Collins recently lost her father. The Guild sent a \$25.00 check to the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library to purchase a historic book about World War II in memory of her father, Craig S. Church. Please keep Heather and her family in prayers.

Please keep Joanne Bouda in your prayers for she has recently lost her mother Geneva Stahnke. The Guild sent a check for \$25.00 to the Brookfield Public Library to purchase a book pertaining to crafting.

Lisa Sauer has just lost her mother, Ruth J. Coate. A donation of \$25.00 will be sent to the Friendship Village Library (where Lisa's mother lived, and father is still residing) to purchase the book Proof of Heaven. Our prayers go out to Lisa and all her family.

### **Helen Marcellus ~ Sunshine**



## Hospitality

The volunteers for March “Fat Quarter” are:

Louise Warner  
Linda Powlus  
Carol Beck  
Nancy Jeffries  
Maureen Kennedy  
Jane Campbell

Thanking you in advance for the goodies!!

Nancy Smith ~ Hospitality



**Serendipity Department - something surprising that is also pleasing to your quilting soul:**

2 summers ago I was very lucky to be able to go to Oshkosh to the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Airshow. I have no interest in experimental aircraft, but my family does, and they let me tag along. It was an amazing experience. I was also amazed to discover that they have a quilting contest!! Quilters are given a topic to feature in a small wall hanging, prizes are given and the hangings are displayed.

I was also very surprised in the museum. When you walk in the door, and look up, there are 3 airplanes hanging, upside down, from the ceiling. I do not know what the significance of these particular planes is, I just know that I liked them because they were so pretty.

The surprising thing was that further on there was a glass display frame, of a quilt of those 3 planes! I have included photos in the following pages. How amazing that an organization that celebrates and promotes the development of machines that soar into the heavens also recognizes the depiction and celebration of these machines in quilts. I hope you enjoy the photos as much as I do. Seeing them in person is better. I recommend the show, it was outstanding!!

Jan



