

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

March 2016 Newsletter

March. In like a Lion out like a Lamb. Don't you hope the lion shows up one day and decides he wants to go to Canada or somewhere else? I'm sure everyone would much rather see a lamb early in March. Lambs are so much nicer. Lots of things are happening in March. We all get to readjust our clocks on the 13th (spring ahead!), become Irish on the 17th, celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring on the 20th, and (for some) observe Easter on the 27th!

This month will also be busy for a lot of us since some (I'm guilty) have quilts to finish for the upcoming show. Get your quilt finished and don't forget to enter it. We need as many quilts as possible. Encourage your friends to enter their quilts too! Please remember that as members of the Guild we all have the responsibility to participate in the show at some capacity. Enter a quilt, volunteer to set up and or take down the exhibits, staff one of the tables, or help with refreshments. Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets! There are so many ways to contribute. Please speak with Carol Beck and Carol Hartman to see how you can help.

If you still have a quilt or a pillow case for the community service project, Sylvia and Pat will be collecting them at our March 1st meeting. You can also bring your unfinished project and finish it at the meeting. Sylvia will have projects for us to work on if you don't have an unfinished one.

We will be taking the final vote on the revision to the by-laws. The revision will concern section 12.2. It will read: The Executive Board shall internally select an Ad Hoc committee of three members, named annually, to complete a financial review of the books and accounts of the year.

We also need to have a discussion during the business meeting about Fat Quarter. Mollie had a sign out sheet in February for donations for this month's meeting and no one signed up. Unfortunately Mollie is unable to be at the March meeting. We have been getting fewer contributions for the Fat Quarter snacks and it appears to be the same people bringing the snacks. Everyone enjoys having the Fat Quarter time to snack and socialize, but we need to come up with a way to provide enough snacks for everyone and to equally share the responsibility of bringing snacks. Please think about some solutions and share them at the meeting. If you would prefer, you are welcome to email them to me before the meeting and I will share your ideas at the meeting. Please let Jan (feathergate@mac.com) or me (sueannseb@aol.com) know if you can contribute something to the March Fat Quarter.

The April meeting will be held April 5th at 7:00 at St. John's on Cumberland Road. The place was changed due to a scheduling conflict at Kearns.

The love of sewing is our common thread.

Sue

***** Quilt Show *****

From the Quilt Show Committee:

Well, we are down to the wire – only six more weeks until the show. Seems like only yesterday that we started this process. So far we have received only 20 applications. I hope everyone is bringing them to the meeting in March!

Remember, your quilt does not have to be finished. The photo just needs to be of the top of the quilt. We need to see the color so we can get an idea of where to display the quilt in the show. If you don't have the photo when you put in your application, just let Louise know that you will be sending it at a later date.

Please keep selling your raffle tickets. If you have tickets to turn in (or want to get some more), please see Janie. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this.

We still need volunteers for the show. Please see Donna Martin and sign up to work one of the shifts. You will get free admittance on the day you work. We also need help on the day we hang the quilts and the day we take them down. Please see Carol Beck if you are interested in helping. We accept all help on these two days, so if you have a husband, boyfriend and a ladder, we will not turn them away.

We are discussing having a guild table for members to sell items they have made. Please think about this. We will discuss it at the March meeting. If you agree to this, the members who are selling their items **MUST** be the volunteers to man the table.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS YOUR SHOW!!! We need your quilts to make the show a success and your help to make it happen.

THANK YOU !!!!

P.S. Cookie Lovers ~ You know who you are!

Please start thinking about the **Quilt Show Preview Party, on April 14 .**

Volunteers are needed to donate cookies for the party.

The "leftovers" are always appreciated by Show Volunteers!

A sign-up sheet will be available during the March Meeting.

Thank you for helping.....

Nancy Jeffries

**** March Meeting ~ Community Service ****

**** Spoiler Alert **** This is a repeat of the announcement from last month's newsletter. Because the message has not changed.

March Gladness is here!! March 1st is our Community Service night at Quilt Guild, so:

Bring your sewing machines, your supplies, your hospice quilt kits and your hearts full of gladness that you are able to help others using the skills with which you have been gifted.

We are planning to have something for everyone to do. Here is our task list:

1. Finish and admire the quilts for Hospice.
2. Tie tags on the Quilts which read: "Made especially for you by members of the North Pittsburgh Quilt Guild, because we care".
3. Using donated fabric cut out kits for making pillowcases for Shepherd Heart and sew one together.
4. Sew a Beads of Caring bag for a child.
5. Celebrate being together.

Pat and I think that this should be enough to keep us all busy and having fun, but just in case, we are going to be giving away goodies every 30 minutes, so be sure and write your name on a slip of paper and put it in the **Gladness Bag** when you check in.

See you on March 1 with a smile on your face and Gladness in your heart.

Sylvia Lynn and Pat Barber

***** Fund Raising *****

We are happy to announce that we have enough cups and fat quarters for March's **Cup and a quarter** event. Thanks to the generosity of many of the Guild members who contributed when we met last December and to Carol Hartman who has supplied us with the balance of fat quarters that we needed for this month.

We have a great group of sharing people. Hope to see you at the March meeting.

Harvene Lynch and Joyce Rankin



The next Unofficial Quilt 'n' Wilt is March 19, at St. Johns Lutheran. Come only if you are in the mood to work on projects, eat, and socialize with friends. 10:00 a.m. starting time.

So, in summary: Keep working on your Show quilts, selling raffle tickets, and come to the meeting in March prepared to Community Serve, to sign up for the various needs of the Guild's Show and Hospitality. And keep smiling!

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt