

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild March 2018 Newsletter

Can't believe we are almost in to March. Thought we were entering June last week with the record high temperatures. But, I know where we live - Pittsburgh - and we all know the weather.

We enjoyed two speakers from the Modern Quilt Guild of Pittsburgh at our last meeting.



They provided a very different and interesting approach to quilting. Our March meeting will be our community sewing event. So bring your talent and machines to the meeting and let's add to our veterans quilt collection. Kathy has the pieces cut - we need you to assemble the finished product.

Speaking officially - Section 7.89 Meetings. The Executive Board shall hold regular meetings of the Executive Committee at such time and place as the Executive Board determines, no less than six times per year. Meeting of the Executive Board may be held at any location within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

This by-law was in compliance with the NQA and they are no longer existing. So the Board has deemed 6 meetings not necessary and are reducing the number to 5. In order to do this and comply with the procedure to amend a bylaw which reads: Section 13.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed or new Bylaws may be adopted by a fifty-one percent (51%) vote of the Members present at any regular meeting of the members or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Provided however, that at least thirty (30) days advance notice in writing shall have been given to all Members. Such noticed to include the text of the proposed amendment or amendments or in the absence of advance notice the text of any proposed amendment or amendments shall be read at two consecutive meetings before a vote may be taken.

This change was announced at the February meeting - the above is your notice of the change - we will announce this request at the March meeting - and we will vote on it at the April meeting. All fulfilling the requirements to make this amendment.

Again Speaking officially - It is that time again to look forward to next year's officers

Section 8.13 Election Procedures required a Nominating Committee which shall consist of four (4) members with the Chairman of the Nominating Committee being appointed by the President. Therefore I am asking for a member to step forward at our March meeting and volunteer to Chair this committee. Denise Ludwig, our current Vice President, shall serve on the Nominating Committee. And, two additional persons are required to serve along with them. The committee shall secure permission of each individual nominated for office. The nominating committee shall present the slate(s) of officer candidates and Members—at Large candidates to the Guild membership at the April general meeting. Election of officers and Members-at-Large will be held after the slate(s) has/have been presented in May and voting shall be by ballot or acclamation.

I hope this explains the procedures needed to fulfill a Guild Board slate. In a nutshell, we need a person to chair the nominating committee and two additional persons to serve on this committee. It is not as difficult as all the above words make it. Our guild is full of qualified, willing people who would love a chance to be included in the development of the guild. Also, many of the current Committee Chairpersons are willing to remain on Board - so only a few positions will need to be filled.

And last - where is your guild quilt??? March 6, our next meeting date is the deadline. Hopefully you have already sent in your registration form and picture of your quilt. Our raffle quilt has been on display at the Quilt Company and will be moving to The Quilting Needle.

Please promote the Quilt Show wherever you go - in person or on-line. I know I have been asking shops to post our flyer in their store windows or place a few on their counters. All have been very receptive to my requests and usually ask a few questions about quilting or the guild. So get social and promote the show.

We have been invited by the Beaver Valley Piecemakers to join them on their bus trip on Saturday, May 19. They leave Beaver Court House parking garage at 7 AM. Destination is Country Fabrics who have 9,000-10,000 bolts of new fabric with discounted prices. So large that there are grocery carts to carry bolts to the cutting tables. Large discounted flat fold and sales areas. Buffet lunch and then on to Country Charm Fabrics which is a smaller shop with great fabrics. Then a stop at Smucker's for an Ice Cream Social. A pit stop on the way home (no dinner stop). The cost of \$43 includes bus, driver's tip, "goodie bag", lunch and ice cream stop. Paid reservations are due by April 1. Contact Kathy Broskin at 412-974-8642 or Kathy_elmwood@comcast.net.

So, if you can't make our BUS TRIP on April 21, here is another chance to enjoy.

Thanks for all you do - Clarice

March Meeting ~~~

All the fabric is cut into squares, so all we have to do is sew the squares into strips, and then, the strips into the lap covers. We aim to make as many covers as we can, so please bring your sewing

machines, thread, scissors, etc. and be prepared for an epic production for our deserving veterans. Thanking you all in advance for your good will and good work.

Kathy Friel, Community Service

Also for the March Meeting :

It is time to celebrate Spring and St. Patrick's Day! I will be making my Shamrock Sherbet Punch.

Since we are doing Community Service Projects for the March Meeting, for Fat Quarter goodies make easy finger foods and GREEN!!! I think it will make Fat Quarter really festive !

Your friendly Leprechaun Quilter, Liz Hodgkinson

In addition :

Your Quilt Show Applications ~ with photos ~ are due at this meeting !!

Your donations for the Dream Baskets are needed and appreciated! !

Volunteers for assorted committees and tasks are needed and appreciated - sign-up sheets abound !

Including a sign-up sheet for the cookies needed for the Preview Party !
Needless to say - Cookies are always needed and appreciated !

Raffle tickets for the spectacular Quilt are still available and stubs and money can be turned in to Jane Walker and/or Denise Ludwig.

Still time to sign-up for the Members' consignment table at the Quilt Show show off your skills and make a little extra stash-cash— please see Peggy Spiane.

Fund Raising returns in the guise of a 50/50 Raffle

Jeannie McCormick ~ Fund Raising

Up and coming :

~ April Meeting ~ NPQG Member Eleny Maul will present information on technology and and quilting. She will teach us how to fully use our computers to assist in creating our quilted treasures. Should be valuable lessons for us all.

A reminder ~ please let Sylvia Lynn ~ aka “Sunshine” ~ know whenever a guild member is ill or suffers a loss. So we can be sure to let them know we care.

Un-official Quilt & Wilts ~ March 10, April 14, and May 12. There is a June date which will have to be announced at the March meeting.

The Guild picnic will be on July 10, 2018
at Beveridge Pavilion in North Park. Save the date !!!
More details will follow.

The Guild Mail included announcements for the 14th Annual Quilt Show and Exhibition in Muncy, PA. It is open to all quilters. The dates are July 13 and 14, 2018.

For additional information,

please visit: www.MuncyHistoricalSociety.org

or email : MuncyHistorical@aol.com or cal: 570-546-5917

Paula Golden, internationally acclaimed quilter, lecturer will present a workshop on “Mastering the Mariner’s Compass” on Thursday and Friday’s workshop will be on the Feathered Star.

Jan will have the flyer at the meeting - and will give it to Cathy for the website, if anyone would like to see it.

Annual Dinner !!!

Members at Large/Annual Dinner

Our 26th Annual Dinner is confirmed for Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6pm. The tasty event is to be held at The Hartwood Restaurant & Whispers Pub. 3400 Harts Run Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116 Ph: 412-784-8460. Sue, Cam and I have chosen a Supper Buffet this year just to switch it up a bit. For the first course, We will be feasting on 2 main entrees- Sautéed Chicken Breast with Crisp Prosciutto, Roasted Red Peppers, and Rosemary Jus and Slow Roasted Boneless Pork Loin with Blackberry BBQ Sauce. Accompanying this will be Wild Rice Pilaf and Whispers Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing. Not to mention Fresh Rolls or Bread and Butter. The Second course will be a special cake prepared by the Chef at the Hartwood. Coffee and Tea Service provided.

The cost for the Buffet Dinner is \$39.80 per person. Please make your checks payable to NPQG and mail them to Ann McCartan 1557 Duncan Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 before May 26, 2018.

Cam Sue and I all hope that you will attend. If you have never been to this Restaurant, you are in for a treat. The parking is ample, the atmosphere in the Red Room is very warm and cozy. There is an ante-room for us to use for Guild activities, and a separate bathroom and area for smokers.

So come a little bit early and weather permitting, enjoy beverages or cocktails outside on the patio!!! We are permitted use of the rooms until 10:30 PM.

As in previous years, this is strictly a Cash Bar

Ann McCartan ~ Member-at-Large

Another idea for the Quilt Show !!!

An app for my phone was brought to my attention in the last day.

It's called Nextdoor and it goes by your address. It is a community bulletin board for all sorts of information. I have downloaded the app and posted information about our quilt show under my name. I'm sharing this as my address lets me do specific locations. If you could download the app and post to your area so we have all our bases covered, so to speak, please.

Thanks, Carol Hartman

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt