

NORTH PITTSBURGHG QUILTERS GUILD

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, god-mothers, mothers-to-be, and all who act in a mother's capacity.

Hi Ladies and Gentleman,

Are you feeling the "let down" as I am? All these months of preparation and it is all over for two more years. The quilt show was awesome! Every quilt was a beautiful creation made with love and maybe a little sweat. Thanks so much for all of you who entered quilts and helped in some way. I am guessing we had almost 90% participation of members helping. A Blue Ribbon goes to Carol Beck and Carol Hartman for their phenomenal job of chairing the show.

Please remember our May meeting is at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church. Lisa Sauer is going to help us organize our stash. You scrap quilters will have a great time collecting fabrics at our "Fabric Frenzy" Bring fabric to share and scissors for yourself to get fabric. We also have a sale of beautiful multi-purpose fabrics.

I can't believe my year is almost over. You know the old saying "time flies when you are having fun". Our June dinner is right around the corner. Don't forget to give your dinner reservation to Loretta Crum. It is always such a nice affair.

I hope to see you at the May meeting. **Donna**

PROGRAMS – **Loretta Crum**

May – Lisa Sauer, long-arm quilter, Blank Fabrics rep, and former Guild President and Program Chair, will share her ideas on scrap quilting as well as her methods for neatly organizing her scraps. Following that, we'll have a Fabric Frenzy, so each of you should bring in approximately one yard of scraps or fat quarters to share with others. Remember to bring your scissors for cutting the pieces that you want!

I've worked on Programs since the 2009-10 Guild year and must admit that I enjoyed doing this. It gave me a chance to meet a variety of teachers, both local experts and those who teach and travel nationally and internationally, and all are always happy to chat with one about their work, lectures and workshops. A couple of them accepted the offer of my guest room, and it was such fun to get to know them better this way. Quilting is a wonderful equalizer, and it doesn't matter how developed one's skill level is. Doing this gave me the opportunity to select programs and workshops that would expand my knowledge and skill level and, hopefully, that of other Guild members.

ATTENTION

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

Our May meeting will be at
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church
in the Celebration Center
517 Sangree Road
Pittsburgh, 15237

Coming south on McKnight Road, turn left at the post office onto Seibert Rd. Sangree is the first left after Eden Hall Academy. Follow Sangree until you come to the church on the left.

Coming south on Thompson Run Rd, turn right onto Sangree shortly after the power plant on the left. Follow Sangree until you come to the church on the right.

If you are confused, please call Donna Martin at 412-487-2427

Many thanks to everyone who provided cookies for the Preview Party. They were delicious, and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended the Preview Party, as well as by everyone who worked to make the show such a wonderful event! ***Nancy Jeffries***



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Have I got a deal for you. At the May meeting we will be having a “**FABRIC SALE**”. We have some of the most beautiful, exquisite fabric you would ever want to see. Gorgeous ultra suade (by the yard), beautiful wools and knits, elegant velvets, and may other extraordinary fabrics, including some upholstery pieces. Many have yardage up to 6 yards. I can see many of these fabrics in art pieces, wool felting, as well as in clothing.

If you or someone you know is interested in this type of fabric, please bring them to the meeting.

This will be our last project for the year for Quilts of Valor. All monies will be donated to QOV.

Thanks once again to all of you for your help and support of this project. It was an awesome success and I am so happy to have been a part of it.

Betty Kania, Community Service Chair



Welcome to our new members

Sue Roberts	Diane Webb	Connie Holko
Mollie Healy	Karen Steinmiller	Peggy Werth
Jill Leindecker	Sheryl Robinson	Judy Ferraro
Greta Keverline		



Congratulations to our members who submitted a quilt in the “Three River’s Quilt Show” in March. Congratulations to Nancy Smith and Vivian Benton for their Blue Ribbons and also to Sandy Shott for her 2nd Place. Wonderful job ladies. It was so nice to be well represented at the Three River’s Show

July marks the beginning of the new year in the Guild. The success of our quilt show reflects the interest, creativity and enthusiasm of our members in so many areas. Most importantly, it shows how effectively so many diverse personalities and talents can work together to produce a truly remarkable result. This is the perfect time to “strive” to maintain this Guild persona and apply it to continuous growth, both in the Guild and in our personal quilting achievements.

This is the perfect time to look around you and see how those members who are involved in the Guild Committees enjoy being able to make an impact on the Guild’s missions for growth, education, and very importantly, fun!

We are serious in our Guild, and it can be lots of work, but the results are worth it, and fun is not prohibited. Please look around you and see where you might like to try to help – start in any capacity and run with it as you are inspired. Carry on the tradition of quilters as helpful and generous; let’s help each other and make our Guild special. **Janice Merritt**



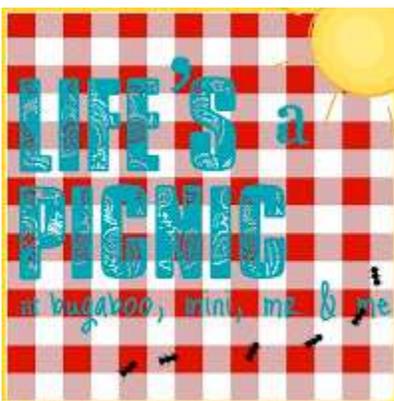
North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild 2014 Annual Dinner

June 3, 2014 6:30 PM

Rico’s Restaurant, One Rico Lane, Pgh PA 15237

www.ricos.biz – located off Babcock Boulevard

\$30 per person (includes tax and gratuities) Sit down dinner includes Tossed House Salad, Choice of Chicken Milanese or Tilapia Italian Style, w/vegetable du Jour, Roll and Butter, Coffee or Tea – Choice of Dessert Pecan Ball w/Chocolate Sauce or Vanilla Ice Cream. Registration deadline: May 19, 2014 Cash Bar drinks available. See attachment for registration form.



Tuesday, July 1, 2014 – NPQG Annual Picnic

Location: Beverage Grove in North Park located in the Swimming Pool/Pie Traynor area of North Park. Dinner is at 6 PM-ish. Feel free to come at any time and leave whenever (but by midnight). Everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish (and serving utensils) and also bring your OWN PLATES AND EATING UTENSILS. This is a really fun event – get to know your fellow quilters, share quilting stories (good or bad) and just relax. Additional information will be coming.

Reminder – President’s Block. It’s not too late. You can bring them to the May meeting. We will be presenting them to Donna at the NPQG Dinner on June 3. Give blocks to Jan Merritt.

Items you need to remember to bring

1 yard quilting material (may be several pieces or scraps for the “Fabric Frenzie”

Scissors for cutting pieces you choose

Dinner reservation form and payment (if you have not already sent it to Loretta)

President’s block

I could write many pages about our Quilt Show. Carol Beck and Carol Hartman with their staff of expert volunteers really provided a beautiful show. I heard nothing but good comments from people exiting the show. A wide variety of styles and techniques, a great group of vendors, ease of walking through the show, amazing dream baskets, and a beautiful raffle quilt were just a few comments overhead. Starting with an exhausting judging day and carrying through to Sunday’s returning of quilts was done with such cooperation and outstanding enthusiasm. It makes me very happy to be a part of this organization. Professional, classy, style and mostly fun. What more can I ask?

Clarice Sabina