

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

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I spent a bit of time doing something I really don't like to this evening -- and that was ripping out stitches. Instead of telling myself that it was acceptable the way it looked, I pushed myself to correct it. I have become that diligent. Not all the time, without fail, but much more than I used to. I believe that the Guild experience has done that for me. I have learned that doing it right, and/or fixing it rather than just letting it slide, is better. Other things I have learned: sharing is so important to my quilting skills and my attitude towards my work; the encouragement of others, the constructive criticism of others, (maybe the same others), and just the total enjoyment of a fun pursuit with others who enjoy it, as well. And the diversity! So many different techniques that can be incorporated into your quilts -- when you get a little tired of one thing, you can change course and explore another area -- knowing that there are about 110 other quilters in your circle of influence who understand where you are coming from. And, in May, there will be a workshop where we can enter another quilt variety -- landscapes. What a great hobby! And how satisfying to be able to decide that it is your hobby, it is your quilt, and you can make the quilt the way you want it, really.

I think that the Guild has been the same way for me. I joined to see what it was like, I found that getting involved in the activities was what I liked to do. Please try it yourself -- we are reaching out to you for help with the committees for next year, please consider trying one on for size.

Plans are underway for the summer activities: the Annual Dinner in June, the Picnic in July, and the Official Quilt'N'Wilt in August. The responsible committees are working hard to get things organized and notice will be sent as soon as official dates and details are ready. This has been a tough winter, besides the terrible weather, for several members who have had difficult family medical issues. Hopefully this Spring will bring truly better times.

I meant to express our thanks to Muriel Petschke for her massive donation of quilting books at the April meeting. I saw that they were appreciated -- thanks for delivering them, Betty, and thanks again, Muriel.

And thank you all,
Jan



Dear Guild members. I wish you your see all of the adorable Bead Bags in my sewing room but my sewing room is to small for all of us so I hope this picture will give you an idea. We collected 87 bags plus another 30 were made by Linda Gold whom Nancy Jefferies and I met an a luncheon and she thought the project was so neat she ordered labels and made 30 bags which will be sent in with the 87 for a total of 117 bead bags for kids undergoing cancer treatment. Amazing.

And

The Satchels of Caring, for Women undergoing cancer treatments, look wonderful. 92 bags were turned in and are ready to be delivered. Thank you thank you



Sometimes in life we just get lucky. I, as instructed by the Beads of Caring program in AZ, called and left messages at Children's Hospital trying to find out where to deliver the Bead Bags. (this was after the first instruction from AZ was to mail them out there). But I digress. I did not hear back and last night picked up my phone and called a friend from church who works at Children's, told her what I needed and ... are you ready? She is the Beads of Caring coordinator!! She is thrilled and I am dropping of 119 bags at her home today.

Now for the next part. Kathy said they are always short bags because each child gets one when they enter the hospital and if anyone was interested in making any they would be very grateful. Now that we know how to deliver if any of you are interested in continuing to make these little bags I will be the bag carrier.

Thank you all for what you have done – and will do. Sylvia Lynn

Here are a few interesting websites suggested by Carol Hartman

<http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/44452704/list/see-winning-modern-quilts-on-display-at-quiltcon-2015>

Winning quilts that are interesting and provide ideas for you over your morning coffee.

<http://www.embroiderypanda.com/blog/here-is-a-beginners-guide-that-can-help-you-select-the-right-type-of-stabilizers-for-your-project/>

Need a little project? Encourage some youths you may know to enter something in our quilt show under the category “Creative Youth” (15 years of age or younger) Any size. This is a great way to encourage youths to learn to sew, be creative, and achieve some recognition for their effort. It’s never too early to start planting an idea that may have some results in April of 2016.

Raffle Quilt – Scraps needed in country colors - pastels of blues, pinks, purples, green, creams. NO batiks, NO 30s, NO holiday, NO whites. Please bring them to the guild meeting on May 5. The “Carols” would like to get started cutting so that they will have bagged squares available at the June dinner for you to take home and sew.

The final form of the bylaws is official after an affirmative vote at our last meeting. Please print out your own copy. It is 18 pages long. You might want to use double sides when printing. New (and present) members will learn most of the workings of the guild from the bylaws. A printed copy will be given to future new members and those without computers.

Thanks again to all who helped. Donna Martin

PROGRAMS – Denise Ludwig and Carol Hartman

May 5, 2015 NPQG Meeting – 7 PM – Kearns Spiritual Center – Cynthia England will be our speaker.

May 5, 2015 Workshop by Cynthia England – Landscape class. St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. If you have signed up for this class and have any questions, please contact Denise Ludwig or Carol Hartman.

Deedle1d@aol.com or littlestoes2071@verizon.net Sloppy Joes and drinks will be provided. Please feel free to bring any snacks to share.

May 16, 2015 Another Quilt'N Wilt 10 AM to 5 PM - St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. Come and sew for as long as you want between the hours of 10 and 5. Cost will be determined by the number of quilters in attendance. It usually is around \$2 or \$3 per person.

June - Annual Dinner

July - Annual Picnic – July 7, 2015 Beveridge Grove North Park

August– The “original” Quilt'N Wilt

As always, “goodies” are appreciated for the “Fat Quarter” table. Please contact Barbara Turke or Lynn Noel Barbara.turke@gmail.com or peggy1900@hotmail.com



MAY! One of my favorite times of the year. I love to see the trees, shrubs, and flowers budding. The explosion of color brightens our life much like a new quilt. I can't wait to attend Cynthia England's workshop. I need a new wall hanging and the Country Road wall hanging with the flowered lined path will be perfect. Her presentation at our meeting will be great also. I hope to see everyone there.

Please don't forget to make and bring your President's quilt block to our May meeting. Each year guild members make quilt blocks for the outgoing President. This year Jan has selected a large 4 patch made from batiks of any color. Each section should be a 6 1/2 inch square. The finished block should be a 12 1/2 inch square. The blocks will be presented to Jan at our June dinner. She would like everyone to sign their block along a seam closer to the center of the block not along the edge. For those of you who have given me a block already but did not sign it, I will bring a pen and the blocks to the May meeting and you can sign your block if you wish.

We are electing new officers and introducing new and returning board members at our May meeting also. Hopefully we can mark our calendars for all the events in the summer months. A dinner, Shop Stops, picnic and a Quilt and Wilt are on the horizon. Even though it will be getting warmer (we can only hope), most of us never stop thinking about our next quilt project.

Our annual picnic will be held Tuesday, July 7th at the Beveridge Shelter which is in North Park on the loop past the pool. The picnic is a great time to socialize with members, have fun and eat! Every year I get to know someone better, reconnect with friends, meet new members and sometimes even get to see one of the best brooms known to women! Just ask Lynn Fezza.

See you May 5th.

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