



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

May 2016 Newsletter

From the President ~

What a great quilt show! There were so many comments about what a wonderful show it was. After a lot of hard work Carol Beck and Carol Hartman deserve a huge THANK YOU! Another Thank You to everyone who helped on Judging day, setting up and tearing down the racks, and all the assistance during the show. The Guild could never host a show without the contributions of all of you. So once again ... THANKS TO ALL!

Since the Pineapple Pizzazz Quilt show is over and another month has flown by, it is time for May flowers. I love being able to get out and fill all my pots with pretty, fragrant, colorful plants and arrange them around my deck. It is such a great feeling that first warm evening to sit outside surrounded by sweet smells and the setting sun. I can't wait!

After a little relaxation, I will be ready to organize my sewing room and start another project or maybe finish a few UFOs (yea, that's not gonna happen). I am going to sell my longarm and upgrade to a larger one now that I have a larger sewing room. I am anxious to get everything sorted out and organized. Of course I may have to buy more fabric to help fill the bigger room!

**Speaking of more fabric ... the Beaver Valley Piecemakers are hosting a trip to three quilt shops in Ohio on Saturday, July 16. They will leave the Beaver Court House parking garage at 7am. The first stop will be Country Fabrics in Shiloh for

shopping and lunch. Then to Country Charm Fabrics in Jeromesville. Finally on to Miller's Dry Goods in Charm. There are approximately 20 seats available on a first paid basis. The cost of \$40 includes the bus trip, driver's tip, "goodie bag" and lunch. Please contact Kathy Broskin by May 25 at 412-974-8642 or kathy_elmwood@comcast.net. I hope to go. Kathy told me she would like to work with our Guild in planning and taking trips. Paducah might be in an option in our future.

May your sorrows be patched and your joys quilted,
Sue

★★★ Spring Dinner ★★★

When: Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**Where: The Camelot Banquet Hall
100 Mt. Pleasant Road Warrendale, PA 15086**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. -- ? Cash bar
7:00 p.m. -- Dinner: salad, entree, vegetable, rolls, dessert,
coffee/tea**

**Menu ~~ choice of ~ Chicken with sliced mushrooms and
Marsala wine
~ or ~ Lemon Sole Almondine**

RSVP by Friday, May 27

**There will be reservation forms at the Guild meeting ~ please see
Marie Anna or Tricia McSorley**

**The cost is \$30.00 ~~ please bring your check to the May meeting ~
you know the drill ~~ payable to NPQG**

**Marie and Tricia have worked very hard to prepare this ~ please be
prepared to enjoy it thoroughly !!**

★★★ **President's Blocks** ★★★

As posted in the previous email; continuing the tradition of constructing and presenting the outgoing President with blocks of gratitude for her service. **Sue** has requested that you make a block or your choice - preferably your favorite - out of batiks of your color choice.

The block should be 8 and 1/2 inches square (so that it will be 8" finished)

Please remember to **sign** the block on the front; **Jane Walker** will have a pen at the next meeting and at the dinner, so that when you hand in your block to Jane you can sign it then.

More news from Jane:

Annual NPQG picnic

Scheduled for **July 12 th at Beveridge Pavillion, North Park**

Save the date on your calendar !!

~~~ Jane also thanks all of you for selling the raffle tickets.



**Community Service ~~**

Calling all Charity Projects in !!! We have received Beads of Caring Bags, Hospice (Glad Run Quilts), and Satchels of Care.

We can deliver all of the items so if you still have one in progress finish it up and bring it to the May Meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of your good work.

We both want to offer a huge **Thank you !!** for your great efforts.

Sylvia and Pat

**Fund Raising ~~~~~**

The final fund-raising event for this fiscal year will be held at the May meeting. Thanks to the generosity of Carol Hartman the cups are filled with fat-quarters which she donated. The cups have also been donated by other members.

Tickets still sell for 3 for \$1.00.

It would be unkind not to recognize those of you who have contributed to this event throughout the year. Thanks for sharing, thanks for caring. Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

~~~ Joyce and Harvene

Hospitality ~~~~~

Please remember that goodies are needed for **Fat quarter/Workshop**.

Please consider signing up for the Hospitality Committee for this upcoming year. I have appreciated the chance to serve on the committee but cannot do it another year.

Thank you, **Mollie Healey**

Thank you to the Judging Committee ~~~~~

I'd like to personally extend my thanks to all of you who helped out during judging day on Wednesday, April 13. Yes, I'm calling you out by name (and I will shoot myself if I forgot anybody): Sue Orleman, Jan Merritt, Tricia McSorley, Paula DuCoeur, Clarice Sabina, Donna Martin, Jane Walker, Tracey Zigo, Mary Lou Dunlop, Harvene Lynch, Sue Sebastian, Marie Anna, Pat Barber, Louise Warner---and the Carols, of course---for knowing what to do, when to do it without having to be asked. Everything went smoothly because you made it possible! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. ---Vivian Benton

And, another thing ~~~~

Good morning.

The quilt shows are now over and it's time to re-focus our efforts. So, I was trying to think of a topic for the next PIT newsletter and this one came to me.

How hard is it for you to let things go? This is what I want to hear about. Letting things go can mean a lot of things---you pick the one you want to talk about. It can be letting a quilt go you know a friend would like; or getting rid of those pretty containers/boxes in your sewing room that you're just keeping because they're pretty but they take up space; or, you pick out a seam three times and they still don't match (when do you tell yourself "ok, i need to just let this go?!).

Let me know what your "let go" thing is or SHOULD BE.

Vivian



Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt