

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild November 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying the crisp fall weather. Can't believe we're into November. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on the 3rd! Hoping to see you at this exciting meeting !!!

Mollie Healy ~ President

November Holiday Surprise Program

This month's program is a little bit of a patchwork, which should be right down our alleys.

We have had a large quantity of fabric donated to us. You will have an opportunity to shop for some great bargains while raising some money for the donor. Who knew buying fabric could be a good deed? Perfect!

There will be lots of opportunity to socialize and get to know the quilters around you. Which is great since quilters, as we all know, are some of the nicest people on the planet!

We will be starting the **Surprise Project**. It's a quick no-sweat item that can be easily completed for the holidays. You will use the **strip insertion technique** and get a pattern that can be adapted to many other themes and used again.

We will be doing the cutting at the meeting so all you have to do when you get home is piece it together.

You will need to bring:

Fabric:

You will be bringing your background fabrics: Use at least **4 different neutrals in the white, tan, cream range**. Small print, solids, or textures will work best.

This is going to be a very scrappy looking piece, don't sweat the fabric selection.

You will need to bring: four 9 and 1/2 inch squares and eight 5 and 1/2 inch squares.

Tools:

You also need to bring a cutting mat, a basic ruler, a rotary cutter AND a medium size hard back book. The biggest piece of fabric you will be cutting will be about **10 inches square**, so you don't need a real big mat and ruler.

See you soon! **Kelly and Stacey**

The Sale

As advertised, the Guild has been given a lot of merchandise and there is going to be a BIG SALE at the November meeting.

Please keep in mind, this inventory was given by a former quilter who is unable to quilt any longer due to poor health. The money raised will be given back to her to help cover medical expenses, which apparently are considerable. (As you pay, think of how devastating it would be not to be able to quilt anymore and see your stash taken away.)

To allow everyone a fair chance and access to the stash, the inner doors at Kearns will not open until 6:30.

The items will be arranged on tables along the perimeter of the room. The plan is that there will be some appreciable organization of related items.

There will be “salespeople” stationed to take your money or checks.

The prices of some items will be marked and fixed.

Some items will be available for you to pick and choose and “Fill your grocery bag for \$10.00”

Ergo, please bring a plastic grocery bag or 2, and your cash or check(s) made out to NPQG.

There are some fabric bolts that you may want to share with a friend - there is no cutting of fabric here - figure on buying the bolt and sharing it later.

A partial list of items:

2 bolts of Steeler fabric, along with matching black, red, and gold

a large tub of flannel fabric

a large tub of checks, plaids, and homespuns

about 50 patterns

about 25 books

approx. 15 Christmas panels, some with coordinating fabric

a box of Christmas fabric

a large tub of partially completed quilt kits

a large tub of pre-cuts and coordinated groups of fabrics

a large tub of large pieces of cotton fabric

a huge roll of batting

another donation was recently received and we will have this at the November meeting also:

loads of DMC embroidery floss

yarn

partially finished embroidery, cross stitch and quilt projects

Wool, some very large pieces and many very small pieces

a large tub of homespun

a few pairs of scissors

rotary cutter and blades
a few finished projects.

There are miscellaneous odds-and-ends too numerous to list.

Needless to say, there may be chaos, so bring your interests and your good humor and patience and have fun.

And be sure to thank Tracey for all her hard work.



Community Service

Please turn in your “Santa Bags” for Children’s Hospital at the November 5 Guild meeting. The children, the hospital, and the Guild thanks all those who have sewn a bag or 2 or more.

Quilt Show 2020

The **Raffle Quilt** was displayed at “**Sew Special**” in **Uniontown** this past month. They have graciously sold 81 tickets for us and have retained additional tickets to hopefully sell for the Guild.

The **Raffle Quilt Tour moves to “Little Foot Quilt Shop”** in Evans City for the month of November. This exposure by our local Quilt shops is a generous help to our Guild. Please thank them for this when you visit their stores.

Remember, this Quilt Show is our major fundraiser.

And as a Guild member, you are expected to sell your book of tickets. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer during the show and we will address that as the show date comes closer.

Clarice Sabina ~ Community Service and Quilt Show 2020 with Janie Walker



Sunshine

If you know of anyone in the Guild who is ill, recently lost a loved one, or just needs a little - or a lot - of encouragement, please let us know so that we can send them a card.

Thanks,

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Hospitality ~

Alice Gibson has designated the theme for November's Fat Quarter as **Autumn Harvest**, and asks that you share your favorite treats featuring apples or pumpkins. And thank Missy Bauer for filling in for Alice for this evening.

Alice Gibson



Membership

We have 3 new members:

Elizabeth Jones ~ Elizabeth has been quilting since the mid-1980s and is also a member of Quilt Company East. She likes piecing.

Lori Miller ~ Lori has been quilting for about one year and her favorite techniques include appliqué and machine and hand quilting.

Susie Nicotra

Here is the link to the updated membership list:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SHGputLSh2sOjuHVcpPEM6YjPQ4YRESvTw1d3fm8iEM/edit?usp=sharing>

The updated Membership List is attached to this email - the addresses and phone numbers of the new members can be found there.

Please remember to find the new members and make them feel welcome, and new members please feel free to get to know us and make your presence known - we welcome you but may get very wound up in our own endeavors.

Sara Provost ~ Membership



A Reminder

The Pittsburgh Rug Hooking Guild presents Woolworks: a Biennial Rug Show featuring recent work by members. The featured artist is Sandra Brown, a widely known teacher and highly regarded color expert. The show is at the Shaler

**North Hills Library, 1822 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15238.
Saturday, November 9, 10 - 5 and Sunday, November 10, 1 - 3:30**

Rug hooking and braiding will be demonstrated. The event is free.

Contact: Claire Scarborough 412-952-0959 or **skeer1@comcast.net**

Nice that another handcrafting guild has reached out to us, and they promise to help promote our Quilt Show!

Newsletter respectfully submitted by Jan Merritt