



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild November 2021 Newsletter



President's Message

Hello All,

I hope you are doing well since our last newsletter and guild meeting. I can't believe that another month went by so quickly and we are sending out our newsletter and will meet soon again for our meeting.

Don't forget the new location (Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church) if you are going to attend for the first time. If not attending, Stacy always does a great job with arranging Zoom.

I hope that everyone is able to be together with family and loved ones this Thanksgiving now that things are getting a little better for us to gather.

Remember, not too far off is Christmas, so if you are making gifts, you need to get started. (I need to get started myself, but where does the time go?)

I hope to see everyone at our guild meeting, and that everyone has a Blessed Thanksgiving

Kathleen Mohr ~~ President



Hospitality

With the holidays approaching, I know we are all concerned about overeating.

So for "Fat Quarter", I suggest that we all bring something that is 100 calories or less per serving.

JUST KIDDING!!!!!! Instead, bring something that your family/friends look forward to you making/buying - something they are THANKFUL for!

Alice Gibson ~~ Hospitality

Programs ~ November meeting

This month is our Round Robin. Six of our members have volunteered to present a few minutes of instruction on a topic of their choice. Everyone will get to see all 6 presentations up close. We have a really nice variety planned, so come and get a little inspiration from your friends.

*********Quilt 'N Wilt PLUS:

We will be having an In-person Quilt 'n Wilt on Saturday November 6th, from 9 to 3, at Berkeley Hills. Hopefully we will be well attended!

For those who do not wish to meet in person, or haul their stuff, I will be Zooming from the church, so that you can join in, if only virtually. Look for the Zoom invitation a few days ahead.

But wait! What's this PLUS business? One of the take-aways from the survey we did in September was that people were interested in learning and new ideas. One way to meet that need is to piggy-back mini workshops on to existing meetings and events. So in addition to our regular Quilt 'N Wilt routine, we will be having a mini-workshop on less common ways to sett up your quilt blocks, other than lining them up in a row. You don't have to bring anything special for this; it's just an extra learning opportunity in addition to hanging out with your friends and sewing.

Lunch will be pot luck and we will be passing the hat to cover the cost of the very lovely, spacious and bright room for the day. Hope to see you there!

I told you there was no escape.....I'm going to try the Make It Quick presentation again this month! Quick tips for squaring up your fabric for cutting. I'll start at 6:45 and go till the meeting begins. Be there!!!

Stacy Koehler ~ Programs



Membership

If you have not received your membership card, please see me.

Harvene Lynch ~~ Membership



Treasure Chest

The Treasure Chest Committee will continue to collect donations at each monthly meeting outside the entrance to the meeting room. Volunteers will be parked in the area and assist in transferring items from your vehicle. If you are unable to bring items to the meeting, please call Denise Friedrich @ 412-922-8933 and

arrangements will be made for one of our volunteers to contact you for pick up.

****The list of items is attached to this newsletter.

Denise Friedrich ~~ Treasure Chest



Quilt Show Committee Update

The raffle quilt was presented at the October guild meeting and is currently on its road tour beginning at Sew Special in Uniontown. Thanks to Janie Walker for scheduling this first stop. Carol and Carol and their team did a great job cutting, packaging, trimming, sewing, quilting and getting it to the October meeting on schedule. Thanks to everyone who participated in sewing the blocks and Janie for putting on the binding. I think it was a fun joint effort and great to see everyone's fabrics. It came together nicely.

Raffle tickets are available and it is each guild member's responsibility to sell or buy at least 20 tickets. Anne, our treasurer, is able to take credit / debit cards with the guild's new BLOCK payment method. Please make arrangements to get your tickets if you can't personally pick them up. If you

need additional tickets, please contact Janie Walker at jnewalker_98@yahoo.com.

The gathering of items for the Treasure Chest is going well. The workers are busy folding, sorting and labeling the donations. There will be committee members at each guild meeting to collect donations for the store. Thanks!

Keep working on those mini's and Flowers of Hope theme quilts!

Lisa Sauer and Sandra Schott ~~ Co-chairs



Community Service

I received several quilt tops that were donated to Johanna at Piecing it Together. I will be bringing them to the meeting Tuesday. We will need batting and backing for them. I'm asking members to search their "stash" to help complete them. The Santa bags will be handed off to the Children's Hospital representative on Tuesday as well. I need a vote from members to see if they are willing to continue this project. All supplies are handled by the hospital. Sooo...ladies please think about this.
Thank you.

Denise Ludwig ~~ Community Service



Treasurer's Report

Show Me the Money

As of October 28, 2021, the Guild's account balance is \$14,700.80.

21st Century, here we come: Go to a craft fair, visit a small business, maybe your local independent coffee shop or bookseller, and you have used it - SQUARE — the little white device, sometimes on the vendor's phone, sometimes separate, that you slide your credit card through to complete your purchase.

Recognizing that not everyone likes to use cash or checks, the Guild has gotten a SQUARE. So far a few members have used it to purchase quilt raffle tickets. We anticipate it will be very useful at next spring's Quilt Show. Although we are still figuring out the details, a little convenience like this may help, for example, to increase raffle and dream basket ticket sales and Treasure Chest purchases.

But please remember, CASH IS KING !!!!! (Checks, too.) We pay a fee to use SQUARE and while that's cool given the convenience it affords our members and others, avoiding the fee is even better. There's a balance here somewhere — if you want to just pay for your \$20 in raffle tickets with your credit card at a meeting and be done with it, we can oblige. But if you have a 20 in your purse or want to write a check - great. I know you all get it.

Anne Shearon ~~ Treasurer

~~~~ **And, SANTA BAGS \*\*\*\*\***

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating December seasonal holidays and while many of us expect to enjoy a holiday with family and friends, we know that not everyone will be so lucky. The continuing effects of the pandemic, isolation, illness and just lousy circumstances will prevent some people from really celebrating the holiday. Families with members hospitalized at this time of year (and I know some of you have experienced that) are particularly vulnerable. Make that family member a little kid and the toughness of the time increases exponentially.

Children's Hospital always does its best to make the holiday special for all of its patients. Lots of gifts are collected from numerous sources and ... wait for it ... delivered to the children in bags sewed by our Guild !!!!

When I first started this project I was overwhelmed by all the logistics: buying (tons of) fabric and ribbon, then getting it cut, and bagged up into kits, and distributed to members, and then hoping everyone would sew them, and then collecting the finished bags. But the cliché about many hands making light work was true, even when we did not have regular meetings. And so now we will be

delivering 395 bags for the patients at Children's Hospital this holiday season. A representative from Children's is expected at our meeting on November 2

Many member hands have contributed to this effort: Sally Affinito, Marie Anna, Pat Barry, Mary Lou Dunlop, Denise Friedrich, Alice Gibson, Carol Hartman, Mollie Healy, Kari Jones, Nancy Jeffries, Betty Kania, Audrey King, Esther King, Stacy Koehler, Sue Kremmel, Harvene Lynch, Sylvia Lynn, Helen Marcellus, Donna Martin, Jeannie McCormick, Trish McSorley, Jan Merritt, Kathleen Mohr, Sue Orleman, Joyce Rankin, Sandy Schott, Sue Sebastian, Peggy Splane, Sally Taylor, Peggy Trevanion, and Tracey Zigo. I also want to thank my friends Diane Olcott and Peg Sobieski from Quilt Company East who sewed a number of bags. If I have forgotten anyone, 1) dammit, and 2) my sincere apologies. Thanks to all for your time and talent.

Thanks to everyone who supported and encouraged this project. It has been my pleasure to usher it through. Signing off.

**Anne Shearon ~~ Santa Bag ~~ Who did a heroic job !!**



Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt