

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter – November 2012

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President's Message

Happy Sunday Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the rain...I am, but only because it means I can stay inside and play with some fabric!!!

I hope everyone is busy planning and collecting for their participation in the Holiday donating. I think it will be fun this year as we have three choices to choose from, or if feeling really charitable and enthusiastic you can donate to all three. Bring in your donations to the next meeting and the December meeting. We will have Cup and a ¼ then, I believe the theme is Christmas...hmmm...imagine that!!

Speaking of the December meeting...our Christmas Party, we are going to do something new this year...at least I think it is new. How does a potluck sound??? Hospitality has graciously offered to bring the turkey and ham, with the rest of us bringing the rest of the holiday meal...sounds like lots of good food to me...Lots of eating and socializing!!

Helen Marcellus is our Sunshine Chair so direct any concerns to her.

Next year we will do Cup and a ¼ every other month and on the alternating months we'll bring in donations of food for the food pantry one month; pet food, pet toys, blankets, etc. for the Humane Society one month; and the same for Animal Friends one month. If there are any months left we could choose another venue...anyone have any ideas or suggestions??? I know Animal Friends will take any kind of blankets, including simple fleece ones, they also like pillow cases for the cat areas, but these must be of certain colors for the visitation floor; solid or tone on tone, pale green, yellow, blue are the preferred colors...pet toys cannot have any rabbit fur on them as they have rabbits for adoption.

Since Heinz History Center is not having a quilt show this year, Marilyn MacArthur is in need of some suggestions for fund raising...any ideas???

Anyone who has not paid their dues, it would be sincerely appreciated if you would do so immediately!! Thank you!!

I should have sat down immediately when I got home from the Executive Board Meeting as I had lots to say then...not so much now...darn!!! ☹

I think I'll go finish "The Racketeer" by John Grisham and watch the rain. Have a nice week everyone...see you all next Tuesday!!

Muriel

Meeting Schedule

November 6, 2012 – Demonstration by Sandy Kephart, Fiber Artist

Sandy presents a program on Fiber Imagery and Design Inspiration. She demonstrates the techniques she uses to include fibers and textiles into quilts. She will share several methods for original design to help you develop your creativity. Part of this program will be hands-on, so bring a few magazines (any topic) and paper scissors and be ready to have fun.

December 4, 2012 – Christmas Party and Collection of Donations for Charities

See the President's comments about this event.

Workshop on November 17, 2012

Workshop with Sandy Kephart – Landscape Collage with Fabric: This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2012, in the Highland Room of St. John's Lutheran Church at 311 Cumberland Road (across from the Northland Public Library). Workshop fee of \$30.00 includes lunch. Bottled water also will be provided. Sandy will begin the workshop at 10:00 a.m. and plan to end by 4:30 p.m. We have the premises leased from until 5:00 p.m., so the 4:30 close will give us time to clean up after ourselves. Cleaning up is part of the contract, so all should be prepared to help

Supply List

- Small scissor (sharp)
- Pins
- Pencil & ultra-fine black marker (Sharpie is excellent)
- 1 yard "Wonder-Under" #805 fusible web
- 20" x 24" piece of pre-washed muslin
- Bring your Teflon pressing sheet if you have one
- Iron, extension cord and large white towel to use as ironing blanket (we must share among 2 or 3 people)
- Fabrics for collage*
- Your sense of adventure and experimentation

* Any type of fabric you have – cottons, prints, solids, textures, synthetics, sheers, upholstery, drapery, lace, netting, yarns, etc. A laundry basket full is fine! If you have yardage, just cut off a section rather than bringing the entire length. If you're not sure, bring it – much easier to weed out than wish you had it.

Sandy will bring several bins of fabrics that she will dump out onto a tarp so each piece can be seen. These are available to all attendees at no charge.

Loretta Crum - 412 366 1609

Upcoming Workshops

Repeat workshop on Venetian Tiles stack 'n whack: If there is sufficient interest, I will be happy to schedule another workshop with Sandy Lord on this pattern, again on a Saturday. If you are interested in this, please let me know (loretta.crum@verizon.net or (412) 366-1609) and give me an indication of when you might like to do this – squeeze it in this year or try for something next year. Actual date will depend on Sandy's schedule and availability of the Sheraton. To make this cost-effective at the \$60 workshop fee, I must have a minimum of 20 attendees.

Membership

We are still collecting 2012-2013 Dues. Please submit your check for \$30.00 to:

Debra Thompson

4057 Tall Timber Drive

Allison Park, PA 15101

Community Service

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Thank-you for all of the sewing and quilting that you completed for the North Hills Community Outreach Thanksgiving table mat project. We have over 70 to donate!

As the holidays approach, we have many blessings for which to be thankful. Others in our area are not as fortunate. The executive board of NPQG has developed an opportunity for us to help those in need. In place of having a gift exchange of any kind at our holiday party in December, we will collect items for several local missions. Listed below are three special projects in which we can participate. The items will be collected at the December meeting. However, if you will miss that meeting, they may be brought to the November meeting also.

TOYS FOR FAMILIES

A group of local churches for Network of Hope collects new, unwrapped toys that are then made available for purchase (at 10% of original cost) by families who are proud to pay for them rather than just accept the toys as "handouts". Toys may be for all ages, infant to teen. The original price tag should not be removed. Stuffed animals are not included. Flyers about this project will be available at the November meeting.

LIGHT OF LIFE KITCHEN STARTER SETS

When the mothers in Light of Life's Women and Children's Program move into their apartments they are without many of the common household items necessary to take care of their homes and families. The following items may be donated:

- Pots and pans
- Mixing bowls
- Measuring spoons and cups
- Set of dishes
- Dish drainer set
- Set of hot pads
- Drinking glasses and silverware
- Set of cooking utensils and wooden spoons
- Dish soap, sponges and kitchen towels
- New or gently used cook books
- Salt and pepper and other common spices
- Laundry or waste baskets

LIGHT OF LIFE WINTER SURVIVAL KIT

The winter months are an especially challenging time of the year for the homeless. Estranged from loved ones during the holidays and suffering from the cold, men and women find themselves in despair. The following **new** items may help them meet basic physical needs:

- Hat
- Gloves or mittens
- Scarf
- Long underwear
- Lip balm
- Big pack of chewing gum
- Pillowcase to hold above items

Louise Warner

Jennifer Chiaverini Books

A collection of Jennifer Chiaverini Books have been donated for Guild Members to enjoy. If you would like to borrow a book, they will be available at the Guild Meeting. If you would like to enjoy a book, please contact me. I am happy to make arrangements to the book to you. When you are finished reading it, please bring it back to a meeting so another member can enjoy it.

Happy Quilting – Sue Sebastian, 412 367-0237 or sueannseb@aol.com

THE CUP AND A QUARTER IS BACK!!!!

The Guild has voted to use the Cup and a Quarter as one of our fundraisers this year, so listed below is the months we will be doing this activity:

DECEMBER - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Christmas, New Year, Snow scenes, Winter sports

FEBRUARY - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Valentine's Day, Red and Pink designs, Heart designs

APRIL - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Easter, Spring, Flowers, Gardening

These are merely suggestions -- you can use any combination you like. GOODWILL has lots of unusual cups if you need one.

For those of you who aren't familiar with this fundraiser, we are asking you to bring a coffee or tea cup with one or more fat quarters inside it. We will be selling tickets (3 for \$1.00) which you will place in the paper cup in front of the item. There will then be a drawing for the cup and fabric. We realize this is short notice for October, but are hoping that many of you will be able to participate. Reminder E-mails will be sent out for the coming months. We are hoping this activity will be lots of fun for all of us! And you can always use another cup for your "coffee break" while you are sewing your fat quarters into something beautiful!

Marilyn MacArthur, Fundraising Chair – 724 443 6436 or mizm@zoominternet.net

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to the members for the delicious snacks enjoyed by all during Fat Quarter last month.

Thanks ladies for volunteering!

Treasurer's Report

No new report.

Sunshine Report

Cards were sent to Harvene Lynch, Debby Helmstetter and Janice Merritt. If you know of anyone who should receive a card from the Guild please let me know.

Helen Marcellus

helen.marcellus@comcast.net or 412-364-2942

Any errors in this newsletter may be attributed to Charlotte Kewish, standing in for Jan Merritt this month. Wishing her a quick and complete recovery!