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# NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

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## *From the President's Desk*

I just got back from a road trip to Indiana, where it really looked like fall: soy fields turning yellow and piles of pumpkins everywhere. Here, the signs are a little more subtle and a little more mechanical: the AC is off, and hopefully we'll have a little break before we turn on the heat!

Last month we had a great program on dimensionality in quilts by Karen Combs. A big Thank You to Sandra for bringing her to us! This month we'll be having a program that is a guild favorite year after year: our Round Robin. AND we'll be starting our Embellishment Round Robin.

The Look Out My Window challenge is due at this month's meeting. Let us all see what you see!

October starts the extended cycle of holidays that carries us part way through the winter. This is the holiday-heavy quilting project season. Part of my enjoyment of the season(s) is making or pulling out items that coordinate with the calendar. So get sewing! Or showing and telling! Let's really enjoy the next couple months together.

Help!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances (How dare life get in the way of our plans!), we are in need of some key personnel. The first is a guild secretary, whose responsibilities include recording and distributing the minutes of our regular meetings, as well as the board meetings (about 6 a year.) This is normally an elected position, but in situations like this, I am allowed to appoint someone to fill the term. Easy-peasy, except I need a volunteer! (continued on page 3)

## Upcoming Programs

The 2023-24 guild year is scheduled with exciting programs and workshops. Stacy will continue to run the monthly Saturday Quilt N Wilt with an educational segment (thanks Stacy!)

The October 3rd program will be a Round Robin skill building workshop. Each station will feature a 10 - 15 minute training on the following techniques:

Sandy - Curve Piecing

Stacy - English Paper Piecing

Teri T - No Waste Flying Geese

Lisa C - Appliqué Circles

**The “Looking out my Window” Challenge is due at the October meeting.** These 24 x 24 quilts must be completely finished. The Quilt Show committee will let you know what method of hanging they require, so no sleeve necessary at this time. After judging at the meeting, you will take your piece back home and store until the April 2024 Quilt Show. (continued on page 3)

### Make It Quick

After a summer break MIQ will reappear this month. Starting 10 minutes before the actual meeting the topic will be Elevation of the Lowly Kitchen Towel. Stop by!

## Everybody's Gotta Eat

Happy Fall! Happy Harvest! Happy Halloween! Please bring a snack/goody/treat celebrating one of the above to share at the October meeting.

## Sad News

Condolences to Dee Cariota and her family on the recent passing of her son, Paul. Dee's address is 129 Cemetery Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, if you wish to send a card.

## DO YOUR DUES

2023-24 dues will be collected at the October meeting. If you can't make the meeting, or prefer to mail your dues, the address is NPQG, PO Box 101747, Pittsburgh, 15237. Anyone who hasn't paid their dues by the end of October will be removed from NPQG membership. Don't let that be YOU !!!!!

## President's Message (cont.)

The second position is for a Publicity Chair for the quilt show. This job hasn't quite kicked into gear yet, but as the show gets closer, it becomes a very important factor in the success of our show. You can talk to Mollie or me for more information. We need you!

Thank you in advance for helping out the guild!

Stacy

## Programs (cont.)

The November 7th meeting will feature our own Judy Gough teaching us about Collage Quilts. Judy is a certified Laura Heine teacher having taken her two day intensive course in 2018. Judy has modified the techniques she has learned over the years and will share the many ways to create a collage quilt.

Also in November, the first segment of the lone robin / mystery style quilt will be presented. Each month - over a six month period - a new prompt / technique will be given for you to add to your quilt. If you google "Lone Robin quilts" or "Julia McLeod", you will see examples of these amazing quilts and read Julia's story on how she started this rage that has taken the quilting community by storm.

Sandy Schott

## Next Up

### Quilt 'n Wilt 'n Workshop

Following Tuesday's meeting, our next event will be on Saturday October 7, at the church, from 9 - 3.

The workshop portion will focus on walking foot quilting designs. If you want to try some, you can bring a few small quilt sandwiches and a removable marker of your choice, painters tape and a small acrylic ruler. Or just come to hang out with us, work on the project of your choice and share an always-yummy pot-luck lunch. See you there!

**WANTED:** Mother looking for a quilter to make 2 t-shirt quilts for her daughters. She wants them for Christmas but I told her I thought it would be quite difficult. I think she is willing to wait. I have no other details . Please call me or text me if you are interested. 412 600 9539 Donna Martin

## Quilt Show April 2024

### **TREASURE CHEST 2024!!**

Hi Everyone!

It's time to "De-Stash" and get ready for the 2024 Show and Treasure Chest store! We will have members available, with trunks open, at the side entrance, for you to drop off your donations at each monthly meeting.

I met with former Guild member Marilyn MacArthur on Tuesday and gathered fabric, UFO's, a few current quilting books and lots of odds and ends as she continues to clean out and downsize her sewing room. She asked me to tell you all "Hi" and hopes to be able to attend the show in April.

Lisa and Denise

### **MEMBER'S TABLE**

Should we have one????

If anyone is interested in participating in the Members' Table at the quilt show please contact me by phone/text at 412-606-8311 or email [gibsonalice@hotmail.com](mailto:gibsonalice@hotmail.com).

Alice

## Need Fabric ??????

Wilson's Calico Corner recently contacted me declining our invitation to vend at our quilt show because of another commitment. But in the course of that communication, the owner advised that she recently almost lost a finger to her rotary cutter (OUCH!!!). It sounds like eventually she will be OK, but for now she has an excess of fabric so is having a sale. In her words:

*To solve this problem I am having a sale:*

*All bolted fabrics will be \$10 per yard and the panels will be \$8 or \$10 each depending on the size. I also have a large number of quilt and craft related books at \$5 each. At these prices I do have to add a credit card fee of 3%.*

*October 3-5, 7th and 17-21, I will be there from 1 to 4 or if you want to come in the evening or morning just let me know. Turns out I have to go to the doctor on the 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.*

*1075 Main Street, Volant. Across from the church handicap parking lot.*

Meanwhile, beware that rotary cutter !!!!!

Judy Gough

## *Upcoming Quilt Shows and More*

October 12 - 14, 2023, Beaver Valley Piecemakers, Chippewa United Methodist Church, 118 McMillan Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, 724-495-0825, [bvpiecemakers.com](http://bvpiecemakers.com)

October 14 - 15, 2023, Woodland Quilt Show, Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA, [www.lutherlyn.com/quilts](http://www.lutherlyn.com/quilts).

October 7, 2023 - January 28, 2024, The Red Dress, The Frick Pittsburgh, 7227 Reynolds Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 412-371-0600, [www.thefrickpittsburgh.org](http://www.thefrickpittsburgh.org). For more information about this 14 year, 380 embroiderers, international project, see [reddressembroidery.com](http://reddressembroidery.com)

November 18 - December 9, 2023, The North Hills Art Center Annual Holiday Artisan Market 3432 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA . They are always looking for new artists. You do not have to be there to sell your things. They are looking for small to medium gift-type items, hand-made only. The items are not limited to quilt-y stuff...If you are interested in the market, either as a maker or a shopper (great shopping!) , check out their website.([northhillsartcenter.org](http://northhillsartcenter.org)) for full details. Or talk to Stacy or Tracey, they both did it last year.

Information about upcoming shows, exhibits or other interesting events about which you are aware and reactions to this column are appreciated.

Thanks to all.

Anne Shearon

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild  
General Meeting  
September 5, 2023

The member convened at 7:05 pm at Berkley Hills Lutheran Church Community Room.

President Stacy Koehler welcomed members back for a new quilt year and reminded members to pay 2023-24 dues promptly.

Program Chair Sandy Schott introduced the evening's speaker, Karen Combs, who did a Zoom presentation entitled Quilts of Illusion.

Following Fat Quarter, Stacy introduced current officers: VP, Judy Gough, Secretary, Lori Galanter (not present), and Treasurer, Deb Thompson. Stacy thanked Deb for accepting the Treasurer position following the resignation of the Guild's former Treasurer.

Stacy noted that Committee Chair positions have been filled with the exception of Sunshine Committee and encouraged anyone interested to come forward.

Carol Hartman encouraged members to post on the Guild's Facebook page as a great way to share info and show off the Guild.

Sandy asked generally if members might be interested in a workshop by Karen Combs suggesting that to manage costs it would likely be by Zoom and that good participation by the membership would be necessary to make it financially possible. Sandy will make inquiries and additional information will follow. Sandy noted that the October meeting will be a Round Robin. Sandy also discussed the Global Quilt Connection which will be held on September 23 and 24, 2023. Additional information will be sent to members prior to this program. Sandy noted that this is a good way for members to identify speakers they might be interested in for future Guild speakers and programs.

Brief reports from Hospitality and Newsletter followed.

Tracey Zigo discussed the formation of the panel embellishment groups for this year, describing the process and how much fun last year's participants had.

Mollie Healy reported that 44 people were present at the meeting, including 2 new members and a visitor. Welcome all.

Stacy introduced the Guild budget for 2023-24 and following motion and second, the budget passed unanimously. Stacy advised that member dues need to be paid by the next meeting, otherwise members will be removed from membership, including discontinuance of newsletter.

Regarding the April, 2023, Quilt Show, Mollie Healy advised that Quilt raffle tickets are available. All members are expected to buy/sell 20 tickets @ \$ 1.00/each. Stacy said Quilt Registration forms

will be available soon, noting that show categories have been revised. The “Looking Out My Window” challenge quilts are due at the October meeting. Issue of whether to have a Member’s Table at the Quilt Show is being studied by Alice Gibson. Denise Friedrich advised that donations are being accepted for Treasure Chest, noting that fabric pieces should be at least 1/4 yard. No scraps, please. Trish McSorley said Dream Baskets will need donations since reserve from 2020 cancelled show have been used up.

Show & Tell followed, with many ooh’s and ahh’s, and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Shearon,  
Minute Taker



