



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild October 2020 Newsletter



President's Message

Pumpkin spice and everything nice! I hope you all are okay and doing well. I'm fine and keeping sane with sewing and quilting projects. I think that's all of us right now.

I put a call in to Peggy Huwe at Kearn's this morning (Tuesday, September 29th) and, as of this writing, haven't heard back yet. Most likely we will not be able to meet there, in person, until sometime in the spring.

Stacy is doing a great job lining up things for programs and the use of **Zoom**; she will be filling you in on that.

Meanwhile, all **Santa Sacks** need to be in to **Sylvia** by **October 13**, so that she can deliver them to **Children's Hospital**. Thank you all who have been faithfully working on the sacks and the walker bags— we're getting quite a few of the walker bags and we are grateful for that. You all are **AWESOME!!!!**

Thank you and God Bless You all!!!

Mollie Healy ~~ President



Fabric Giveaway ~~ From Betty Kania

Can you use some free fabric? I have flannels, cottons, (juvenile prints and others), misc. other fabrics.

Most are yardage, not scraps. If you are interested, please contact me at 412-635-9797 or kaniab@verizon.net.



**Treasurers Report
8/31-9-30-2020**

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| Balance 8-31-2020 | \$13,610.03 |
| Expenses | None |
| Income | |
| Dues ``` | \$ 575.00 |
| Balance | \$14,310.03 |

Thus far, the Guild has 50 paid members for 2020-2021.

Sylvia Lynn ~~~~ Treasurer



October Program

Hi Everyone ! Time to gear up for another Guild meeting via ZOOM. It's not the same as meeting in person, but it's still great to see other folks and get a quick in. Please give it a try, or try it again if the first time didn't work out.

Once you get the hang of it, it really is easy.

Instructions for using Zoom are included further down and will be repeated in the invitation you will receive from me (stacy.koehler@gmail.com) on SUNDAY. Keep an eye out for it.

On Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m., we will have our usual business meeting, followed by a short program.

The Program is: Houses for Witches and Birdies and Snowmen, Oh My!

These are quick little seasonal or holiday projects. (each section is about 5x7 inches and they fold flat. They are partially sewn and partially collaged/embellished.

They are quick, (each section requires 3 short, straight seams) and a lot of fun. They are light-weight, store flat in a small space and can be sent in a medium sized envelope. And they are really cute! I will be showing you how to make them and providing instructions.



Alas, virtual meetings mean no Fat Quarter, but let's add **Show and Tell.** **Tracey** putting pictures on our website of all the quilts you've been working on, which are beautiful to see. When you send a new quilt to Tracey, **send it to me as well at stacy.koehler@gmail.com.** I will put them into a slide show to run during our meetings. If you send me a copy and you join the Zoom meeting, you can even talk about your quilt and we can ask you questions - just like in our regular Show and Tell. Let's creep our way a little closer to normal !!!

Which leads us to our **November Program.**

Prior to the pandemic shutdown, we had a contract with Gyleen Fitzgerald for a lecture and workshop in November. We are still going to have this, but it will be done virtually. Here are important facts to know:

***Our November Zoom meeting date will be Thursday, November 5th at 7 p.m.**

Note change of date!

The lecture will be ***"It's a Polygon Affair."***

Information about the lecture can be found **on this webpage:**

<http://www.colourfulstitches.com/lectures.html>.

***Because we will be using Zoom for our first significant program expense of the year when we hire Gyleen, I really hope that as many members as possible can become familiar with the Zoom platform through our regular monthly Zoom meetings, so that the money we spend on Gyleen will benefit our full membership.**

Hint! Hint! Join our October meeting, Practice your Zooming !!!

***The workshop will be offered 2 days, Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7.**

Everything presented Live over the 2 days will be recorded and available for the 2 days on the Facebook Page.

If you are working, you do not have to take off to go to the workshop, the recorded material will be available when you get home.

***Gyleen has sent a **Virtual Workshops Logistics Sheet**, included at the end of the newsletter.**

***The Workshop will be **Quilt of the Century**. (Our alternate choice of workshop does not lend itself to virtual presentation).**

Workshop information can be found at: <http://www.colourfulstitches.com/workshops.html>. You have to scroll down a bit.

* I am still working on the logistics of getting the patterns to the participants.

* If you are interested in registering for this workshop, send a check, made out to **NPQG, for \$38 (Workshop \$25 and pattern \$13) to Stacey Koehler, 147 N. Fremont Ave. Bellevue, PA 15202**

* If you have any questions, please contact me at

stacy.koehler@gmail.com.

I'll do my best to answer them. This is different from what we are used to, but we are big, bad quilters and we can figure it out!!

Instructions for joining Zoom meetings:

You will be receiving an invitation from Stacy on Sunday Oct 4 for our meeting on Tuesday Oct 6.

To get into a Zoom meeting, you can use a computer (desktop or laptop), a tablet or a smart phone. It's helpful if the device has a camera (most do these days) but even if it doesn't, you can still join, we just won't be able to see you but you will still see and hear us and we will still hear you.

You do not need to download anything to your computer or device. All you have to do is go to the meeting.

When you first join (see below) you will get a message about testing your audio...go ahead and do that. Although probably your device is already set up right.

How to go to a meeting: There's a lot of info on the invitation, most of which you will not need. (A Zoom invitation automatically generates instructions for every possible means of joining a meeting. Don't let it intimidate you!)

You can do it 2 ways. The easiest is to click the link, highlighted in orange, on the invitation. It will take you to a virtual waiting room, which I will take you out of and bring you into the meeting.

If you can't get in that way, go to www.zoom.com. In the upper right corner is "Join a Meeting." Click that and when asked put in the Meeting ID and Passcode highlighted in blue on your invitation.

IMPORTANT: I have set the meeting for 6:30, although it won't actually begin until our usual time at 7:00. I will be there, starting at around 6:15, to try to get as many as possible hooked up and ready to go. (Bring handwork / book / snack / beverage of choice if you get in early.) I apologize in advance if this gets bogged down in any way.

Patience may be required!

If Rosie could rivet, we can do this!

Stacy Koehler ~~~~ Programs

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt