



Storm at Sea
by Tricia McSorley

David Sirota's Workshop



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
October 2017 Newsletter



President's Message

I am pretty sure that my September calendar was short a week, because it has gone by so fast. I will be spending the last week of September in Vermont (Burlington) and have the opportunity to visit **4** new quilt stores in the Burlington area. Not to say that I might not drive 100+ miles to visit some other ones. That said, this brings me to a recap of our last guild meeting - 68 members plus 6 guests - **WOW**, what a turn out! Hope this continues throughout the year. David made us laugh and smile the entire program and his workshop was great. I learned something that I can do and I am sure that I will finish this project. It was great to be in the company of others learning a new technique.

I received my instructions for the fleece animal throws. Now I feel like I should have purchased more fleece to make a few more throws. My fleece stash does not compare to my coveted quilting material. However, I know I will have more coupons coming and I will be able to add some fleece and not feel guilty about it (coupons have that effect on me),

Thank you - I want to thank **Liz** for always making our Fat Quarter table look so good. Liz totes the bags and bins of paper products and decorations and sets up a welcoming table. She cleans up after the meeting, runs the vacuum and carries all the stuff back to her car. We all know that this does not magically appear but we may not know who to thank for it. Well - give Liz a Thank You.

I know you have all started in some way your quilt for the "**Feathered Stars**" Quilt Show in April. Mine has been started in my mind, planned on paper, and

fabric bought. A step in the right direction. So, 6 months to execute the plan knowing full well that there are some major holidays to distract me. I am looking forward to a preview of the raffle quilt. Saw a beginning block and was thrilled at the design and execution by our premier quilters. Prepare to be pleasantly surprised at its debut.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in October,

Clarice



Did you know?

The **NPQG** logo was designed by a Guild member, **Earland O'Leary**, around 1984. The first noted use of the logo was on the front of the 1985 Quilt Show Brochure.

It is still being used today on our pins, brochures, etc.

Betty Kania ~~~~ Historian



Cup-and-Quarter returns in October!!

So, bring your Cup-and-a-Quarters entries for the October meeting.

No cups? - we have extras - ready to receive your fat quarters if that works for you!

Jeannie McCormack ~~ Fund Raising



Again with the Fat Quarter ~~~

“It’s time to celebrate the Fall season. It is time for falling leaves and crisp evening walks. For Fat Quarter make your favorite fall snack or sweet. Maybe something with apples, pumpkins, or fall colors.”

Liz Hodgkinson ~~~ Hospitality



Membership ~~~~

Last call for Late Dues !!!! They may be paid at the October Meeting - see the greeters at the front table for a Membership form or mail them to Sue Orleman ASAP.

(Address is on the form!)

We have an exciting year coming up ~~~ great programs and our show in April, so we don’t want to lose you, but unpaid members will be deleted from our membership list after the October Meeting.

Sue Orleman ~~ Membership



Quilts of Valor

Is having a Fund Raiser. On October 21, from 2 - 6 p.m. at the VFW Post 214 in Lawrenceville.

This is the our only fundraiser to rasie money to help pay for the postage to mail quilts to the Long Arm Volunteers, and for fabric to make the Quilts of Valor.

We have raffle baskets! Our biggest raffle basket is the lottery basket. If anyone wants to donate lottery tickets or money to buy lottery tickets, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Spaghetti Dinner costs \$10.00 a person. All the proceeds come back to the QOV group.

Carol Beck

Quilt Show ~~ Planning meetings are ongoing and updates will be shared as available.

The list of members interested in the Consignment Table is growing, please consider adding this adventure to your repertoire.

Peggy Splane is the person in charge.



Fons and Porter discounted subscriptions are still available !!

Denise Ludwig ~~ Vice President



Candid photo from David Sirota's Workshop





While on the Workshop,
here is Pat Barber's
work.



Programs ~~~

Well, Hello Cooler Weather - long time no see !! If you happened to have been dealing with your personal summers, this year you've had quite a time of it !! I am ready for some snow !! Well, okay maybe a 55 degree temperature would surely make me happy and be a little less drastic.

Jackie Kelso is coming for our next Guild Meeting, on **October 3**, and her **workshop is on October 4**.

I hope you've got your fabric cut and ready to transform it into a truly lovely table runner.

We will be enjoying a **sandwich ring** for lunch and would love for you to bring something yummy to share and accompany it.

If you are registered for her class - please remember to come to **St. John's Fellowship Hall - via the Upper Entrance (by the office)**. We have used the lower door on Saturdays but during the **week there is a pre-school class that we do not want to disturb**. **So, use the elevator - please!**

Please arrive **8:30 to 8:45 a.m. to set up** and get ready to start stitching at **9:00** and having a blast.

November 7th and 8th brings our celebrated International Judge/Author/multi-decorated Art Quilt artist **Carol Taylor**. She has had her work on the cover of numerous quilt publications and one of her specialty designed quilts hanging permanently in the Museum of Art and Design in New York City. Her lecture will

be titled “**Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time**” - (something I think we all can relate to).

Please consider registering for her workshop “**Arc-i-textures**” (cost \$38) that will challenge you to use a variety of textured fabrics: upholstery/costume/cotton/brocade/etc. Start shopping for your fabric now that Halloween fabric is still available.

The class will be held at St. John’s and lunch will be provided.

Our **December** meeting will be a crazy fun night to remember. Each member will need to bring **5** fat quarters of their choosing to play “**Left - Right Center**”.

Holiday appetizers to munch on while “rolling the dice” would be a terrific addition.

Donna Martin has taken a great interest in our **December Community Service Project - Animal Friends**.

They will be the recipients of crate blankets and chew toys made of fleece, She will share the details at the **October Meeting**.

The donations will be collected as they are finished and turned in to Donna. As a true lover of all animals we thank her in advance for her willingness to support this worthy cause.

I leave you with these thoughts:

7 Reasons to buy fabric:

- *because it is on sale
- *it is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care
- *it insulates the closet(s) where it is kept
- *needs no refrigeration
- *you don’t have to cook it to enjoy it, never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it
- *it is our patriotic duty to support the cotton industry
- * and - because you are worth it !

Your Program Peeps, Linda Williams and Tricia McSorley

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt

