

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild September 2022 Newsletter



President's Message

Excited. That is how I feel about our next year together in the North Pittsburgh Quilt Guild. Come join the fun and learning.

The program committee has wonderful plans in place so we can continue to learn, quilt, work together for others and enjoy the friendships we have made in the Guild.

Our September meeting is going to be a celebration of our 40th anniversary so come but please skip dinner that night because our fat quarter is getting "fatter and fatter", I do believe it might look like a feast.

We also plan to honor our two founding members with a small gift; each of you has provided a part of the gift and for that I say Thank you! ... but if you still have a thank you card to add to the box; send, bring, or message it so it can be included.

Our business meeting will be busy. We will discuss and vote on a budget for 2022-23.

We will discuss and vote on a dues increase for 2023-24.

We will vote to welcome Mim Gerstenberger as our second Member At Large. She has been serving in this capacity but we do need to vote to make the appointment official.

Please plan to stay after FatQuarter so we can handle the business of the Guild quickly and efficiently.

A directory will be provided at the October meeting with members' contact information.

Finally if you created a Word “quilt” bring it. It is going to be fun to see what words have been incorporated into projects.

Peace

Sylvia Lynn ~~ President

Programs

Program for September...and beyond.

Hope everyone is excited about a new Guild year starting, because we have lots to do!

Please note: we will continue to Zoom out meetings as we are doing in-person sessions !!

On Tuesday, September 6, we will be having an Anniversary Special, celebrating our Guild’s birthday with a special Fat Quarter and some special recognition.

The business meeting will have lots of information about the coming year.

We will have a Make It Quick about the Polaroid Block.

The summer **Word! Projects** are due, so bring what you’ve been working on (I hope we have a lot!). There will be Viewer’s Choice voting and prizes!

Also, we are going to have a **special Show and Tell**. Bring your favorite quilt you’ve made (or someone else’s favorite quilt) and tell us all about it. Making and showing our quilts is great, but the place those quilts have in our lives, and the lives of others, is what’s really special. They don’t have to be well made, or new, or even entirely in one piece.... you just have to love them. Please bring and share!

The Renee King Workshop has been rescheduled. We enjoyed her presentation last spring, but her workshop had to be postponed due to illness. But she’s coming back! The workshop will be on Saturday, September 24, from 9 to 3 at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church.

We will be making the Converging Corners Quilt. It is scrap and beginner friendly. I will be available during the day to help with any basic skills questions during the workshop, so anyone can participate. If you Google Converging Corners Quilts or search it on Pinterest, you will see what we’ll be working on. It is a free-form version of a log cabin. Below is Renee’s supply list. If you don’t want to do the quilt, come hang out with us anyway and Quilt ‘N Wilt. We’ll be doing a pot luck lunch, so bring something to share.

Supplies for Renee’s Converging Corners Quilt

This is a scrap quilt so there is no need to purchase fabric...just use your scraps. I will bring my extensive scrap collection to share with you
Lots and lots of 2-1/2 inch wide strips of scraps both light dark.

- 12" Square ruler
- Ruler for cutting scraps
- Painters or masking tape
- Rotary cutter
- Cutting mat
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Neutral thread
- Other sewing supplies

And for all you **Sampler Platter** fans, we are signed up for another one on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18. Like the others, it runs from 3 PM to 6 PM each day. Each day, 9 teachers will present a quick lesson or project, each about 15 or 20 minutes long. The variety of topics covers a wide range of interests. You can discover all kinds of fun stuff. If you can't make the times, each session will be recorded and will be available for 48 hours after the session ends. The presenters have prepared handouts so you don't even have to take notes! As members of the guild, you are already signed up. I will send out the Zoom link and the link to download the handouts to everyone closer to the event. And here's the really cool thing about this platter: It's all holiday projects! Mark your calendars!

And looking forward to October.....

At the October meeting, we will be repeating our Round Robin. This is one of our most well-received programs, so we're doing it again! Sandra Schott, Denise Freidrich and I will be looking for 5 hearty souls who would be willing to present mini-lessons to the group. We have 2 so far... we still need some help. It doesn't need to be anything fancy. If it's something that you enjoy, or a tip or tool you find useful, chances are the rest of us would like it too!

On Saturday October 8, we will be having a **Quilt 'N Wilt and our first Quilting Clinic**. If you have a project you're having trouble with, bring it and we'll try to figure it out. If you want to start a project but you don't know what you're doing, bring it and we'll get you started. This isn't strictly a workshop because there is no set project or lesson. It's based on what you want to do. Just come and quilt!

See you later,

Stacy Koehler ~~ Programs

Treasurer's Report

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Last year at this time there was more than a little anxiety about the Guild's financial situation. There was concern that we were going into a Quilt Show year without a lot of spare cash. We were never really at any kind of risk, but folks were nervous. But we were fine. Sandy Schott was able to negotiate the big ticket items for the Quilt Show such that we either had no deposit requirements, or deposits were not due until early 2022, after we had brought in cash from raffle tickets and vendor registrations. Stacy Koehler put together a very enjoyable, but not too costly Program schedule that we enjoyed throughout the year. We had a little bump in membership which brought in some extra dues. And everyone was prudent and thoughtful in their expenditures.

And then for our April Quilt Show itself, we busted butt and practically broke the bank. (Actually, that is almost true. I was at the bank one day with over \$9000 in cash and their little cash counting machine kept jamming.) The Show netted over \$8000 through a combination of a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Treasure Chest, great raffle ticket sales for our beautiful raffle quilt, plenty of vendors, good admission volume over the three days, great interest with the Dream Basket and sewing machine raffles and fully engaged and committed volunteers who worked for months to make it all happen.

So we ended the 2021-22 Guild year in a good place and our checking account balance as of August 31, 2022 is \$15,546, plus we have a \$ 5000 CD. More on all this at the meeting, Going forward we have a little more breathing room, but we have to remember that we will not a quilt show this year, so no big influx of dough. We need to continue thoughtful and prudent spending. Until a next big fundraiser like the Quilt Show, our main source of income will be member dues. At the September meeting, a proposal will be made for a \$5/year dues increase. I hope the membership considers it favorably.

I am still struggling with spread sheets (why is that so damn hard for me) but thank everyone for their patience and support.

Anne Shearon ~~ Treasurer

Upcoming Quilt Shows

We thought we would try something new and include in our Newsletter a list of the upcoming quilt shows in the area, and maybe a few beyond.

Some members are on every possible email list and are constantly getting notice of shows. Others of us are not and sometimes hear about a “great” show a couple weeks after it happened. So we thought we would try to present hopefully pretty comprehensive quilt show info on a regular monthly basis. How far out in time it will reach and how broad geographically remain to be seen. We want to give this a try and see if it was of interest/use to our members. We need your feedback to know that, of course, so please let me know whether you think this is worth anything and how it can be improved. We also need members who get all these emails to submit info so that we can include it here.

A very big caveat though: What you see here is all we know about the listed shows. Neither Jan Merritt nor I know anything else. WE KNOW NOTHING. If you have questions or need additional info, sorry, can't help you — you need to contact the sponsoring organization and get the info from them. In most cases there is a telephone number and/or web address. If not, look them up on the web or on Facebook. PLEASE DO NOT ASK JAN OR ME — WE KNOW NOTHING OTHER THAN WHAT YOU CAN READ HERE.

Upcoming Shows:

September 15-18, 2022, Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA, Hours: Sept 15-17 10-5, Sept 18 10-4. www.quiltfest.com

September 17-18, 2022, Happy Scrapers Quilt Show, St. Teresa of Avila Church, 9 3rd Avenue, Union City, PA 16438, Hours: Sept 17 10-5, Sept 18 noon-4, 814-694-2149

October 1, 2022, Indiana, PA Quilter's Club, 717 Stutzman Road, Indiana, PA Hours: 9-5, add'l info: Mimi Greene 724-599-6757

October 6-8, 2022, Beaver Valley Piecemakers, Chippewa UMC Community Life Center, 118 McMillen Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, Hours: Oct 6-7 10-5, Oct 8 10-4. bvpiecemakers.com 724-495-0825

October 15-16, 2022, Woodland Quilters Quilt Show, Lutherlyn, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA Hours: Oct 15 10-5, Oct 16 11-4

Again, please let me know what you think about this, whether it's worthwhile or not. And please submit info you have about upcoming shows. Thanks to all

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Hospitality

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!
Fat Quarter goodies will be supplied by the board.

Alice Gibson ~~ Hospitality

Newsletter submitted, respectfully, by Jan Merritt

