
NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

From the President's Desk:

Hello All!

We're stepping off into another NPQG program year, meeting with our quilting community in a few days, after the summer break. It will be good to see everyone and catch up, enjoy our Zoom speaker, see Show and Tell and hear about the plans for this year. Sandra has great stuff lined up for us.

This is a quilt show year, always a lot of work but also a lot of fun. The quilt show committee has started the preparations for our April date. We can all be working on our quilts, and gathering donations for the Dream Baskets (new items, please) and Treasure Chest to make this another beautiful and successful show.

See you soon!

Stacy

Upcoming Programs

September 5th Program: Quilts of Illusion by Karen Combs. This is an in person Zoom program with the ability to Zoom it from your home if necessary. The guild now has a “sound bar” which will amplify the sound, an improvement from last meeting. Please join us for this lecture and question / answer period. Karen is available for an in person workshop if there is enough interest. Explore the world of optical illusions with Karen as she shows you some of the wonderful quilts that she has created and shares tricks and tips how to make them. This virtual lecture is a beautiful and inspiring trunk show. There will be time for questions after the lecture.

More on Karen Combs on page 8

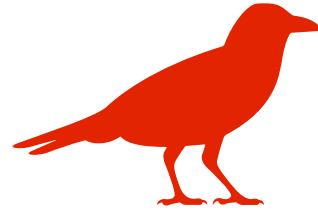
Everybody's Gotta Eat

**All Fat Quarter goodies for the September meeting will be provided by the board members. So everyone else, just bring your beautiful selves!



*I'm sure many of you saw the results of the two **round robin embellishments groups** from last year at a meeting last spring. We had a great time. I hope you will sign up.*

Tracey Zigo



Round Robin Embellishment Groups

The Embellishment Round Robin is a small group of people (6-7). Each brings a panel and the panels rotate through the group on a monthly basis. During the month, each participant adds some embellishments (buttons, beads, crochet, lace, fused pics, etc.) to the panel assigned to them that month. At the monthly get-together there is a quick show 'n tell and then the panels rotate. This exchange day can be as short as 20 minutes or as long as you want to stay and chat.

The owner of the panel starts by placing it in a project bag to be exchanged on the designated day at the chosen meeting place (like - Panera, a library, wherever is convenient for group members.) The bag

should have the owner's name, address, email address & phone number . Along with the panel, the bag should include a small notebook and the info/details sheet (see below). Each month the project bag is passed to a different person in the group until everyone in the group has added something to every panel. At the end of the Round Robin, the owner gets their panel/fabric back with all the changes made by each person in the small group. More on the Round Robin Embellishment groups on page 6.

Quilt Show April 2024

TREASURE CHEST 2024!!

Hello everyone and welcome back to our regular meeting schedule. We are sending out a quick message regarding TREASURE CHEST 2024!

We have already received some wonderful donations from members, former members and others. Once again we will take donations at our monthly meetings. Committee members will be parked outside the side entrance for your convenience. Or, you can call Lisa or me and we will make arrangements for a committee member to pick up your donations.

Unfortunately there are some items that will no longer be accepted and we will advise you of those at the meeting.

New Members are always WELCOME!

Have a great week and we will “See You In September”!!

Denise Friedrich & Lisa Sauer, Co-Chairs

Treasure Chest Committee

Helen Marcellus
Betty Kania
Sally Taylor
Joann Davis

Lori Chandler
Kari Jones
Terri Tumenillo
Alice Gibson

Quilt Raffle Tickets

Raffle quilt tickets will be available at the September meeting. They will be in books of 20, \$1.00/ticket. Please see me at the Greeter's Table before the meeting or during Fat Quarter to get your tickets to sell. This benefits your Guild.

Mollie Healy

Keep Eating

Thanks to Deb Thompson for sharing her recipe for Easy Egg Casserole. It was quite the hit at the August 19 Quilt & Wilt:

Easy Egg Casserole

Ingredients:

- 8-10 Large Brown Eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups of low-fat milk (sometimes I use a 1/2 cup of light whipping cream and a 1/2 cup of milk if I want it richer.)
 - 1 1/2 cup of shredded cheddar or any other cheese you have, i.e. Swiss cheese, mozzarella or Gouda.
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - mushrooms, onions, red pepper, ham, bacon — diced small...whatever quantity & variety you prefer.
 - optional: 1-2 slices of bread, broken into small pieces. Bread is not necessary; you can also stir in defrosted hash browns if you have them.
- Place everything in a 2 quart casserole dish. You could also use a deep dish pie plate.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, stirring halfway through so that all the egg mixture is cooked.

Round Robin Embellishment groups, continued from page 3:

Some details:

Most panels are in the range of 34 x 42, but you can use any panel you want. (I have a couple extra if you can't find one.)

The info/details sheet will specify any restrictions you want to place on the embellishments - for example, you may not want glitter added to your panel. You can give some guidance on tone —serious or playful. You can specify that you don't want the panel turned into something else - like a vest.

It's probably best if you **quilt your panel before the round robin starts** - just something very light and easy. Since your group buddies will be adding buttons, crocheted items, beads, etc. - it will be difficult to quilt it afterward. So use any backing and batting and do a little quilting - just to hold it together—the embellishments will add to the “quilting”.

The little book that you place in your bag can be one from the dollar store. It can be quite small; participants will probably only use one page each

Please call or text or email me to sign up. There will also be a signup sheet at the September meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions. Tracey Zigo
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The deadline for signing up is **September 12**. This round robin is a great way to get to know other guild members in a casual setting. I would encourage everyone to give it a try. There is no pressure - just add a button or two - maybe fuse a little picture onto it—whatever.....

We will divide all the participants into small groups and you can select a “leader” and a date/time for your meet/exchange.

One last comment - once your group is established, you should each set up group messaging - either text or email. Then if you or someone is unable to make the meeting, they can let everyone know and make arrangements for pickup and drop off. Also if the night before or early morning looks like 5 inches of snow coming - you can quickly cancel/reschedule your meeting.

Karen Combs, continued from page 2:

Biography: Karen Combs - Columbia, Tennessee

(www.karencombs.com)

Karen is an internationally known quilter, teacher, author, and designer who has been nominated 3 times by students for *Quilt Teacher of the Year*. Teaching since 1989, she is in high demand as a teacher who encourages her students, makes learning fun, and makes the complex easy to understand!

Karen is fascinated with optical illusions and quilts; this is the subject of many of her workshops. She is the author scores of magazine articles, quilt patterns and has written 9

quilting books, among them, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, *Combing Through Your Scraps* and *Celtic Patchwork Illusions*. She has designed over 100 fabric collections, both quilting cotton and batiks and is known for her innovative designs. Her latest design are with Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott.

Karen has appeared on many quilting TV programs and has a Craftsy class, *New Directions in Tumbling blocks*.

She has worked with Quilt Seminars at Sea for over a decade, teaching her quilting techniques and traveling the world.

Karen lives in the rolling hills of middle Tennessee with her husband, Rick and cute Shih Tzu named Benji.

Karen has more information on her website at: www.karencombs.com and has her PDF (download) patterns on her Etsy store: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/KarenCombsStudio>

Note from the Editor

All I can say is, Jan Merritt, how the h—-did you do this every month for years?

If you've read this far, you obviously got the email, and were able to open the attachment. That was my goal for this month.

I have a few ideas that might be fun, but first I need to work on my technical skills - a lot.

But meanwhile, because that will take some time, I would appreciate any feedback and YOUR ideas for what you'd like to see in this newsletter. Typically articles are submitted by Board members, but it sure doesn't have to be that way. If you have something to share, whether it's news, or a joke, or recipe, or sewing tip, or opinion, or gripe, let's hear it.

Now I need to go sleep for 12 hours.

Anne Shearon