



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter ~ September 2012

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President's Message

I am very happy to be able to welcome you all to another year in the NPQG. I hope that it is an exciting year for all of us quilters, as we begin to piece together new friendships and embellish old ones.

I hope that our programs and our work together on various projects help us to improve our skills.

Quilting is basically a solo art form, but it cannot help but be enriched by the encouragement and support of others. Think about it, who isn't warmed by the appreciation of others in "Show and Tell"? And how much did that inspire your creativity and enthusiasm? (Even the negative comments can backfire by fueling your determination, if you're stubborn like me).

As members grow in their skills, as seen in their creations; and in their camaraderie, as seen in the interaction in meetings and workshops; the Guild itself can only grow, to be more and more appreciated by its members and to attract new people and interest. Quilting may be a solitary avocation, but it spreads through teaching and fun, quilters love to learn new stuff and they love to share it.

To help make the Guild more fun for you, make it your own. Join in the activities, help out in a committee - even if you can only do a little - it counts a lot. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to let me know, I am open to suggestions and a good listener.

One way to be a big help is with the Hospitality Committee. Who doesn't like Fat Quarter? There will be a sign-up sheet circulating at meetings, please volunteer to bring something to a meeting.

The September Meeting will be 'hosted' by the Executive Board. The theme is in honor of the new administration - a so-called passing of the torch. Expect to see creative treats commemorating the recent Olympics, or Nationalities, or Sports. Also expect flexibility.

Here's to a year of fun, successful quilting, and growth all around, for each Member and for the Guild itself!!

See you at the meetings!

Muriel



Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Kearns Spirituality Center, LaRoche College, unless otherwise noted.

September 4, 2012 ~ Sandy Lord of the Gallery ~ Hanky-Panky

Sandy will show us various ways to use old and new handkerchiefs in creative ways and may encourage those without hankies to begin collecting them.

October 2, 2012 ~ What the Judges are looking for ~ Jan Rodgers

Jan Rodgers will explain how judges approach judging a quilt show and the criteria they use in making their selection of winning quilts in the various categories.

Jan's background includes a BA in Fine Arts and an MA in Textile History. She is a quilter, an independent quilt appraiser, a quilt history researcher, and a quilt show curator.

Come learn what it takes to get a smile from a judge, even as you are starting to work on your entry for the next quilt show!!

October Workshop ~ Look for news of this event at the September Meeting!

November 6, 2012 ~ Demonstration by Sandy Kephart, Fiber Artist

Sandy presents a program on Fiber Imagery and Design Inspiration. She demonstrates the techniques she uses to include fibers and textiles into quilts. She will also share several methods for original design to help you develop your creativity. Part of this program will be hands-on, so bring a few magazines (any topic) and paper scissors and be ready to have fun.

November Workshop ~ Sandy Kephart ~ Collage

Sandy will also do a collage workshop for us in November that I will schedule on a Saturday, either the 10th or the 17th, depending on availability of space; and if I have an indication of strong interest and attendance. If you are interested, please contact me at lorettacrum@verizon.net or call me at 412-366-1609. Otherwise, this will be on a weekday at Kearns.



Programs

Stack-n-Whack Workshop - 24 of us had a fun, productive and tiring full-day workshop with Sandy Lord on August 25, to learn the **Venetian Tiles** pattern. Each fabric created a variety of lovely medallion patterns that will be finished into table runners, wall hangings or large bed quilts. We plan to show the results of our workshop to Sandy when she is our guest speaker at our April Meeting, no matter the stage of completion.

Sandy agreed to return to our meeting in April to present her program on using those large print fabrics, that so many of us purchase and then are afraid to cut. If you're interested in this, be sure to mark your calendar.

~ Loretta Crum



Membership

2012 - 2013 North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild Dues

Please remember to submit your dues. The **2012-2013 Membership Directory** will be printed and ready to hand out at the **October 2012** Meeting. If you would like to be included in the Directory, please submit your dues to:

Debra Thompson
4057 Tall Timber Drive
Allison Park, PA 15101

\$30.00 (late fee paid after August 16, 2012)

~ Debra Thompson



Community Service

Okay, look on, under, beside or just anywhere near your sewing area. I'm sure the **table mat kit** is there somewhere!! The **October Meeting** is when they are due, but, of course, **they will be accepted sooner!!** Thanks to those who even remembered to turn them in at the summer picnic! There are still several kits that will be available at this meeting also. Thanks to all of you who have returned them this far!! They all look great and the **North Hills Community Outreach** folks are excited to be getting them!

Soon we will have to start thinking about this year's project!!! Please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Thanks again.

~ Louise Warner



Something you might like to try !!

CAMP KON-O-KWEE ONE DAY SEW-IN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Hello Quilters:

It's that time again for the One Day Sew In at Kon-O-Kwee, on September 18, 2012. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. I hope all of you can join us again for a day

of sewing and fun. Also, you need to bring your own lunch and a snack to share if you so choose. The Camp supplies water and beverages.

The cost is only **\$25** and your money will be due to me by **September 10, 2012**. Please make your check payable to me, **Debby Helmstetter**, and mail to me at

**316 Central Drive
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066.**

Any questions, email me at luv2quilt@zoominternet.net or call me at 724-553-5638.

I will need to know if you plan to attend and I will need to know by **September 1, 2012**, so that I can get at least 30 people to attend. At that number everyone should have their own table, if they choose, or if you bring embroidery and choose to join others at a table, that's fine, too. As of now there are 25 girls interested and some have paid in full. We can accommodate 30, so get in touch with me asap if you want to go. There will be a waiting list if we run over. I can give you driving directions if you need them.

Since I'm not making any gifts this year someone suggested that people who want to be included in the drawings bring an item that they may have a double of or don't use. For instance a double of a good book, a set of fat quarters, anything in good condition that someone else might like to have. Those who bring something will get a ticket when they give the gift to me. It can be wrapped or not. The choice is all yours. You will be eligible to pick out a gift if you bring one. If someone wants to make up a gift basket that we can sell tickets for, knock yourself out. The money we get from that can be used to buy gifts for next time. Money for September will be used for September and money for May will be used for May. We can still have the 50/50 raffle too so that money can be used for gifts also. If you don't want to participate you don't have to but I think you'll miss half the fun!!

See you in September!

~ **Marilyn MacArthur and Debby Helmstetter**



Jennifer Chiaverini Books

Christmas Quilt (2 copies)

Circle of Quilters

Cross Country Quilters (2 copies)

Master Quilter

Quilter's Apprentice

Elm Creek Quilts Album - Includes Runaway Quilt, Quilter's Legacy, and Master Quilter

Quilter's Homecoming

Quilter's Legacy (2 copies)

Round Robin

Runaway Quilt

Winding Ways Quilt

The above books were donated for Guild Members to enjoy. If you would like to borrow a book, they will be available at the Guild Meeting. If you would like to enjoy a book, please contact me. I am happy to make arrangements to get the book to you. When you are finished reading it, please bring it back to a meeting so another member can enjoy it.

Happy Quilting

~ **Sue Sebastian**

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