

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone.

Quilt Show Updates

It's almost here! Months and months of thinking and planning are almost over and our show week starts in just two weeks. We'll be going over everything at our Tuesday, April 2 meeting. We're getting our ducks in a row. Bring your calendars and questions. And raffle tickets....don't forget your raffle tickets. If you're like me and they have been sitting on your desk for a good 6 months....

Special thanks to Betty Kania for preparing the Quilt Show History below. It's hard to believe we have done this, and done it successfully, since 1983. Let's all work together to make this the best show yet !!!

2024-25 Board Members and Committee Chairs

We'll hear more about this at the meeting, but please consider serving your guild in some fashion. If you feel any urge at all to take a job, please let Judy Gough or me know at the meeting or via email.

See you on Tuesday !!

Stacy

HISTORY OF THE NPQG QUILT SHOW

The first Quilt Show was held in 1983 organized and produced by the women who founded the Guild. It was held at the Northland Library. Only members of the guild participated, each showing several quilts. There was no theme, just "Quilt Show". There was, however, a raffle quilt. Tickets were \$1.00. Since the Guild was not yet an official entity, proceeds were donated to the Library.

1987 - A theme was selected, "Expressions in Quilting", the first of many great themes over the years. The Quilt Shows continued with this format of over 100 quilts and only members participating.

1990 - The Show changed the location to Sacred Heart Church in Bellevue. In 1992 the location was changed again to the North Park Lodge. It remained there through 1998. (Admission was \$2.00, children and seniors - \$1.00.)

2000 - The Show changed dramatically. It was now an "Open Show", allowing non-members to participate. There were now several categories, professional judging, ribbons, and monetary prizes. It was held at Christ Church of Grove Farm through 2002.

2004 – The Show was relocated to the Ross Township Community Center, where It has been held ever since. No Show in 2020, of course, when Covid so disrupted all our lives. Over the years there have been a fairly consistent number of quilts entered each show (100+).

2024 – And here we are again, another Quilt Show is upon us. Stacy Koehler and Mollie Healy and the Committee have been working diligently to get everything ready for another successful Quilt Show. Let's all help to make it a huge success.

Betty Kania

Historian

Upcoming Programs

Our April 2 meeting will be the Guild's Quilt Show run through getting ready for our big dance !!!

The May 7 meeting is the lecture by The Questioning Quilter, Brita Nelson. I have new information about the workshop by Britt scheduled for Saturday May 11. Brita's driver (husband, Roy) had shoulder surgery and has not recovered as quickly as expected. So, Brita has offered to do the May 11 workshop via Zoom with a reduced rate and free pattern for all attendees. Currently, I have six people signed up. I need to get a final count of Guild attendees so that I can offer this workshop to outsiders. If you are interested, please let me know by April 13.

Following these events, we have...

June - Annual Dinner

July - Annual Picnic

August - Quilt & Wilt

Our September program is still being planned but after that...

October - Tammy Silver (www.tamarinis.com) will do a lecture titled Interrogating Your Quilts, where she will show samples and talk about how fabric can make or break a quilt. We are scheduling her for a workshop on paper piecing on October 5. The workshop will be 3 or 6 hours and attendees should complete a project that day.

November - We'll have The Artist in You, a slide and trunk show by Susan Brubaker Knapp (www.susanbrubakerknapp.com). Her goal is to encourage quilters to become more creative finding their inner artist. She will show us how to challenge ourselves, unleash inner creativity and learn new techniques.

December - Holiday Celebration

See you on Tuesday.

Sandra Schott
Programs

Everybody's Gotta Eat

I'm not going to be at the meeting, but thanks to Sally Taylor, we will still have Fat Quarter. Please bring some goodies to share while we talk quilt show. It will be BYOC this month- Bring Your Own Coffee. 😊☕

Alice Gibson,
Hospitality

FOR SALE

Handquilter Fusion with
Prostitcher on a 12' Gallery
Frame. It comes with many
extras. I'm asking
\$16,550.00 .

Sheila Drevna,
724-495-0825.

2024 NPQG Retreat

You DO NOT want to miss this

This is your **last chance** to join us for a great retreat at Crestfield, May 16-19. Final tally will be going to Crestfield right after our April meeting on the 2nd. Registration form below

Please call or email if you have any questions.

Tracey Zigo

412-916-1280

zigo13@comcast.net

Quilt Show 2024

Quilt Raffle Tickets

Please see me if you have tickets/money to turn in or need more tickets. You can call/text or email me.

Thank you,
Mollie Healy
412-487-6101

mollie111103@yahoo.com

Treasure Chest

Are you done with your spring cleanout of your sewing space? If not, PLEASE take time to get your donations for Treasure Chest ready to go!

As usual, committee members will be collecting at the April 2nd meeting. Or, contact us and we will try to arrange a pick up for you.

For those of you who collect and save scraps, we would like to offer you the chance to package them for sale in our Guild store. PLEASE STUFF YOUR SCRAPS IN A 1 GALLON PLASTIC FREEZER BAG and SEAL IT SHUT. Write \$1 on the front of the bag.

Thank you to all who supplied us with reusable bags for Treasure Chest customers. We asked and you delivered! Providing shopping bags for the previous show was greatly appreciated by our customers!

Why not take time to experience the "world of Treasure Chest " first hand! Contact Donna Martin to be included on the volunteer schedule for the store. You just might be surprised at what you find!

Denise & Lisa

Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers for the hanging of the quilts on Thursday, April 18. Fun way to get an early look. Contact Carol Beck at 412-496-5839 or carol7756@verizon.net if you can help out.

And if you are interested in volunteering during the Show itself, please contact Donna Martin, 412-487-2427, as she could still use a couple willing souls.

More Eating (and Celebrating)

You are invited to the NPQG end of the year banquet on June 4, 2024 at the Wildwood Golf Club. The cost of the dinner is \$32.00. Please see the attached form for details. We will have several printed copies of the form at the April and May meetings, where you can pay by cash, check, or credit card (\$ 1.00 service charge if using a credit card). Check in with Abigail Thompson or Sally Taylor.

Hey, Stacy, STOP, Don't Read This

Everyone but Stacy, please read this!!! Just a reminder to all that it's time to make those President's Blocks for Stacy. She has requested a fussy cut block with a 4 1/2 fussy cut center (will finish at 4") which is framed with strips cut to 1 1/2" in white, white on white, or close to all white. The finished block should measure 6 1/2".

I will have samples and printed instructions at the April meeting.

I am asking that you try to get the blocks to me by the May meeting. I'm unable to be at the banquet but will need to have the blocks ready to be presented to Stacy. I am sure she will be very SURPRISED!!.

Judy Gough,
Vice President

Quilt Shows and More

April 11 - 13, 2024, Three Rivers Quilters 2024 Quilt Show, Hollywood Casino at the Meadows, www.threeriversquilters.org.

April 19 - 21, 2024, North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild Quilt Show — SHOW OF THE YEAR

May 1, 2024, Quilter's Day Out, Ohio Star Quilters. For information and tickets call VERNA (330)-847-0648.

Information about upcoming shows or exhibits about which you are aware is appreciated. Thanks to all.

NPQG Retreat May 16 - 19, 2024

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center <http://www.crestfieldcc.org/>
195 Taggart Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Each room has its own bathroom. Sheets and towels are provided.

Three night stay (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

includes 6 meals:
Dinner---Thur, Fri, Sat
Brunch---Fri, Sat, Sun

single \$304
double \$204
triple \$179

Refund policy: We need to give the center our final count a month prior; therefore, no refunds after April 16

Two night stay (Friday, Saturday)

includes 4 meals:
Dinner---Fri, Sat
Brunch---Sat, Sun

single \$236
double \$146
triple \$120

Large work room - everyone will have a 6 foot table.
Refrigerator, coffee, hot tea, ice water - provided by Crestfield

Complete the form below, detach and send with your check **made out to NPQG**.
Mail to: Tracey Zigo 2507 W Hardies Road Gibsonia PA 15044

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Circle your choice: 3 nights 2 nights

Type of room: Single Double Triple

List roommate(s)

Dietary requests such as vegetarian, vegan, no dairy, no gluten...

Amount enclosed: _____

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SPRING 2024 BANQUET

Please come and enjoy an evening of food and friendship with your fellow quilters.

Where: Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

When: Tuesday June 4, 2024

Time: 5 p.m. Cash Bar, 6 p.m. Dinner

Cost: \$32.00

Menu: Chicken Piccata – tender boneless chicken breast, lightly breaded and sauteed with a lemon, garlic, butter sauce with capers.

Grilled Salmon – Grilled Atlantic Salmon with Citrus Butter sauce

Dinners served with field greens salad, red skin potatoes, summer vegetable medley, roll and butter, tea and coffee.

Dessert: vanilla or chocolate cake with raspberry filling and ice cream

Please detach and return bottom portion of this page with your check for \$32 (payable to NPQG) to:

Abigail Thompson

201 Farmington Road,

Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Name (print): _____

Please circle your entrée choice: Chicken Piccata Grilled Salmon

Please note any dietary restrictions: _____

RSVP Deadline, Friday May 24.

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
March 5, 2024 Meeting

Present: 39 Members including one new member who joined tonight.

Stacy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the nominations for officers are being handled by Judy Gough, Vice President. Currently the following officers are needed for the 2024 - 25 year:

- Vice President that will be the President the following year
- Secretary
- Member at Large (2 needed) - this is the liaison between the guild members and the board and also plans the annual banquet.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please talk to the current officer and notify Judy Gough.

Committee chairs are also needed. If you are a committee chair and do not wish to continue in that position for another year, please notify Stacy as soon as possible.

The program chair is needed as Sandra Schott has done the position for about 18 months.

Membership chair is needed as Missy Bauer is stepping down.

Betty K. would like to be relieved from the historian duties. She has been in this position for about 7 years.

Alice G. mentioned that an additional person is needed for the food preparation.

Candidates will be announced to the guild in April with a vote in May. The new board year starts in June at the annual banquet.

Treasurer Report:

Deb Thompson announced that the bank balance is \$16,700. Expenses for the quilt show are being paid out and retreat and quilt show registrations are coming in. If you have any questions regarding the treasurer report, please contact Deb Thompson.

Committee Reports:

The other committee chairs were called upon and reports were given.

Programs:

The April meeting will be a run through of all tasks and responsibilities for a great show.

The program for May is Brita Nelson, The Questioning Quilter. Brita is doing a lecture at our Tuesday meeting and a 6 hour workshop in person, on Saturday, May 11, 2024. There are only 20 spots. Sandy would like an RSVP no later than April 13th so she can open it up to non members. The cost for NPQG members will be \$20 and you have to buy a pattern for \$10.00. Brita is a very entertaining quilter and we will be making a disappearing nine patch in the 6 hour workshop.

The other opportunity is from The Global Quilt Connection. On April 13 and 14 from 3 - 6 pm, there will be many quilt artists sampling various techniques, ideas and showing samples. The guild pays for this sampler.