

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

**APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**President – Jan Merritt**  
**Vice President – Sue Sebastian**  
**Treasurer – Louise Warner**  
**Secretary – Nancy Jeffries**

**Membership – Susan Orleman**  
**Programs – Carol Hartman/Denise Ludwig**  
**Fund Raising – Susan Kremmel/Harvene Lynch**  
**Greeter – Pat Barber/Jane Moore**  
**Hospitality – Barbara Turke/Lynn Noel**  
**Member at Large – Lynn Fezza/Kathy Batykafer**

**Community Service – Sylvia Lynne**  
**Sunshine – Elsie Richards**  
**Website – Cathy Mahoney**  
**Quilt Show – Carol Beck**  
**Historian – Patty Lisowski**



Hooray! The snow has finally gone! Spring is probably actually happening, but I will consider it official when I can leave the house in my flip-flops -- without having to put on all of the winter clothes I have in order to survive the cold. Once the warm weather permits, I will be drawn outdoors to try to mend the winter ravages on my lawn, pulling me regretfully from my sewing and quilting. (But not totally.)

And there will be much of that to do, we will soon be working on our quilt show quilts and the challenge. Our April program features a discussion about the history of quilting, maybe there will be inspiration for your entry!! And, something that may interest many of you, we have been considering having Jan Rodgers and her Historical documentation group come and do some formal recording of our quilts. She brings a group that will help us record our quilts -- our own or older ones we may have, from family or whatever. If you are interested, please let me know so that we can proceed with setting up the venue and date. You can let me know at the meeting.

Our April meeting will also allow for the voting on the Bylaw revisions -- many thanks to Donna Martin and her committee for all of their hard work. I want to thank the Hospitality Committee for all of their hard work -- you know -- they consistently and tastefully arrange our offerings to make Fat Quarter look like a feast. And pretty much smile all the while. Thank you, Barb Turke and Lynn Noel.

Hope to see you at the meeting!!

Thanks, Jan



Happy Spring!

Every time I start to enjoy the spring like weather, we get another blast of winter. I am using the last few (I hope) days of freezing temperatures to clean out and reorganize my sewing room. I keep discovering lots of surprises. Now I just need to get to work putting all the newly rediscovered fabric into quilts!

I hope you had a chance to go to the Three Rivers Quilt Show or will make it to some other quilting event. We all need to get inspired, design, pick out a pattern, raid our stash, visit a quilt shop, piece, and quilt an entry for the NPQG show next spring. We would love every member to enter a quilted piece. It can be large or small. The time will fly by quickly so start planning!

Don't forget to make your President's block for Jan. I will start to collect them in April. For those of you new to the guild, each year members make a block (which is chosen by the President) to be given to her at the June dinner. I will bring mine to the April meeting.

Jan has selected a large 4 patch made from batiks of any color. Each section should be a 6 ½ inch square. The finished block should be a 12 ½ inch square.

And Finally... Our elections for new officers will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in helping our Guild grow and become better than ever, please talk to Tricia McSorely or Paula Ducoeur. They are heading the nominating committee.

Have a wonderful Easter,  
Sue

Just a reminder:

We will be voting at the next meeting to approve the edited bylaws that you received last week.. I have corrected a few typos but the content is the same. There will be no hard copies at the meeting as it is 16 pages long. I know it is pretty boring reading but every member should know the guidelines we use to conduct the guild. Please come prepared to vote. Thanks, Donna Martin

**April 7, 2015 – Next NPQG Meeting – Kearns Spirituality Center 7 PM**

**Guest Speaker – Sherry Meabon, Quilt Historian**

**You have been sent the revised By Laws for NPQG and the revisions will be discussed and voted on.**

**PLEASE remember to bring your completed “Beads of Courage” bags for Sylvia.**

**Jan has additional bags that need completed. Please contact her to pick them up.**

Please bring all of the Beads of Care Bags and the Satchels of Care to the April Quilt Guild meeting. Just look for the big plastic bin to put them in and know how grateful people will be to get and use the bags you have created this year. Thank you.

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Sylvia K. Lynn

**May 5, 2015 NPQG Meeting – Cynthia England speaker – Kearns Spirituality Center 7 PM**

**May 5, 2015 Workshop by Cynthia England teaching her landscape class. Where – St. John’s Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. A kit is required at \$35 each. The Workshop cost will be \$140. (For a total of \$75.00) We are asking for potluck lunch to help keep the cost down. Of course, you can brown bag a lunch.**

**Another Quilt’N Wilt – May 16, 2015 10AM to 5PM – St. John’s Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. Come and sew for as long as you want between the hours of 10 and 5. Cost will be determined by the number of quilters. It usually is around \$2 or \$3. (Cost of the room divided by number of attendees equals your cost.)**

**April 11, 2015 The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fabric Fair 8:30am to 2 PM presented by The Salvation Army Greater Pittsburgh Women’s Auxiliary South Park Home Economics Building located behind the Allegheny County Police, 1801 Brownsville Road, South Park PA 1129 Due to large crowds, strollers are not permitted. Fabric donations will not be accepted at the fair. Cash and checks only, please. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army at 412-446-1500 or Marilyn Dshuff at 412-835-3162.**

**April 21 2015 - Workshop on African Folklore Embroidery with**

**Catherine Redford**

**Where; Please join Quilt Company East from 10 AM to 4:30 PM on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the First Baptist Church of Monroeville, 3970 Monroeville Blvd, Monroeville PA 15146, near the intersection of Monroeville Blvd and Stroschein Road. We will have ½ hour for lunch break.**

**What; The Workshop focuses on the simplicity and originality of African Folk Art Embroidery, with intricate looking stitches, colorful threading and embellishing with beads and buttons.**

**Cost of workshop; \$ 40.00 members of QCE, \$45.00 non members; payable to QCE.**

## **Supplies; scissors.**

**Kit fee payable to Catherine; \$35.00** includes all required materials for the day.

*This workshop includes instruction on:*

- The history and background of African Folklore Embroidery and the culture, traditions and customs of the Ndebele tribe.
- Stitching techniques for completing an African Folklore Embroidery design, including chain stitch, satin stitch, french knots and bullion stitch.
- Embellishment techniques for enhancement and effect: use of variegated and metallic threads, beading, Mola Barbara interweaving, double-sided interweaving, roller coaster and African couching.
- Playing with threads and color and how to mix threads and fibers
- Completed designs can be converted into quilts, tote bags, pillows and wearable art.

Catherine's web site;

<http://catherineredford.com/afle/about-afle/>

You alternatively may purchase your own kit here;

<http://aflembroidery.com/html/catalog-home.htm>

Our member, Johanna Blanarik, owner of “Piecing It Together” quilt shop has again raised \$85 to contribute to the “Backpack Initiative” fund (our Christmas Charity) by raffling off a quilt.

Don't forget “SHOW and TELL”. We want to see what our members are making.

Below are the minutes from our March Guild Meeting

## North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Tuesday March 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by President Jan Merritt. She introduced Carol Hartman, who shared information regarding the Cynthia England portrait quilt workshop. It will be held May 5 at St. John's Highland. The fee for the class is \$40 and the kit fee is \$35. The class will be limited to 20 participants. Carol has the sign up sheet, and will open registration to other guilds later.

Jan asked for comments about the By-Law revisions. There was no discussion. She has a hard copy available.

The minutes of the December meeting had been reviewed by the members. Sue Sebastian motioned that the minutes be approved as written. Her motion was seconded by Sandra Schott. The minutes were approved as written.

**Vice President:** Sue Sebastian asked that checks and any additional requests for the Fons and Porter subscriptions be submitted as soon as possible. She has received information about a new book entitled "Meet Me in Scotland". A thank you note was received from the North Hills School District for the contributions to the Back Pack initiative. Also received was a note from the Shaler North Hills Library acknowledging the gift of \$25 in memory of Amy Fazi. The Three Rivers Quilt show will be held March 26 – 28. Sue has flyers for anyone who is interested.

**Treasurer:** Louise reviewed the income and expenditures. The checking account balance as of March 3 is \$5,410.52; the CDs total \$15,000; the total of overall assets is \$20,410.52.

**Community Service:** Sylvia Lynn spoke about the evening's project – stitching the Beads of Courage bags. The kits are ready for members to stitch and, if any are taken home, they should be returned in April.

**Fund Raising:** Sue Kremmel announced that merchandise is for sale on the back counter. They include items that remain from the Heinz History Center events. Tickets are available for Cup and a Quarter.

**Membership:** Pat Barber reported that 32 members were present.

Show and Tell gave members an opportunity to share their beautiful projects.

