



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild August 2022 Newsletter



President's Message

40 years! Just think of it' our Guild has been creating, learning, and making good friends for 40 years, that calls for a celebration. At our September meeting we will do just that, Celebrate; those who created the Guild and all of us who are members. So see you on September 6 to Celebrate and of course eat cake. You do not need to bring anything for FatQuarter that evening.

I am looking forward to the Quilt n Wilt on August 20 at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church. Bring lots of things to make and show and something to share for lunch plus we are going to learn to Stack n Whack with Stacy teaching us what to do. I will have cards for you to write notes of thanks.

Where have all my quilting friends gone? If you have not sent in your membership dues for 22-23 please do so. The form to renew is on our website NPQG.org.

At our September meeting we will have a resolution brought forward by the NPQG Board. The resolution is to raise our annual dues \$5.00 from \$25.00 per year to \$30.00 per year beginning 2023-2024. After four years of discussion it is time to make a decision. Consider it the cost of a spool of thread.

Sylvia Lynn ~~ President



In addition :

2022 Woodland Quilt Show - Scrap Happy.
October 15 and 16 10 AM to 5 PM
\$7

Lutherlyn
500 Lutherlyn Lane
Butler, PA 16001
More details at www.lutherlyn.com/quilts

Plus :

Cassandra Smiley from Highmark has a donated quilt frame for anyone who wants one. It will hold a Queen or King Quilt and is wooden. If interested her e-address is Cassandra.smiley@highmark.com.



REMINDER

The August meeting will be the Quilt & Wilt on August 20, at the Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church !!!!



MEMBERSHIP: this is just a friendly reminder that it is TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

You can find the forms on the website.

NPQG.org

Hope to see you all at Quilt & Wilt.

Harvene Lynch ~~ Membership



August Stack and Whack Workshop....or Quilt 'N Wilt if you choose not to Whack.

We will be meeting on August 20th from 9 AM to 3 PM at Berkeley Hill Lutheran Church.

In the workshop we will be making 4-part stack and whack blocks (the simplest kind of S&W) but more complex kinds will be presented as well.

You will need a fabric to whack. A good fabric for stack and whack is a medium to large scale print. It is good if it has sections that have more and less dense parts of the print, for example bouquets of flowers that have vines or sprigs trailing out over the background. Although it certainly doesn't have to be floral.

Here's how you know how much fabric you need: Find the repeat length of the fabric. Here's how: Start at your cut edge of the fabric you are considering. Find an element that is recognizable so you can find it again. For example: a little blue flower, a birds wing, a teapot etc. Once you have the element picked out, look down the length of the fabric until you hit that same element, in the same position, again. That means, if you are looking for a little blue flower that first shows up by the selvage, you need to find another one by the selvage. A little blue flower in the middle of the fabric doesn't count. The distance between where the element first shows up until you see it (and all the stuff that's around it) again, in the same position, is the repeat length. 27 inches used to be pretty standard, but I've been seeing them as short as 12 inches recently. Whatever your is, multiply it by 4, divide it by 36 and that's the yardage you need. So, if you find a 27 inch repeat length, multiply it by 4 ($27 \times 4 = 108$ inches) then divide by 36 ($108 / 36 = 3$ yards). If you don't want to mess with the calculation, bring 3 yards of fabric; it will probably be OK!

You will also need a cutting mat, rotary cutter, 24 inch long ruler, flat head pins, your regular sewing pins, sewing machine with power cord etc, extension cord, neutral thread, scissors and maybe a spare blade for your rotary cutter.

And here is a Youtube video that talks you through a pile of fabrics that are / are not good for Stack N Whack. She uses a set of mirror that lets her preview the way a block will look, although the mirror shows what an 8 part, not 4 part block, will look like. But her reasoning holds up for 4 part blocks as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UdghJK2GiQ&t=35s>

This Stack and Whack technique is suitable for beginners. It gives you big design results with very basic sewing skills.

If you don't want to stack etc, bring a project of your own choice.

Lunch will be pot luck..bring something yummy to share.

See you there!

Word!

Don't forget to work on your Word! challenge for our September meeting. Make a quilt, any size, any technique as long as it includes a word or words as part (or all!) of the design. The word can be put on the quilt in any technique at all.. pieced, applliques, embroidered (hand or machine) inked, stenciled, painted, beaded, fused, quilted in....what have I left out???.....absolutely anything at all! Any kind of script, any language! As my grandmother used to say "I'd like to give them a piece of my mind!" This is your big chance!!!

We will do Viewer's Choice and there will be prizes!

Stacy Koehler ~~ Programs

