

## NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

### AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

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#### Message from Jan Merritt, President

**Quilting Quarterly**, the Journal of the National Quilting Association, in the Summer, 2014 issue, takes “us” to Tokyo. The Japan Quilt Grand Prix, the Tokyo International Quilt Festival, is held in the baseball stadium in the heart of Tokyo, the Tokyo Dome. According to the article, approximately 1,500 entries are submitted, but only 40 displayed, and viewed by an estimated 250,000 visitors. Can you imagine?

“While the winning quilts are brilliant and deserving, the judging is complex and does not always choose the favorite to the western eye....Japanese quilters focus more on the intricate details of the making....it isn’t unusual to find a beige quilt or monochromatic quilt winning because it has a delicate stitching pattern or new handwork technique displayed.”

Shizuko Kuroha is a pioneer in the field of Japanese quilting. *Sensei (a skilled master with followers – not just for martial arts, apparently)* Kuroha discovered quilting in the United States in 1975 and since then has led the way, becoming an iconic figure in the Japanese quilt scene. Her new work – Gifts from the Sky – was commissioned by the festival and composed of a patchwork of more than 12,000 pieces of fabric.

There are a lot more interesting facts – too long to put in this newsletter. I can show you the article if you’d like. You can also go to:

Tokyo Dome International Quilt Festival – [www.tokyo-dome.co.jp/e/quilt/](http://www.tokyo-dome.co.jp/e/quilt/)

Shizuko Kuroha – [homepage3.nifty.com/kuroha/](http://homepage3.nifty.com/kuroha/)

Reminder – renew your guild membership Dues are \$25 if paid before August 15. Beginning August 16, a \$5 late fee will be added.

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August 12, 2014 – Tuesday – :Quilt ‘N Wilt”      Kearns Spirituality Center- 10 AM Doors Open  
After the August 7 Board Meeting, a detailed information email will sent out. Until then, plan to attend – bring your sewing machine and plan to sew and enjoy some good companionship.

September 2, 2014 NPQG Meeting – Guest speaker- Sandy Lord

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Our website receives emails from people wanting to sell or give away items, have fun things to do, want someone to make something for them, etc. If you are interested in receiving these requests, fill out the form on [www.npqg.org](http://www.npqg.org). The form is under **“This and That”** and click on **“Join email list”**. **Your email address cannot be seen by anyone and you can unsubscribe at any time.**

If you sign up and have problems, please let me know by sending an email to [npquilters@gmail.com](mailto:npquilters@gmail.com).                      Cathy Mahoney, Website Coordinator

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