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August 2015 Newsletter

Hello Quilters,

It's August! I would ask where the summer went but since it just got here, I guess the better question is where has all the time gone? When I was teaching, I always loved this time of year. I taught for 33 years in "the Hill District". Almost all of my students came from very poor families and there was never money for school supplies. I enjoyed shopping all of the special deals for pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, folders, and notebooks for my school kids. On the first day of school each student would get a bin with his or her name on it filled with all the supplies they needed to start school. I still feel the urge to go out and buy school supplies especially crayons!

This year I think I will start a new tradition and try to make something each month for a charity or someone in need. There are so many things we as quilters can make that helps others be more comfortable. Our community service project this year is making lap quilts for hospice. I know my family has been touched by the support of a hospice caregiver. Please help as much as you are able. I know so many people will be thankful.

The Row By Row Shop Hop is still going on. The row from Piecing It Together is the only shop in Pennsylvania in the nationwide contest. At the end of July, they

were in first place. Please vote if you can. You can vote by going to Piecing It Together's website.

If anyone is near Harrisburg sometime during August, there is an exhibition of contemporary and historic quilts as well as work by fiber artists at the Susquehanna Art Museum. This exhibit runs through August 30.

Don't forget the quilt show in Erie, **Quilting On The Bayfront. The show runs from September 11 thru September 13. Sign up soon. Jenny Doan is a speaker.**

If you are interested in another shop hop, gas up your car and head east.

Wednesday, October 14 to Saturday, October 17 quilt shops in south central PA will be hosting a shop hop called "Bears in the Garden". The shops are within about a three hour drive from Pittsburgh. The shops are; Creative Fabrics and Quilt Shop - Ebensburg, , Peace by Piece – Blairsville, Quilt Patch – Mt Pleasant, Quilt Peddler – Johnston, Schraders Fabrics by Barb – Johnstown, Sew Special – Uniontown, Sewing Solutions – Bedford, The Sewing Box Quilt Shop – Somerset, Unique Stitches – Bedford, and Four Season Stitchery – Grantsville, MD.

Don't forget our first meeting is Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 8TH not September 1st.

I'll see you at the "official" Quilt N Wilt on Friday, August 7th

Sew Happy,

Sue



Tuesday, September 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be **Vivian Benton**.

Fat Quarter will be provided by the Committee Chairmen !!



Reminders for subsequent programs:

The October meeting will have Rhonda from **The Quilting Needle**, **and** there will be a **Workshop on Saturday, October 10th, from 10 - 2 p.m. at St.Johns Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road.**

Denise will have samples of the project at the September Meeting, we will be doing a thangles candle mat. The cost of the workshop is \$35, and includes the it, pattern and thangle.

Kits are for fall or Christmas.

Sign up at the meeting or call Denise at 412-364-2231.



Community Service

The NPQG Community Service team is calling for your help August 20 at 1 PM Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church (517 Sangree Rd). Please come with your cutting mats, rulers and rotary cutters. We are going to make quilts this year for Gateway Hospice which has an office on McKnight Rd. and we would like to be ready for the September meeting with quilt kits for people take and make. We have several boxes of material, but additional pieces from stashes would be welcome!

We promise good work, good snacks and good conversation.



Raffle Quilt !!

Raffle Blocks Are DUE!!!!

If you still have your raffle quilt block sitting in a pile, please get them done and on their way back home asap. I would really love to have the quilt done by September and can't without your last few blocks. I think you all will be pleasantly surprised at the outcome; It's looking beautiful so far.

Carol Hartman and Carol Beck



Yet another reminder ~~ please remember the Dream Baskets ~~ we will be accepting donations starting at the September meeting .

Thanks !! Jan, Tricia, and Jill

And, remember to get your Challenge Quilt done !!

Newsletter submitted by

Jan Merritt