

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone! Here we are, smack-dab in the middle of the holiday bustle. Things can get crazy at this time of year. All the planning and gathering and driving and gifting and visiting and driving some more and celebrating is great fun, and I would feel deprived if it didn't happen (Remember Christmas 2020???) but it brings a special form of stress that only the holidays can create. Trying to find some down time and just relaxing (perhaps with your favorite low stress stitching project) can be challenging, but the contrast with the bustle makes you enjoy both more.....just like dark and light fabrics in a quilt!

This month Sandra has a low stress, high enjoyment meeting planned. Drop whatever holiday project (or person?!) is nagging you to do something and come to the meeting. Fun and games, yummy things to eat, friends, no stress....you can't go wrong!

Hope to see you there!

Quilt Show Reminders

I know it seems like the Quilt Show is far, far away, but on Christmas Day we will have less than 4 months (116 days, to be

exact) until our version of The Big Dance. Yup, another count-down, just like the candy and little doors in your advent calendar and waiting for the ball to drop on New Year's Eve. So when the holiday crazies are over, get stitching, send in those registrations, sign up to volunteer, plan your cookies, donate to Treasure Chest, save your pennies for our vendors and raffles and dream baskets and Treasure Chest and get ready for some fun!

Speaking of fun (seriously? fun?) we will be having an in-person quilt show meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM at the church. I hope it's not too inconvenient, but I didn't ask for dates when people could make it to a meeting. I took what the church was able to give us and felt grateful. It is, after all, in the Christmas season, which is one of the church's Big Dances. I'm sure they have other things to think about besides giving us a place to meet!

Coming Soon!

Donna Martin has again volunteered to organize Volunteers for the Quilt Show. I know it seems far away, but please mull things over and step-up for a shift or two during the show to help the whole thing run smoothly (plus it's fun and a great way to get to know people.) It takes a guild to raise a quilt show! And a special Thanks to Donna for taking on this job!

Whatever you celebrate, I hope it's wonderful!

Stacy



Upcoming Programs

2023 is almost over and I think we have had an exciting year in programs! With the help of many people, things came together nicely. Thanks to Judy for our November Collage Quilts lecture.

The December meeting will be our annual holiday celebration. A separate invitation was sent on Monday. If you need a ride to Berkeley Hills, please contact me and I will make arrangements for your transportation, as best I can.


For January and February our meetings will be conducted over Zoom. If you do not have the ability to participate via Zoom with your personal computer set up, let me know about a week before and I will try to make alternate arrangements.

On January 2, 2024, we will have Mel Beach (melbeachquilts.com) give us some tips on FREE MOTION quilting. Many times, especially with challenges and small quilts, we struggle with quilting on our own machines. Mel has designed a lecture/trunk show that will teach us how to do more with what we have. She describes this lecture as sharing her confessions about her fear factors, extreme makeover story, myth busting tips and tricks for quilting on our domestic machines as well as her favorites tools and notions.

Our February 6th meeting will be with FABRICADABARA with Paula Nadelstern, an amazing quilter and designer of kaleidoscope quilts.

Now, Santa Claus has been wondering how many of you have started on your LONE ROBIN/MYSTERY STYLE quilt. The first

prompt was a choice of CURVED PIECING or FLYING GEESE. I want everyone to be on the good girl list, so get sewing. The December prompt will be revealed at the December 5 meeting.

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Sandy Schott, Programs

Treasurer's Report

The Guild's current checking account balance is \$ 19,347.34

Deb Thompson, Treasurer

Everybody's Got to Eat

Hope to see you all at the December meeting! As usual all contributions for the Fat Quarter are welcome and appreciated. Let's Party Hearty.

Alice Gibson, Hospitality



Quilt Show 2024

Dream Baskets

The Dream Basket Committee for the Quilt Show is in need of donations. Take a minute and search your home or sewing room for a few items that you would like to share for the raffle basket fundraising event. We'll take holiday items, sewing or quilting items, trinkets, gift cards, baskets, or anything that find in your treasures that someone else might enjoy. All NPQG members are encouraged to donate. Please bring your items to the meeting.

Thank you!

Trish McSorley, Dream Basket Committee

Treasure Chest

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

As usual, Committee Members will be available at the door to take your donations. Remember, we don't meet in person in January or February. We can try to make arrangements for pick up or you can drop off donations at one of our homes.

If you have any questions please contact any one of the members listed below.

Alice Gibson
Betty Kania
Helen Marcellus
Lisa Sauer

Denise Friedrich

Take care, stay warm and be safe!

Lisa and Denise, Treasure Chest



[Editor's Note: you might notice the format of the newsletter is a little different this time than the last couple months. I had to replace my computer this week and unfortunately a lot of my emails and documents didn't transfer to the new machine - something about I wasn't saving them correctly - whatever. So I will be developing a new template for the January newsletter. (Who cares, you think. Just knock yourself out, Anne.) But the way I see it, this might be just the opportunity you have been waiting for to offer your comments and suggestions for the newsletter. Since I will be pretty much starting with a blank screen, here's a great time for you to suggest things you'd like to see here, things you don't want to see, whether articles are too long, or not enough detail, etc., etc. Maybe you would even like to write a few words. An advice column? A joke column, perhaps. Or not even a column (don't fear a commitment) — a random joke would be great. You get the idea; have at it. Thanks. Anne Shearon, abshearon@gmail.com, 412-897-1000.]

AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT

