

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Community Service – Sylvia Lynne

Sunshine – Elsie Richards

Website – Cathy Mahoney

Quilt Show – Carol Beck

Historian – Patty Lisowski

Next Guild Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2014 Start time 7:00 PM



Message from the President

I had the distinct pleasure a few days ago - you know what it's like. You are wandering through a quilt shop - yes, in and of itself a pleasure, and there, unexpectedly, you find a long given-up-hope-for bolt of fabric. Serendipity. A happy result that you were not looking for. I hope that you have more of those than the opposite - never being able to find a crucial fabric, that you neglected to buy enough of. Maybe that is why we buy overmuch of any fabric?

I thought of other serendipitous events - a phone call or email from a faraway friend or relative, those random and fun pictures of grandchildren that pop up, random kindness and graceful gestures from total strangers. It sounds like I am also listing things for which to be thankful..

So, while I am at it I will mention how thankful I am to be part of such a great guild.

Thank you!

Remember that our meetings start at **7:00 p.m.** We have a very interesting program on December 2. Dalen Keys will be presenting.

Remember to bring your donations for the Backpack Initiative - there will be more details in the Fund Raising Committee's report.

In addition, if you have plain fleece fabric, you could bring it in for the animal shelter - just plain fleece fabric - no fringes, no sewing - the cats tear at the stitches. 36" squares are requested for dogs, 18" squares for cats.

I will be bringing the Satchels of Caring, coming and going, bins to the meeting. If you need help with understanding the directions, we may be able to fit in a live tutorial after the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on the **2nd. At 7:00 p.m.**

Hope you and your families have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Jan



HOSPITALITY – Ladies and Gents - Hospitality would like to thank all those who brought in items for our November's meeting. We had such a variety of food displayed and everything was delicious. We really appreciate your generosity. Also a big thanks to those who helped set up and clean up after the meeting. We are now requesting 8 – 10 folks to bring Snacks, Cookies, Desserts or Appetizers for December's meeting. Please contact myself at peggy1900@hotmail.com or Barb at barbara.turke@gmail.com to let us know if you are are planning on bringing something to our Fat Quarter table. Thanks, Lynn and Barb

MEMBERSHIP – Members who have not picked up their 2014-15 membership card – The cards will be laid out on the sign-in table at the December meeting. Please be sure to pick yours up when you arrive.

Thank you, Sue Orleman

SUNSHINE – Elsie 's name was inadvertently left off this year's membership list at one point. It is now corrected. If a card (Congratulations, Thinking of You, or Sympathy, etc.) should be sent to a Guild member, please contact her at 412-367-2789 or by e-mail at dbemrich@yahoo.com. Also, please make a note of Elsie's address 9363 Doral Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15237

Elsie Richards, Sunshine Chairman

PROGRAM – December 2, 2014 – Dalen Keys, Children's Book Author will be our guest speaker. He will speak and display quilts that tell the story.

FUND RAISING – Harvene Lynch and Sue Kremmel

Cup and a Quarter: We will **NOT** have the Cup and a Quarter this month due to the time commitment of our speaker. We will have Cup and a Quarter during the months of January, February and April. So please hold those beautiful cups with the gorgeous fat quarters, and the rest of you, start saving those dollar bills for the months of January, February, and April

Backpack Initiative: Our Christmas Charity for this year is to donate single serving food items or monetary donations to the North Hills Backpack Initiative. ***Our December meeting is the time to bring your donations or a check if you wish.*** This is the one and only time we will be collecting food items. So get those coupons out, scan those grocery store ads, and do some shopping for the students in our community who need our help.

The program operates on donations and an estimated 71,300 food items will be required this school year for local families in need as 1,980 items are distributed weekly. Approximately 180 North Hills School District families across the district rely upon the program each week for individual care packages and family-size bags of food packed by North Hills' students.

Suggested donations include single-serving and individually packaged:

- Pudding Cups
- Snack Crackers
- Fruit cups
- Cereals and Oatmeal
- Granola and Cereal Bars
- Hearty Soups
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Monetary donations can be made by check payable to North Hills Foundation and include "Backpack Initiative" in the memo line.

Let's do this for the kids



Things I have heard –

The Guild has 108 members – “way to go, membership”

The November auction raised \$1,500+ for the Guild treasury. What a fun way to raise funds and also have a good time. Lots of unfinished projects found their way to a new home and will finally reach their completion. I truly understand the initial enthusiasm in starting a project and then having it set aside while I start something else. Also lots of competitive bidding for

some treasured items. The “fat quarter” table was aplenty with so many fine treats – no worry, Lynn, these ladies always come through to fill the table.

Also heard that Louise Warner, our Guild treasurer, has secured our funds in CD's spread out over a 2 year period. Louise takes great care of our financial well-being and has set aside our funds to cover the large cost of hosting a quilt show in 2016. Thank you, Louise, for all the time you devote to Guild business.

One more thing – heard this from Carol Beck, Quilt Show Chairman – the theme for 2016 quilt show is going to be “Pineapples”. This is one topic I need to find more information about. Pineapples????? Need to “google” this.

Not that I am a party, party, party person – but I did get my 2015 calendar and I need to fill in as many dates as I can. Heard that the Guild Banquet will again be at Rico's. Looking forward to receiving more information about this event. Can't start planning too soon. I filled in all my first Tuesdays of the month with Guild meetings.

