

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

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| Website ~ Cathy Mahoney                     |                                                                                 |
| Quilt Show ~ Carol Beck/Carol Hartman       |                                                                                 |

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July 2015 Newsletter

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Happy July everyone,

I have had a crazy busy few weeks lately but things are starting to settle down. I missed the last quilt show meeting. I realized about 8:30 that I should have been at Carol's and that the meeting was already over. Since I hadn't officially started my term as the guild president (it wasn't quite yet July) I didn't get impeached! I promise to do my best to make every other meeting. I have already put them on my calendar.

We got our new quilting year off to a great start with a fun and a dry picnic. We had some great conversation, an awesome show and tell, yummy food, and a rousing game of QUILTO. Somehow everyone managed to win a prize! Thanks to Kathy Friel and Molly Healey for help setting up and everyone that pitched in to pack up before the rain. I have to send a special thank you to Jan Merritt. As the past president she could have sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the picnic. Instead she hung signs, helped set up, brought decorations and some prizes, called Quilto, helped clean up, and took down signs in the pouring rain. So... THANK YOU JAN! You are the best. The picnic is always an enjoyable time so plan to attend next year.

Don't forget to send you membership application in as soon as possible. Sue Orleman needs it by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send it directly to her. Remember the cost goes up after August 1. You can get the form on the NPQG website.

If you know of any member who is not getting our emails and newsletters, please share the information with them. It would be appreciated if they would email Jan Merritt at [feathergate@mac.com](mailto:feathergate@mac.com) so she has the correct email addresses.

Please remember that our Quilt Show will be in April this year so get busy working on your quilt. We would love to have everyone enter a quilt. If you would like to have your quilt quilted by someone, you will need to give them plenty of time to get it done.

We have a busy and exciting year planned for the Guild. Mark your calendars so you don't miss a single event. Remember that the meetings start at 7:00 at the LaRoche College Kearns Spirituality Center.

Meeting Dates:

**August 7 \*\*\*\*\* Quilt 'N' Wilt \*\*\*\*\***

**September 8**

**October 6**

**November 3**

**December 1 \*\*\*\*\* Auction \*\*\*\*\***

**January \*\*\*\*\*** There will **not** be a scheduled meeting in January due to weather concerns.

There will be a Quilt-N-Wilt scheduled for a Saturday instead.

**February 2**

**March 2**

**April 5 \*\*\*\*\* Quilt Show \*\*\*\*\* April 15 - 17 \*\*\*\*\***

**May 3**

**June 7 (?) Annual Dinner**

**July 12 (?) Annual Picnic**

I hope to see you at the **Quilt 'n' Wilt** on Saturday!

Enjoy the rest of July,

Sue



**From Membership ~ Reminder !!! Dues are due now!! Beginning August 16th, they will increase to \$30.00, so save yourself that \$5.00 late fee and mail your check and completed form (on the website) to Sue Orleman - ASAP. Thanks !!!**

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## Raffle Quilt:

I hope you all are enjoying this rainy weather in your sewing room. Don't forget while you are in there to do your Raffle Quilt Block. The August 1st deadline is on it's way. You are welcome to bring it to Piecing it Together, Carole Holliday at the Viking area in JoAnn Fabrics or mail to me or put in my cabinet on the front porch. I have almost 1/2 and the quilt is looking fabulous!

Carol Hartman

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## Programs ~~~~ for the upcoming year

August 7 ~ Quilt 'n' Wilt ~ St. Johns Lutheran Church

10:00 to 6:00

September 8 ~ **Please note the date !!!** Speaker ~ Vivian Benton

October 6 ~ A trunk show by Rhonda McCann ~ Owner of "The

Quilting Needle" ~~~~ A "Thangles One-half Day Workshop" **Oct. 10th**

at St. Johns Lutheran Church ~~ More information to come ~~~~

November 3 ~ Speaker ~ Sandy Lord ~ "Color for Quilters 101"

December 1 ~ Christmas ~~ Auction

January 16 ~ Beat the Winter **Blues** Quilt 'n' Wilt

February 2 ~ Rulers, rulers, rulers!

March 8 ~ Community Service

April 5 ~ Speaker to be announced

May 3 ~ Maggie Ball ~~ "Dragonfly Quilts" ~ trunk show and workshop

June ~ Dinner ~ details pending

Chairman ~~ Denise Ludwig and Carol Hartman



### Dream Baskets ~~~~~

It's that time again! Time to start bringing in your donations that make our raffle baskets truly exceptional. For those of you who are new to the Guild; we begin collecting quilting and related items to arrange in attractive baskets or containers that we can raffle off during the Quilt Show. We ask that you start bringing items in September and throughout the year. We categorize the items into theme baskets - holiday quilting items, Steeler theme items, novelty sewing, we have done knitting, general crafting, luxury items (to relax by when you are tired of quilting -- wait a minute -- whoever gets tired of quilting ?????)

We have had an amazingly generous response the past few years -- I think we had 10 large baskets last year, and saw a lot of interest and ticket sales. And, you could win, too!!!!

Great items are (as always) fat quarters or yardage, quilting notions, quilting patterns and/or books, or whatever you find that you think a quilter or sewist would appreciate. Look for a container in the back of the meeting room at every meeting, or look for Tricia McSorley, Jill Leindecker, or Jan Merritt if there are any questions. And, we can always use large baskets, if you happen to have any.

Thanks !!!!



**Hospitality**      \*\*\*\*

Fat Quarter of the first meeting of the new term is “fed” by the Incoming Committee Chairmen, so you need not think about contributing if you are not one of them. But, thereafter, you will be asked to, so please sign up as you are able. Thanks !!

## Speaking of Food ~~~

At the Guild Picnic, (which was most enjoyable) Nancy Jeffries was asked repeatedly for the recipe for her **Spinach & Strawberry Salad**. (Which was also most enjoyable)

Nancy has graciously shared it:

### PAULA DEEN’S SPINACH SALAD

One 10- to 12- ounce package baby spinach, washed and dried  
¼ cup sliced almonds, toasted  
1 pint strawberries, hulled and quartered  
½ medium cucumber, peeled, seeded, and finely diced

#### DRESSING

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon poppy seeds

In a large salad bowl, toss together the spinach, almonds, strawberries, and cucumber. In a small glass dish or jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine the lemon juice, vinegar, sugar, oil, and poppy seeds. Whisk in the glass dish or shake if using a jar. Dress the salad right before serving.



Some picnic photos



Show 'n' Tell by Betty Kania



Sue Sebastian's Row x Row



Yay! Paula's back