

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

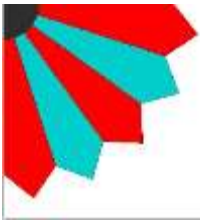
JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

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It is that time, my last message as President of the Guild. When I took on the job, I wondered what the heck I was doing -- how could I do this? Well, the term is over. I know a lot more about the members, a little more about being in charge, and I was not impeached! That says something about my competence and your tolerance, or maybe your sense of humor. First I would like to show the throw that I made for my granddaughter, Mary. The significance of it is that I struggled with the design for a time -- it is a panel that I cut up then put back together -- and I took it to our unofficial Quilt 'N' Wilt and received the best advice on how to put it together. Then someone pointed out that it needed "bling"! What a great idea!! I had not thought of that, and Mary is going to be eleven next week -- so, perfect! I did bead it, but the photo does not capture it. So, in that spirit, I am announcing Another Quilt 'N' Wilt !! Save the date! July 11, 2015 at St. Johns Church Same deal, 10:00 to 5:00, pot luck or not. And, to end the suspense, the winner of the free admission to that or the Q 'n' W of her choice: Vivian Benton !! Another milestone -- I have a "tip", (exciting for me, as I have rarely felt qualified to offer tips) although I am sure someone has thought of this before. I like to try to do my own quilting on my home machine. Not very good at it, but I keep trying. I do free form wandering, and as often happens, I found some areas that I had not filled in very well. It occurred to me that I could fill in those spaces with shapes -- in this case several hearts are inserted into the "open" areas. Cool, huh? Once again, I need to thank all of the hard-working Committee Chairmen who contributed to the fun and productivity of this past year. And let's move on to help our successors and the Guild towards even more fun and productivity, culminating in an outstanding Quilt Show in 2016!! Thanks to all of you!!



Jan Merritt



Hello Friends,

How many of us remember the song with the lyrics “June is busting out all over”? It seems it wasn’t so long ago that we were complaining about the cold snowy weather. Now we may soon need a fan to get us through steamy June weather.

June brings the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. We all get busy with outdoor projects and activities. Too often quilting gets put aside while we enjoy the chance to be outdoors. I have made a vow to make every effort to do some sewing every day. There are so many patterns and fabrics just waiting to be transformed into a quilt. Don’t forget we need to get started on our quilts for the quilt show.

Every time I travel, I try to buy some fabric from the area I am visiting. I was just in Europe and couldn’t find a fabric store in any of the places we stopped. I did the next best thing ... I bought some beautiful batik scarfs designed by a man in a small town. I figured if quilters had to use old clothing and feed sacks to make quilts I could sacrifice a few scarfs! (I may have to wear them at least once first.)

Speaking of batik fabrics ... Each year guild members make quilt blocks for the outgoing President. This year Jan has selected a large 4 patch made from batiks of any color. Each section should be a 6 ½ inch square. The finished block should be a 12 ½ inch square. She would like everyone to sign their block along a seam closer to the center of the block not to close to the edge. If you would still like to make a block for Jan, please bring it with you if you are coming to the dinner on June 9th or mail it to me – Sue Sebastian, 307 W. Ingomar Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, July 7th. Our annual picnic will be held in North Park at the Beveridge Shelter. More details and directions will be sent out later this month.

Keep quilting,

Sue

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

from Carol Hartman and Carol Beck

As was announced at the last meeting, we will be handing out block kits for the Quilt Show Raffle Quilt! The block is from Bonnie Hunter's Quiltville called Pineapple Blossom. I have attached a pdf of the block directions. There is a very detailed explanation of how to make your block. There are too many pages to print and include with each of the blocks, so this is more economical. Each of the kits include 5 3.5 inch light squares for the pathways and 8 strips of 2" country color fabrics for the block backgrounds. We have cut the strips so that you may decide where to place the different colors. Your block should measure 9 1/2 inches when finished. You may leave the squaring up to me. I don't mind. A numbered sign- up sheet will be located with the blocks at the dinner for you to sign your name with the number of the block. Blocks are due back to me the first of August so I may have time to assemble a quilt top for the September meeting. Please do not change any of your fabrics in your kits. You may return the completed blocks to me (Carol Hartman, 2072 Reis Run Road, Pgh., PA 15237) by mail or drop off in my white cabinet on the front porch. Carole Holiday at Viking in the Joann Fabrics on MckKnight Road, or Johanna at Piecing it Together will accept blocks also. I will be at the picnic in July, too, for drop off. We have a total of 110 blocks to do; so with your help, one block can turn into many and a beautiful quilt to raffle!

FUND RAISING – Harvene Lynch

Cup n' A Quarter -- Nothing going on with our fundraising till we begin our regularly scheduled meetings in the fall. More information to follow much later.

Intending to enjoy the summer months with some quilting thrown in for good measure. A good time to get caught up with a lot of those UFO's or a new project that doesn't have a deadline attached to it. In other words, a relaxing summer quilting experience. Hope you all will enjoy the same.

Thank You – From Muriel Petschke



I'd like to thank everyone who sent me cards, called me or came to see me during my illnesses. I appreciate each and every one of you. The closing on my house is tomorrow (May 29) and I will be officially moved. After almost 40 years in Allison Park, I'm starting a new chapter of my life in Wexford. If you're in the area, please stop in to say Hi, and have a glass of wine or a cup of tea ... until then, take good care and keep on quilting. Thanks Everyone! Sincerely, Muriel

June 9 – NPQG Dinner – Rico's

July 7 – NPQG Picnic

July 11 – NPQG Another Quilt 'N Wilt

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Tuesday May 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Denise Ludwig introduced tonight's speaker, Cynthia England from Dickinson, Texas. Cynthia stated that she is a self-taught quilter and has been quilting since the age of 13. Her background is in commercial art. She uses a picture piecing technique, as well as traditional techniques. Cynthia encouraged us to look at the back side of the fabric, as well as the front, and stated that she usually buys half yard pieces. Her entertaining and informative presentation was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A trunk show featuring examples of her beautiful work followed.

The meeting was adjourned for Fat Quarter refreshments at 8:20, and reconvened at 8:45.

The minutes of the April meeting had been reviewed by the members. Cam Flower motioned that the minutes be approved as written. Her motion was seconded by Harvene Lynch. The minutes were approved as written.

Vice President: Sue Sebastian announced that the picnic will be held July 7, at the Beveridge pavilion. The guild will provide the entrée and members are asked to bring sides. It will be a social gathering, and start about 3. More information will be forthcoming. Sue thanked Trisha McSorley and Paula Ducoeur for their work on the nominating committee and presented the slate of nominees. A show of hand vote followed. The vote accepting the slate was unanimous.

President	Sue Sebastian
Vice President	Janey Walker
Secretary	Nancy Jeffries
Treasurer	Louise Warner
Historian	Patty Lisowski
Membership	Sue Orleman
Community Service	Sylvia Lynn and Pat Barber
Programs	Denise Ludwig and Carol Hartman
Sunshine	Jill Leindecker
Fund Raising	Harvene Lynch and Joyce Rankin
Web Site	Cathy Mahoney
Greeter	Jane Moore and Esther King
Hospitality	Connie Holko, Karen Steinmiller, Molly Healey, Kathy Friel
Members at Large	Tricia McSorley and Marie Anna
Quilt Show	Carol Beck and Carol Hartman
Newsletter	Jan Merritt

Treasurer: Louise reviewed the income and expenditures. The checking account balance as of May 4 is \$4,567.94. Monies from the CD that matures on May 19 will be transferred to the checking account for use for show expenses.

Community Service: If anyone brought bags, Betty Kania will take them to Sylvia.

Fund Raising: Harvene announced that Cup and a Quarter will begin again in the fall.

Greeters: Pat Barber announced that 57 members and 5 guests were present at the meeting.

Hospitality: Barb thanked everyone who provided refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Members-at-Large: Kathy Batykefer announced that she has flyers for the annual dinner, which will be held at Rico's Restaurant on June 9. Lynn Fezza is accepting reservations. The deadline for reservations is June 1. If anyone has a dietary issue, they may contact David at Rico's.

Membership: Sue Orleman requested that members complete the new membership registration form and send it to her with their check.

Program: Denise thanked Cynthia for her presentation.

Quilt Show: Carol Beck announced that the quilt show will be held at the Ross Township location, April 13 – 17, 2016. The rental has increased. She has a sign up sheet for the Challenge guild and needs help with publicity and the dream baskets. Carol Hartman talked about the Pineapple Block raffle quilt. A minimum of 80 blocks are needed and kits will be available at the dinner. Completed blocks should be returned by August. Workers are needed for the day of the show. Carol encouraged everyone to begin their quilts for the show. Jan will be collecting donations for the Dream Baskets. Items may be brought to the meeting beginning in the fall. If anyone wishes to put a basket together, they are welcome to do so,

Sunshine: Jan reported that Elsie received a thank you from former member, Joyce Fugini, following the death of her husband.

Lisa Sauer has received about 15 quilts from a woman who is moving and unable to keep them. She is willing to donate them to the guild and would like a receipt for tax purposes.

Johanna announced that she continues to make raffle quilts to benefit the West View Back Pack Initiative.

Show and Tell gave members an opportunity to share their beautiful projects. Lisa Sauer also shared some tips for organizing fabric.

Jeannie McCormick motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jane Moore seconded her motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jeffries, Secretary