

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone,

We've made it through the worst of winter, which means we'll be able to see each other in person this month — on Tuesday, March 5 !!!! It's always good to get back to seeing folks face to face, but with all the stuff going on with the quilt show this year, it's even better.

Quilt N Wilt is Back!

Saturday March 9th, 9:00 AM to 3 PM, is our next IN PERSON Quilt 'n' Wilt. Come and hang out and bring your project. The workshop portion will be on finishing tips and tricks. Bring something tasty for the pot luck lunch. And think of all those big tables and the floor space for laying out your quilt for finishing touches. Hope to see you there!

Quilt Show Updates

Show prep is kicking into high gear. Committees have been working behind the scenes for months, but now's the time to commit for actual jobs during show week. This is YOUR show. There are so many ways to get involved. Check them out!

A few highlights from me:

Registration: Get those entries in — Sandra will collect your entries and entry forms will be available on Tuesday. We need your quilts! Deadline for quilt entry is March 20th, only a month away!

Raffle Quilt: Ditto on the raffle tickets. Molly is waiting with open arms to collect your money on Tuesday and has plenty more tickets if you need them

Drop off: We have our third quilt drop off point. Thank you, Sylvia Lynn! Look for more information about drop off in the letter Sandra will send you after you register

Volunteers: Donna Martin will have the volunteer sign-up sheets at the March meeting. Check your calendars and see if you can help in a time slot or two

Food: Sylvia Lynn will also have a sign-up sheet for cookies etc. for the Preview Party and beyond. This group's attention to food is always exceptional...we're counting on you!

Save your pennies: Sewing machine raffle, Dream Baskets, raffle quilt, Treasure Chest and our vendors all at the same time!

Treasure Chest and Dream Baskets: Both are still accepting goodies. Both will be at the March meeting and Treasure Chest will also be at the March 9th Quilt 'n Wilt. Treasure Chest is a huge commitment, with lots of transport and set up. Most of this is done before and after the volunteer time slots on Donna Martin's list. Talk to Denise Friedrich if you can help out with this project.

Publicity: Judy Gough is doing a great job on Publicity, but what about you? Do you know of a place that would allow us to up a poster? Posters will be available on Tuesday. Are you on the Next Door page for your neighborhood? A quick mention, posted in your neighborhood, would be a great way to spread the word. How about your Facebook friends? Judy has hit the big outlets for our area, but every little mention helps.

Special Guests: I was recently contact by Lifesteps, a non-profit organization providing a wide variety of social services for individuals and families across all age groups. They asked if there was any way a group of people from their program could come to the quilt show for a reduced rate. I said yes. That got me thinking...while we have traditionally invited folks from senior centers, there may be another population of folks who would enjoy the show as well. If any of you know of other programs that might like an invitation, please let me know and I will contact them.

And One Last Thing....

I know it's hard to believe, especially when we are so focused on the quilt show, but it's almost that time of year when we need to be thinking about the Board for the '24-'25 guild year. We will need to elect a new Vice President, Secretary and two Members-at-Large in May. It is also the time to replace Committee Chairs, as necessary. So give it some thought. If you are willing to stand for a position on the board, speak to Judy Gough, who, as the current vice president, is the head of the nominating committee. If you are currently a committee chair, and would be willing to remain in your position, should no one come forward as a replacement, please let me know.

Thanks to all who help keep us running!

See you on Tuesday !!

Stacy

Save the Date for the 2024 NPQG Banquet

We hope that you will join us for the 2024 end of the year banquet! More details and a sign-up sheet will be available in April. We hope to see you then!

Where: Wildwood Golf Club, 2195 Sample Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

When: Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Dinner at 6 pm.

Members at Large: Sally Taylor and Abigail Thompson.

Upcoming Programs

Our March 5th meeting will be the Guild's Community Service program working on quilts for the Foster Love project headed by Annie Holko. See additional info about this meeting from Annie below.

Our February 6 meeting was an exciting Zoom lecture with Paula Nadelstern. While I didn't get a lot of feedback, I did get a question about having Paula for a workshop. For any workshop that she does requiring a more than 4 hour drive from the Bronx, Paula requires a lecture and two six hour workshops, overnight accommodations and airfare. It would be possible for the 2024-25 budget if enough people are interested. Her workshops and lectures change so I don't want to list them now. Please let me know if you are interested.

I sat in on a Zoom call with Julia McLeod of the Lone Robin Quilt phenomena. She talked about people being stuck and not knowing where to start. She suggested starting with a center - a medallion of sorts and then building out. I agree ! So the center could be any of the prompts given to date:

First prompt either CURVED PIECING OR FLYING GEESE

Second prompt - STRIP PIECING

Third prompt - GRADATION- Example: gradation of color, gradation of size

Fourth prompt - TRIANGLES

March prompt - TBA

See you on Tuesday.

Sandra Schott
Programs

Next Up

Tuesday, March 5 - For our Community Service meeting on Tuesday we are going to work on the quilts for Project Foster Care. Please bring the project you want to work on for this. Also bring your sewing machine and all accessories, and scissors, thread, etc. Meeting will be at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church.

Annie Holko

Saturday, March 9 - Quilt 'n Wilt, 9-3, at Berkeley Hills

Everybody's Gotta Eat

It will be great to see everyone in the flesh at the March meeting! All contributions of goodies for Fat Quarter are welcomed and appreciated!

2024 NPQG Retreat

Dates: May 16-19, 2024

Place: Crestfield Conference and Retreat Center, Slippery Rock.

Rates are as follows:

2 nights (2 dinners and 2 brunches)

Single \$236

Double \$146/per person

Triple \$120/ per person

3 nights(3 dinners and 3 brunches)

*Single \$304
Double \$204 per person
Triple \$179 per person*

Forms (attached here) will also be available at the March meeting. Bring your checkbook!

Please call or email if you have any questions.

Tracey Zigo

412-916-1280

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Quilt Show 2024

Quilt Raffle Tickets

Please see me at the March meeting if you need to get more raffle tickets or need to return ticket stubs and money. I think we have over 600 tickets sold already, so keep up the good work!!

Thank you,
Mollie Healy

mollie111103@yahoo.com

Quilt Registrations

Special Offer: I will bring a quilt rack, camera and registration forms to Tuesday's meeting to take photos of and register your quilt. All you need to do is:

- bring your quilt(s)
- bring your completed registration form(s) or fill out there
- BRING A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE
- bring a check if you are submitting more than one quilt or are not a NPQG member

I will set the quilt rack up somewhere out of the way so that the quilts are not seen while being photographed and after your quilt is photographed you can stash it away or return it to your car. Voila!

Sandy Schott

Treasure Chest

You still have time to get your Sewing Space Spring Cleanup done before the Quilt Show !

Our Committee members will be available at the meeting on March 5th and again at the Quilt 'n Wilt on March 9th to take your donations. If you have any questions, please call Denise (412-992-8933) or Lisa (412) 606-3309)

We are also looking to have reusable bags on hand for our customers. Please consider donating these to Treasure Chest

Lisa and Denise

Kitchen Committee

The Quilt Show Kitchen Committee will have sign up sheets at the March meeting for you to offer your wonderful cookies for our evening reception at the beginning of the show, as well as for lunches through

the week. Please be ready to sign up with the variety of cookies you will be sharing.

We will also be looking for donations of fruit, cheeses, snack foods and bottles of water.

See you at the meeting.

Abigail and Sylvia

And maybe, for life after the Quilt Show.....

OHIO STAR QUILTERS present:

QUILTERS' DAY OUT

Presentation and Show by:

Judy Phillips
of Sew De'ja Vu

"Quilters' Gadgets, Hacks, and Hilarious Anecdotes"

Wednesday May 1, 2024

10:00 am - 2 pm

Vendors Mall Doors open at 9:00 am

Ballroom Doors open at 9:30 am

Continental Breakfast, Vendors' Mall, Quilt Show, Basket Raffle, Split the Pot,

Divieste Banquet Hall
754 River Rd. NW
Warren, Ohio 44483

Donation: \$30

Assigned tables available for groups of 8 or less. Purchase tickets early to assure your preferred seating.

For information and tickets call:
VERNA (330)-847-0648

NPQG Retreat May 16 - 19, 2024

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center <http://www.crestfieldcc.org/>
195 Taggart Road
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Each room has its own bathroom. Sheets and towels are provided.

Three night stay (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

includes 6 meals:
Dinner---Thur, Fri, Sat
Brunch---Fri, Sat, Sun

single \$304
double \$204
triple \$179

Refund policy: We need to give the center our final count a month prior; therefore, no refunds after April 16

Two night stay (Friday, Saturday)

includes 4 meals:
Dinner---Fri, Sat
Brunch---Sat, Sun

single \$236
double \$146
triple \$120

Large work room - everyone will have a 6 foot table.
Refrigerator, coffee, hot tea, ice water - provided by Crestfield

Complete the form below, detach and send with your check **made out to NPQG**.
Mail to: Tracey Zigo 2507 W Hardies Road Gibsonia PA 15044

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Circle your choice: 3 nights 2 nights

Type of room: Single Double Triple

List roommate(s)

Dietary requests such as vegetarian, vegan, no dairy, no gluten...

Amount enclosed: _____