

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

From the President's Desk



March is here, ladies, and that's our sign to return to in person meetings - yea! I can't wait to see all the projects you finished on these cold dreary days. This meeting should be especially fun because we are tying quilts as our community service activity, and we will have plenty of time to chat. See you there!

Then on Saturday, March 15 we will have a Quilt 'n Wilt, 9 to 3, at Berkeley Hills. **Note that this is a date change of date from the original guild schedule.** See additional info from Stacy below. Another sign of spring !!!!

Look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.


Judy Gough


Programs



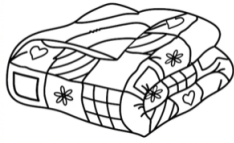
"Tie Up in Knots" Community Service Project
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7 pm
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church; **In Person - NO ZOOM**

	<p>Join us March 4 as we welcome special guest Jean Martz and her team of volunteers who will instruct us how to tie quilts. This Community Service Project will help the Lutheran World Relief distribute quilts to be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings to those in need around the world.</p> <p>*Please bring scissors **You will be given a handmade needle case for use at the meeting – and to keep!!!</p> <p>We will also celebrate National Quilt Day (Saturday, March 15, 2025) with giveaways at the March 4 meeting. Useful quilt notions to keep us quilting! One giveaway is a Flynn Quilt Frame kit.</p> <p>Looking forward, here is the schedule of upcoming programs for the rest of 2025:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>Working in Wool</td> <td>Tracey Z</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>Vignettes of Creativity</td> <td>Missy B Lisa C Judy G Samantha S Deb T</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June</td> <td colspan="2">Banquet at Wildwood Country Club</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July</td> <td colspan="2">Picnic at North Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td colspan="2">No Meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td colspan="2">Kick Off</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October</td> <td>"Don't Get Stuck in a Scrap Trap"</td> <td>Colby Cartledge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November</td> <td colspan="2">TBA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December</td> <td colspan="2">Holiday Get Together</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Deb Thompson</i></p>	April	Working in Wool	Tracey Z	May	Vignettes of Creativity	Missy B Lisa C Judy G Samantha S Deb T	June	Banquet at Wildwood Country Club		July	Picnic at North Park		August	No Meeting		September	Kick Off		October	"Don't Get Stuck in a Scrap Trap"	Colby Cartledge	November	TBA		December	Holiday Get Together	
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	<p>Volume Fabrics and how to use them to their best effect.</p> <p>We won't be doing an official Social Time since the whole meeting will be one big social time.</p> <p>Quilt 'n Wilt</p> <p>A Quilt 'n' Wilt / Workshop will be back after its winter hiatus and I am looking forward to it. It will be from 9:00 to 3:00 on Saturday March 15 at Berkeley Hills. Please note: This is a change of date from the original guild schedule. The workshop portion will be Prairie Points: Not Just for Edges Any More. Bring something to share for pot-luck lunch and your project (We all want to see!) The workshop portion will not start until 10-ish so we can all trickle in as we desire.</p> <p><i>Stacey Koehler</i></p> <p>Idea for Community Service Project</p> <p>I was contacted by Barb Hickey from 412 Thrive - a nonprofit group for people with breast cancer. They are very much in need of mastectomy pillows, and wondered if our guild would be willing to make some. There is a particular pattern they use- it takes 3/4 yard of fabric and is filled with polyester pillow stuffing.</p> <p>Let's discuss at the meeting and if members are interested, this could be a very nice community service project.</p> <p><i>Alice Gibson</i></p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> 	<p>The guild is starting to receive payments for the Crestfield Guild Retreat in May, which will just be a passthrough. A total of \$3,700 was collected thus far. The total income for February was \$1,775 and total expenses for February was \$340. The 2/28/25 balance will be reported at the March meeting.</p>

	<p>A decision about renewing the \$10,000 CD that comes due on March 5th, 2025 will be made in late February and will depend on the rates at that time. To date, the NPQG CD has yielded \$258.34.</p> <p>Thank you letters were received on behalf of the two monetary memorials that were made in January.</p> <p>The "John Flynn's Curved Stiletto's" are in and I will distribute them at the March meeting. The total cost was \$148 for 45 stiletto's. The price without shipping was \$3.00. We were charged \$13 shipping so that comes to \$3.2888. I will collect \$3.30 from each person who ordered one and the extra money will be added to the Cup & A Quarter monies collected that day. I do have a few extra's, in case you didn't order one but wish to own one. This does not apply to Linda Powlus' order.</p> <p>Any questions regarding the finances can be made to me.</p> <p><i>Sandra Schott</i></p>
<p>Profiles in Stitching</p> 	<p>Hi, Anne Shearon here.</p> <p>As a kid I was always doing some kind of handwork - lots of embroidery on pillow cases, dresser scarves, tablecloths, plenty of potholders, huck toweling, a little knitting and crocheting. My mother did beautiful work. I remember gorgeous embroidery on priest's vestments, altar cloths (I was raised Catholic) and christening dresses. She also knew how to tat and made beautiful lace for all kinds of things. She tried to teach me a couple times. Neither of us had the patience. I regret now that I never learned to do that.</p> <p>I started sewing clothes when I was about 6 — for my Barbie. Yes, I had an original Barbie with the ponytail and striped bathing suit. Wore that gal out and then got a later model with a short blonde bob. One of my aunts found these tiny, tiny zippers, buttons and snaps. Ridiculously small. Putting a zipper in a Barbie dress: pure madness. Sorry, Ken. Sorry,</p>

	<p>Skipper. Nothing for you. Midge, you can borrow Barb's stuff. You have the same body type.</p> <p>Other than jeans and outerwear, I made most of my own clothes until I was in my 30's and had kids and then, I can't imagine why, but I had no time for that anymore and I really haven't sewn a garment, except a couple very easy Halloween costumes, since.</p> <p>I started poking around quilting when my daughters, Emma and Rebecca, were little and for many years that's all I did - poke. Take a class, buy some fabric, start a project, get frustrated and/or life interferes and, whoosh, here's a(nother) UFO. Many life changes later, and as the girls grew up and I got better about taking that "me" time we hear so much about, I was able to get a little more focused on quilting. I read a lot about quilt history, learned about the AIDS Quilt and the Gee's Bend Quilters. Still too many UFO's, but some FO's too. As I began to more regularly attend Guild meetings (I also belong to Quilt Company East) I came to appreciate the tremendous range of possibilities in the art/craft of quilting. I also became (and remain) totally intimidated by the technical skill and the "eye" that so many quilters in both Guilds have to envision the combination of color and design to make a work of art - often even knowing that their grandchildren will use it as a tent. I appreciate that every day, but even more so the warmth and camaraderie of this great group of women sharing this common pleasure. Thanks to all of you !!!</p> <p><i>Anne Shearon</i> <u>abshearon@gmail.com</u> 412-897-1000</p> <p><i>Well, now that I have done my profile, I can nag all of you with impunity. But maybe you want to volunteer before I come after you. Please let me know when you want your profile to appear. My info above. abs</i></p>
<p>Quilty Road Trips</p>	<p>Lancaster Quilt Show, March 26-29, 2025, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA. For</p>



more information: thelancasterquiltshow.com

“Stars”, **Three Rivers Quilters**, April 3-5, 2025, **NEW LOCATION: Loft Conference Centers - Southpointe, 1000 Noble Energy Drive, Ste. 100, Canonsburg, PA.**

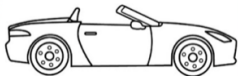
For more information: threeriversquilters.org

“Under the Sun”, **Quilt Company East Guild Show**, July 17-19, 2025, Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish, Monroeville. Entry deadline: May 21, 2025. For more information: quiltcoeast.org

Paducah Quilt Show, April 22-25, 2025, Floral Hall@Carson Park, 301 Joe Clifton Dr., Paducah, KY. For more information: thepaducahquiltshow.com.

North East Ohio Quilt Show, July 17-19, 2025, Wayne County Fair EventCenter, 1999 Vanover St., Wooster, OH. For more information: theNEOhioquiltshow.com.

Other News



More Fun

Join Sam and Connie for an evening of hand stitching and good company!

When: Tuesday, March 20, starting at 5:30 PM

Where: Panera Bread on McKnight Road (in the plaza with Joann Fabrics)

Bring your favorite handwork project—EPP, crochet, knitting, embroidery, or anything else—and enjoy a relaxed evening of stitching. Grab a bite to eat or a drink, and settle in as we stitch the night away!

We'll claim some tables around 5:30 PM, but feel free to join us whenever you can. Can't wait to see you there!

NPQG Retreat

Crestfield Camp and Conference Center May 15-18,

2025

There is a large sewing room with a refrigerator and microwave. Water and coffee are provided during the day. Crestfield has many walking paths and a lovely setting. Our rooms are just a few steps away from the work room and the dining room. Each room has its own bathroom. Sheets and towels are provided. Meals are included: Thursday dinner, Friday & Saturday brunch and dinner, and brunch on Sunday. And, of course, we will have a snack/dessert area in our sewing room. If you have a quilting friend or relative who would like to join us, please invite her.

The lodge has singles, doubles and triples. Obviously, the more we double or triple up, the more people we can accommodate. The lodge does have a few rooms with a partial handicap bathroom and a couple with a full handicap bathroom. If you want to request either of these, please note it on your registration slip. Also if you have any dietary restrictions, please include that on your form.

So check your calendar, find a roommate or two and get your registration in. Space is limited. First come, first served.

If you want to come, and don't have a roommate, let me know and perhaps we can get you together with someone in the same situation.

The registration form is attached. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Tracey Zigo

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NPQG Retreat May 15-18, 2025

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	\$320
double	\$215
triple	\$190

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	\$253
double	\$160
triple	\$132

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: _____

NPQG Guild Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/4/2025

Time: 7-?

Location: Zoom

Recording Secretary: Abigail Thompson

Board Members and Committee Chairs in Attendance

President: Judy Gough; Vice President: Maura Newell; Secretary: Abigail Thompson; Treasurer: Sandra Schott; Members at Large: Alice Gibson and Raven Fagelson,

Past President: Stacy Koehler; Activities and Education: Stacy Koehler; Fundraising: Teri Tuminello; Membership: Carol Beck; Quilt Show: Carol Beck; Programs: Deb Thompson, Webmaster: Tracey Zigo; Newsletter: Anne Shearon; Facebook: Carol Hartman; Greeter: Molly Healy; Hospitality: Sam Steele and Sally Taylor; Community Service: [unfilled].

Absent: President: Judy Gough, Sunshine/Historian: Connie Angermeier

Number of Meeting Attendees

41 members attended on Zoom. Plus 1 for the presenter.

Approval of the Minutes

On the 01/07/2025 minutes, Abigail Thompson fixed the spelling from Harveen Lynch to Harvene Lynch when Harvene approved the 12/03/2024 minutes. Sorry about that, Harvene.

With that correction, Molly Healy moved to accept the 01/07/2025 Guild Meeting minutes. Samantha Steele seconded the motion. Membership approved the minutes.

Presentation

Kate Flynn Nichols presented "Laser Beam to Precision Seam". Kate is from Flynn Quilt Frame Company. There was great interest in the purple tool shown in the demonstration.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Schott reported that the Bank balance as of 1/31/25 was \$12951.41. The income for January was \$1,925, which is all member payments for the retreat. Expenses for January totaled \$634.60.

Announcements

Maureen Newell announced some upcoming events:

- Feb 11 6:30 is the Round Robin panel exchange for members involved.
- The next meeting will be held in person on March 4. The March Quilt 'n' Wilt was moved to March 15 due to other conflicts.

- Reminded us about the Crestfield Retreat in May.
- Reminded us about the President's block for Judy Gough – details are in the newsletter.