

**North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild
May 2023 Newsletter**

President's Message

I am a very happy Guild member. Why?
The Nominating Committee has a full slate for you to consider at the May 2 meeting and vote.
The Bylaws review committee has an updated set of By laws for you to consider and vote. People are stepping up for committee chairs.
The Quilt Show committee has been formed and people are stepping up to head committees.
The programs are already being planned for our next year together.
It is an exciting time to be in the Guild and it is moving forward with enthusiasm. See why I am so happy? Plus I learned what Stak n whack is, did a paper pieced Angel twice :-), know what a Crumb Quilt is, have been amazed and delighted by the work and participation of you the membership and thrilled that I can continue to learn. Yep I am a happy person.
Thank you to everyone who has made this year very special.

Sylvia Lynn ~~ President

MEMBERSHIP:

As our 2022-2023 year comes to an end, it was so nice to be back to our normal scheduled meetings. Though the Zoom meetings can be convenient at times, it really is nice to meet in person and have time to socialize and enjoy each other's company. While we had many returning members, we were very fortunate to have many new members join.
IMPORTANT MESSAGE: please remember that effective for 2022-2023 year our dues will increase to \$30.00.

Harvene Lynch ~~ Membership

Hospitality- We welcome Spring, and we welcome any delicious goodies you'd like to bring for Fat Quarter

Alice Gibson ~~ Hospitality

Spring Dinner ~~~~ June 6

Attached to the newsletter is the form to sign up for the dinner and the details. **Please note the May 12 deadline.**

***** And note “if you need assistance getting into the club, as you park your car in the parking lot, a golf cart will pick you up & take you to the second front door, you will then take the elevator to the second floor”. There is no valet service.

Mim Gerstenberger and Audrey King ~~ Spring Dinner Committer

Community Service

I want to thank everyone who contributed to community service this year. We donated 65 placemats to meals on wheels and 25 fidget mats to veterans. You guys are awesome!

Denise Ludwig ~~ Community Service

Programs

This **Tuesday, May 2**, we are having a Zoom presentation on Victorian Crazy Quilts in preparation for the 2024 quilt show themed **Let's go Crazy**. The lecture will cover both the old and the contemporary versions of crazy quilts. The speaker will cover the victorian women and the quilting that was done in that era. She will talk about the symbolism and the language of the various items sewn on most crazy quilts.

She will also have samples of the old and the new to look at. The Zoom lecture will be at the church utilizing the big screen TV. You still have the option of participating in the Zoom call from your home.

Stacy will be sending the invite out a few days prior to the lecture. Our show and tell will focus on Crazy Quilts. If you have one to two to share with the group, please bring these old and new beauties to get us all energized and excited.

Saturday, May 6, Stacy will be conducting a Q&W focusing on Crazy Quilts at the church.

Sandra Schott ~~ Programs

President's Block (Stacy's corner)

Don't forget your president's block for Sylvia. I will collect them in May and have them for her at the banquet in June. However, if you can't get them done by May, I will gladly accept them at the banquet or by mail. One more time, here is the link to a video tutorial to make the Disappearing Hourglass block. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXggafOP230>

Quilt Show News

We had our first quilt show meeting last week and all our positions have at least one volunteer. This doesn't mean we can't use more people! There's some saying about many hands make light work and, with quilt shows, that is definitely the case. Stay tuned for more calls for volunteers!

May Workshop and Quilt & Wilt

On Saturday May 6 we will be meeting at 'our' church from 9:00 to 3:00. Come when you can, leave when you have to. Our workshop will be on the various methods to piece crazy quilt blocks. Don't forget, that's the theme of our 2024 quilt show. You can go as intricate or simple as you want to with these versatile construction techniques. OR just come to work on a project of your choice with your friends. And bring something for our pot luck lunch..always a fan favorite!

Materials and tools to bring: Different methods need different materials.

For the traditional block, you will need scraps of fabrics you want to combine. These can be truly scrappy or somewhat 'curated.' BUT don't bring your tiniest scraps. There's a good bit of sewing and trimming, emphasis on the trimming, and the little piece of fabric you see in the block probably started out a good bit larger. There is a lot of flexibility in this technique, so bring what you have on hand.

For the blocks using the Scrap Crazy templates (which I will bring): The templates are made to start with 10 inch squares. This is a cut and shuffle technique so you will be cutting 4 to 6 pieces from the squares, stacked up, then moved around to create variety in the blocks.

For the paper pieced option, you will need medium to large scraps. I will bring the paper pieced patterns.

Tools: Sewing machine and general sewing supplies, rotary cutting mat and ruler
AND a rotary cutter with a **sharp** blade.

I think that's it, but I'll probably have forgotten something!

Stacy Koehler ~ Vice President

Newsletter respectfully submitted by Jan Merritt