

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild

Newsletter – October 2012

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Well, I'm guessing Fall is in the air, I love it !!, Maybe now I can get down to some quilting, starting with the class with Sue Cook on Tuesday Oct. 2, Christmas Angel.....
I hope to see many of you there, as well as at the meeting that evening.....
We have some really nice classes coming up so I hope everyone will take some time and consider taking some...They are always informative and fun!!

Volunteers who signed up for fat quarter are as follows:

Lynn Fezza	Maureen Kennedy
Anne Shearon	Betsy Mitchell
Joyce Rankin	Sylvia Lynn
Denise Ludwig	Jessica French
Lisa Sauer	Betty Kania
Deanna Scully Smith	Lesli Kuyweski
Bonnie Garraux	Jan Merritt

Perhaps something with FALL flavor...??????

Also, Nancy Smith has a design board that she would like to give to anyone, who can pick it up...it measures 50" wide x 60" high, and has 18" legs.... Very nice and also very useful!!!
If you are interested please call her.... 412-364-2528

I'm looking forward to seeing the cup and a quarter this month and also hope to snag one! lol

I hope we are all getting in the holiday spirit and quilting away....Christmas is really very close...too close for comfort in my book...but that's a different story all together...

Sick people who might enjoy a phone call or visit:

Debby Helmstetter.....Bronchitis
Jan Merritt.....Eye Problem
Hmmm, that's all the sickies that I know of.....:) so I hope everyone else is well!!!

See you all on Tuesday!!
Muriel

I know I had something pressing to mention, but I sure can't think of it now.....hmmmmmm

Meeting Schedule

October 2, 2012 - What the Judges are looking for – Jan Rodgers

Jan Rodgers will explain how judges approach judging a quilt show and the criteria they use in making their selection of winning quilts in the various categories.

Jan's background includes a BA in Fine Arts and a MA in Textile History. She is a quilter, an independent quilt appraiser, a quilt history researcher, and a quilt show curator.

Come learn what it takes to get a smile from a judge, even as you are starting to work on your entry for the next quilt show!!

November 6, 2012 – Demonstration by Sandy Kephart, Fiber Artist

Sandy presents a program on Fiber Imagery and Design Inspiration. She demonstrates the techniques she uses to include fibers and textiles into quilts. She will share several methods for original design to help you develop your creativity. Part of this program will be hands-on, so bring a few magazines (any topic) and paper scissors and be ready to have fun.

Workshop on October 2, 2012

Workshop with Sue Cook – Paper Pieced Angel Banner: This workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, at Kearns, from 9:30 a.m. to no later than 5:00 p.m. Class fee is \$30, payable to NPQG. All participants must purchase the pattern from Sue Cook; cost is \$12.50. **Space is still available, so check with Moira MacAvoy if you are interested – moiramacavoy@yahoo.com**

The fabric requirements for this workshop are:

3/4 yard Cream for background, backing and banner point

1 fat quarter Red for robe and shoes

1 fat quarter Green for dress

1 fat quarter Gold for wings

1/8 yard Hair

2" scrap Hair shadow

1/8 yard Flesh

1/8 yard Binding

While the pattern and workshop are designed for a Christmas Angel, yours can be made in other colors as you choose. Check <http://www.larkspurlanedesigns.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Workshops

Repeat workshop on Venetian Tiles stack ‘n whack: If there is sufficient interest, I will be happy to schedule another workshop with Sandy Lord on this pattern, again on a Saturday. If you are interested in this, please let me know (loretta.crum@verizon.net or (412) 366-1609) and give me an indication of when you might like to do this – squeeze it in this year or try for something next year. Actual date will depend on Sandy’s schedule and availability of the Sheraton. To make this cost-effective at the \$60 workshop fee, I must have a minimum of 20 attendees.

Workshop with Sandy Kephart – Landscape Collage with Fabric: This workshop is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2012, in the Highland Room of St. John’s Lutheran Church at 311 Cumberland Road (across from the Northland Public Library). Workshop fee of \$30.00 includes lunch. Bottled water also will be provided. Sandy will begin the workshop at 10:00 a.m. and plan to end by 4:30 p.m. We have the premises leased from until 5:00 p.m., so the 4:30 close will give us time to clean up after ourselves. Cleaning up is part of the contract, so all should be prepared to help

Supply List

- Small scissor (sharp)
- Pins
- Pencil & ultra-fine black marker (Sharpie is excellent)
- 1 yard “Wonder-Under” #805 fusible web
- 20” x 24” piece of pre-washed muslin
- Bring your Teflon pressing sheet if you have one
- Iron, extension cord and large white towel to use as ironing blanket (we must share among 2 or 3 people)
- Fabrics for collage*
- Your sense of adventure and experimentation

* Any type of fabric you have – cottons, prints, solids, textures, synthetics, sheers, upholstery, drapery, lace, netting, yarns, etc. A laundry basket full is fine! If you have yardage, just cut of a section rather than bring the entire length. If you’re not sure, bring it – much easier to weed out that wish you had it.

Sandy will bring several bins of fabrics that she will dump out onto a tarp so each piece can be seen. These are available to all attendees at no charge.

Loretta Crum - 412 366 1609

Membership

We are still collecting 2012-2013 Dues. Please submit to:

Debra Thompson

4057 Tall Timber Drive

Allison Park, PA 15101

Showing your membership card can have its rewards. Recently, while we were vacationing at Bethany Beach, I visited The Serendipity Quilt Shop (very nice quilt shop). They asked if I belonged to a guild - I received a 10% discount when I showed them my Membership Card.

Community Service

The table mats are due at the October Meeting. You still have time to finish the one you have somewhere in your sewing area. Thanks to all who have helped with this project for the **North Hills Community Outreach**.

Soon we will have to start thinking about this year's project!! Please contact me if you have any suggestions. Thanks again.

Louise Warner

Jennifer Chiaverini Books

A collection of Jennifer Chiaverini Books have been donated for Guild Members to enjoy. If you would like to borrow a book, they will be available at the Guild Meeting. If you would like to enjoy a book, please contact me. I am happy to make arrangements to the book to you. When you are finished reading it, please bring it back to a meeting so another member can enjoy it.

Happy Quilting – Sue Sebastian, 412 367-0237 or sueannseb@aol.com

THE CUP AND A QUARTER IS BACK!!!!

The Guild has voted to use the Cup and a Quarter as one of our fundraisers this year, so listed below is the months we will be doing this activity:

OCTOBER - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Football, Soccer

DECEMBER - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Christmas, New Year, Snow scenes, Winter sports

FEBRUARY - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Valentine's Day, Red and Pink designs, Heart designs

APRIL - Ideas for cup and fabrics: Easter, Spring, Flowers, Gardening

These are merely suggestions -- you can use any combination you like. GOODWILL has lots of unusual cups if you need one.

For those of you who aren't familiar with this fundraiser, we are asking you to bring a coffee or tea cup with one or more fat quarters inside it. We will be selling tickets (3 for \$1.00) which you will place in the paper cup in front of the item. There will then be a drawing for the cup and fabric. We realize this is short notice for October, but are hoping that many of you will be able to participate. Reminder E-mails will be sent out for the coming months. We are hoping this activity will be lots of fun for all of us! And you can always use another cup for your "coffee break" while you are sewing your fat quarters into something beautiful!

Marilyn MacArthur, Fundraising Chair – 724 443 6436 or mizm@zoominternet.net

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to the board members for the delicious international snacks enjoyed by all during Fat Quarter last month.

The members who have volunteered for October Fat Quarter are:

Lynn Fezza	Jan Merritt	Jessica French	Lisa Sauer
Denise Ludwig	Maureen Kennedy	Betty Kania	Anne Shearon
Lesli Kuyweski	Betsy Mitchell	Bonnie Garraux	Joyce Rankin
Deanna Scully Smith	Sylvia Lynn		

Thanks ladies for volunteering!

Treasurer's Report

Revised Budget

I will be presenting a revised budget at the October meeting. I left out a few items including the Guilds' membership renewal to the National Quilting Association and our down payment to Ross Community Center for the 2014 Quilt Show. My apologies to all.

Ann McCartan, Treasurer

Notice of Quilter's Stash Sale

Louise Grace is having a Quilter's Stash sale from her recently deceased sister. She will be selling an extensive collection of fat quarters, yardages of vibrant fabrics, pattern books and kits, etc.

The sale is scheduled for October 5, 6, & 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at my home:

131 Lynnwood Ave., Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Rain Dates: Oct 13 & 14.

Louise Grace - louag68@gmail.com

Any errors in this newsletter may be attributed to Charlotte Kewish, standing in for Jan Merritt this month. Wishing her a quick and complete recovery!