

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

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The love of sewing is our common thread

It's that time of the month again for me to think of something brilliant to say. All I can say is that we have a bunch of brilliant and enthusiastic new quilters in our group! I believe our "Newbie Party" was enjoyed by all. Newbie, Peggy White, was the winning "mummy" with her skillful wrappers of Missy, Audrey and June. Hopefully the new members will participate in guild activities with the same enthusiasm as they party. Thank you to all board members that brought goodies. I appreciate your efforts.

You've all heard it said "live for the moment" but no matter how hard I try when the calendar flips to November, I can't resist thinking ahead to the holidays. Anticipation is half the fun of the holidays for most but also adds to the "to do list" in your head or maybe for some of you, the notes on your cell phone. Where ever you keep your list, I hope bringing something for the auction in December is on your list. Bonnie Purcell, our November speaker from Quilts of Valor, dedicates many hours coordinating raising funds, the quilt makers, the longarmers and the veteran recipients of the quilts. I have had the opportunity to be part of this awesome group and find it is a way to use my abilities and time in a very worthwhile way. I'm sure you will find the program very inspirational.

Happy Halloween to all! Donna

Thanksgiving

Programs – Loretta Crum

November 5 , 2013 – Meeting - Bonnie Purcell will discuss the Quilts of Valor program and display some of the recently made quilts. This is a great intro for our community service program in March.

Special Fundraiser for Quilts of Valor –During my gainfully employed years, I did a lot of dressmaking and tailoring to save \$ while following an office dress code. As I always do, I collected far more fabric than I needed and now that I'm retired, I prefer to make quilts and not garments. I will bring my collection of wool fabrics, and some silks and other fabrics, to our meeting and offer them for sale at substantially reduced prices. The proceeds from this sale will be given to Bonnie to help QOF's efforts. My hubby served during Vietnam and, fortunately, came out unscathed, and he is most enthusiastic about this effort to help those warriors who were not so fortunate. Come prepared to shop!!! Loretta

Workshop on December 7, 2013 – Paper-pieced Pineapple Wreath - Sarah Barnett of Little Foot Quilt Shoppe in Evans City will teach us how to construct the paper-pieced Pineapple Wreath will hanging. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. at St. Johns Lutheran Church of Highland on Cumberland Road. Workshop fee is \$35 and includes lunch. There is a kit fee of \$7 (for the pattern) payable to Sarah at the workshop. The supply list is attached.

Sarah displayed a sample of the wreath at our October meeting, done in a blue background Christmas fabric. You may choose Christmas fabric for your project or plan ahead for another season. Sarah said that there are four main squares to the pattern and all participants should complete at least one in class and begin on the others.

I'll have a sign up sheet available at the November meeting ... and be expecting payment for the workshop then. Checks should be made payable to NPQG.

January 7, 2014 Meeting – Carol Hartman will discuss what quilt show judges look for in a quilt when judging a show and will review our critique sheet. Lisa Sauer will talk about scrap quilting and explain her organization process – remember the picture Vivian showed us at the September meeting.

February 4, 2014 Meting – We will have round robin demos by members of the Guild. More details in a future newsletter.

March 2014 Meeting – Community Service

April 2014 – Meeting and Workshops – Thanks to the efforts of Lisa Cope, our April meeting will feature a lecture and trunk show by Jan Krentz. Jan is a nationally known quilt instructor who is the author of ***Lone Star Quilts & Beyond, Hunter Star Quilts & Beyond, Diamond Quilts & Beyond, Quick Str Quilts & Beyond,*** and ***Quick Diamond Quilts.*** Jan has been teaching since the early 1980s, has received many recognitions and awards for her work, has been a featured teacher at numerous national quilt shows, has been featured on HGTV's Simply Quilts program numerous times, and has been teaching internationally since 2005. If you are unfamiliar with Jan's work, check out her website www.jankrentz.com for more information and pictures of her work.

In addition to the lecture/trunk show, Jan will teach two one-day workshops for us .. one on April 1 (meeting day) and another the following day. All events will be held at Kearns, and Sister Agnes has reserved the space for us. Workshop topics, supply list and topics will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. Lisa and I will work to schedule one workshop that is appropriate for all skill levels and another that is slightly more challenging. This is just a heads-up so you can learn about Jan (if necessary) and plan your schedule to take advantage of this special opportunity.

Quilters know all the angles!!!!

FUNDRAISING

Hello Again Members – Well here we are almost into November and November will be another Cup and a Quarter month – so bring your cup, take a chance or two on winning a cup and you'll go home with a smile on your face! (Plus a few new pretty fat quarters)

Eleny Maul and I want to remind you about our Christmas Auction and we hope you are busy creating something, cooking or baking something, or thinking about something special you will donate. Please bring a 3 x 5 recipe size card with the

name and description of the item and also the lowest bid you will take for it. This will be placed on the table with your item for our auctioneer to use. You will be given a bidding sign when you arrive at the meeting. Payment can be made by cash or check. More information will be in the December newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Eleny or myself. **Thanks – see you soon, Marilyn**

One yard of fabric, like a cookie, is never enough!!!!

The Raffle for the Show Quilt is on!!! – The tickets are ready to go. Stop at the table and pick up your envelope with the 20 tickets you are to sell. You are asked to sell 20 for sure, and great if you can sell more than that.

Meet “Audrey” – the ticket stub receptacle – here her cry – “**FEED ME**”. (please) – ‘cause she is a polite receptacle, after all. And anxious to be stuffed with stubs.

There are plenty of tickets, so you can get more. Linda, Charlotte and I will be manning the table at every meeting. Return your cash and stubs to us and “Audrey”. Please! And Thank You in advance!

Jan Merritt – Raffle Ticket Person

Committee – Linda Williams and Charlotte Kewish

A reception for new members was held at Donna Martin’s home. All in attendance agree that this was a great event and demonstrated a warm welcome to our “newbies”. Thanks, Donna, for hosting this event.



For November 5 meeting bring:

1. Your enthusiasm and love for quilting
2. Your completed blocks for the “Quilts of Valor”
3. A “cup and a quarter” or money to buy a raffle ticket for a “cup and a quarter”
4. Donation for the “DREAM BASKETS” (Pittsburgh themed items, quilting and sewing notions, gift certificates, books, rulers, patterns, fat quarters, buttons, etc.
5. If you volunteered to bring goodies for the “FAT QUARTER”. Thank you.