



North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild October 2021 Newsletter

President's Message

I can't believe that October is already upon us. The leaves are changing and the weather is starting to cool down.

It is so nice to enjoy sleeping with a window open and a cool breeze at night. Soon all of the children in the neighborhood will be knocking at your door for that special treat. I can't wait to see all of the creative costumes and the little babies in my neighborhood dressed up. Remember, these are not your children or grandchildren, so goodies and special treats with lots of sugar are ok since we will not be the ones dealing with the sugar rush just before bed.

Jan Rodgers will be speaking in October about our quilts and how they are appraised, so be prepared for a lot of information, you may just need a tablet and pen for this speaker.

We will also be starting to take donations for the Treasure Chest to take place during our quilt show, so remember to bring your items in when you do your fall cleaning.

I was notified that the Berkley Hills Church does require masks while we are in the building, so we will need to keep that in mind when we enter the building. Stacy will also have a zoom link for those who would like to attend virtually. I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next guild meeting.

Kathleen Mohr ~~~ President

Quilt Show ~~~ 2022

The raffle quilt will be presented at the October meeting and from the sneak peaks, it is beautiful! You can pick up your raffle tickets and pay in advance for the either by cash, check or electronically with a debit / credit card. NPQG acquired a "BLOCK" which allows Anne to charge your account for the purchase of the tickets. Sandy did it at the last meeting, and everything went smoothly. By the time she got home, the charge was noted in her bank account. If you pay for them upfront, when you collect the 20 one dollar bills, you won't have to keep track of them until all 20 tickets are sold. Easy peasy.

We are hoping that everyone is working hard on their theme quilts and the mini challenge quilts. Anyone who has a log cabin quilt can complete the application and give it to Sandy or mail it to the address on the application. We are anticipating lots of quilts this year so get your application in early.

Denise and her committee will be collecting items for the Treasure Chest at each meeting. Denise distributed a fact sheet about what types of items she would like. If you are not sure about an item, please contact her at jdfriedrich@comcast.net. Collection boxes will be available at each meeting.

The Members Table is on! If you wish to participate in the Members Table, please see Peggy Splane or email her at jsplane@consolidated.net.

Sue Sebastian is looking for any contacts in the media field to help with the publicity for the Quilt Show. If you know someone in publications, TV or radio, please let her know. Her email address is sueannseb@aol.com.

Donna Martin will be recruiting volunteers in the next few months. Due to some scheduled Zoom meetings, she will probably be coming around with her clipboard in November and December.

Sandy Schott and Lisa Sauer ~~ Quilt Show Co-Chairs

Programs

**** October Program****

We will be hosting Jan Rodgers for her lecture on quilt appraisal. I believe she will be bringing quilts. Jan will be doing appraisals during our quilt show in April. Join us to find out what she will be doing and why.

****November Program****

November's program will be a Round Robin, which is a great way to learn about some quick projects and techniques from our guild members. How it works: We have 5 or so stations set up, each with a presenter, who will repeat their presentation until everyone has had a chance to see it. The rest of us break up into groups and rotate through each station, spending about 10 minutes at each and collecting a bunch of information along the way.

So I'm putting out the call for teachers! We need 5-ish n people who are willing to demonstrate just about whatever they would like to. It only needs to be about 10 minutes long. A quick project, a few tips, a favorite tool or pattern...seriously, almost anything that you would like to share. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in doing a presentation. I guarantee you will feel appreciated!

*****Make It Quick

So, last month we never got around to it. There was a lot to do and a lot of chatting to get caught up on. I may be late to the meeting, so I'm going to skip this month. But it will be back in November...there's no escape!

*****Survey Says....

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey about what you are looking for in a guild. Here is a summary of the results.

More than 75% of you wanted the social interaction, show and tell and 'homegrown' meetings. 77% are OK with either in-person or virtual meetings. Those were the big winners.

The majority (50% to 75%) wanted (in no particular order): some kind of educational activities (fairly evenly split between being pushed and at your current level), new ideas, activities outside of the monthly meeting, opportunities for community service, presentations by recognized speakers, and fat quarter.

43% like the idea of holiday/seasonal activities but only 36% are OK with non-quilting topics. And 20% of us just want to get out of the house.

Forty percent of us never go to workshops, for one reason or another, while 22% of us will come to just about anything that's offered. Of the people who responded, the majority wanted workshops on Saturdays, but the number of hours and number of days was pretty evenly split. 47% would come to workshops priced at regular market value.

Meeting in person was important to 50% of us. We were evenly split on in-person or virtual workshops. In-person Quilt n Wilt beat out virtual Quilt n Wilt. 40% liked the short virtual social meetings.

This was my own little survey and I am by no means a polling professional, but here are a few things I'm taking away from this:

1. The social aspects of the guild are really important to us, as is seeing what everyone is making.
2. We want educational activities, but traditional workshops only hit about half of us. We should keep doing workshops, maybe not worry too much about whether they are taught by guild members or others, but try other models as well. Like for example, the Round Robin. Quick! Go sign up to be a presenter!!! Just like Uncle Sam, your guild wants you!
3. Enough people are interested in Quilt n Wilt to keep it, in one form or another. Maybe combine it with the education part above. (Thank you, Betty)
4. Cost of workshops was not as big a deal as we thought it might be. But it is important to some. It might be a good idea to have a variety of opportunities available so that no one has to make a choice between their finances and participating in guild activities.
5. The vast majority of people who responded to the survey were there in person at the September meeting. I did not get a lot of responses from virtual attendees. Although many of the responses favored in-person activities, I'm going to assume there is still interest in virtual activities, and continue to include them. So there you have it!

**** Zooming the October Meeting ****

We're going to try it again! Eventually we'll get it right. Hang in there!

Stacy Koehler ~~~ Programs



***** TREASURE CHEST *****

Our committee continues to meet and formulate ideas for our new store at the Quilt Show in April. NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT CLEANING OUT AND REORGANIZING YOUR STASH! A list of acceptable and unacceptable items is also included.

Beginning with our October 5th meeting, committee members will be parked outside one of the convenient entrances to our meeting room. We will be available at every "in person" meeting through the end of the year and longer if necessary.

Only attending on Zoom? Not a problem! You can contact Denise Friedrich at 412-992-8933 or Alice Gibson at 412-606-8311. We will make arrangements to pick up your donations.

Please remember to review our list of acceptable and non-acceptable donations included for your review.

Take care and Stay Safe!

Denise Friedrich, Chair Lisa Sauer, Co-Chair

Lois Deyoung
Alice Gibson
Kari Jones
Betty Kania
Cheryl Kirchner

Stacy Koehler
Helen Marcellus
Donna Martin
Teri Tuminello

Treasurer's Report

SHOW ME THE MONEY

The Guild's bank account balance as of September 29, 2021, is \$ 14,543.

Thanks to everyone who has paid their dues, which is mostly everyone.

Slackers: please get on it.

At the September meeting we discussed the Guild's general financial picture.

We have seen our assets steadily decline over the last several years. We are trying this year to have everyone in the Guild be more conscious of and attentive to our money — where it comes from and how it is spent. We are not broke. We will continue to have programs and workshops, although at a different scale. We are planning a great Quilt Show which will cost considerable money to put on, but generate considerable revenue as well — in addition to spreading the word about quilting and showing off our work

We said that this month we would present the 2021-22 budget to the membership. This budget was approved by the Board on September 21, 2021. But just because it is Board approved, this does not mean that the membership cannot or should not raise questions about it, or if appropriate move for changes. So please take a few minutes to review the budget below. I think it is pretty self explanatory. Both the expense and revenue numbers for the Quilt Show are big; we can provide detail on those if there are questions. Or questions on anything else - please do not be shy.

And if there are any questions you want to send ahead of time, maybe because you want me to be prepared, or maybe because you just don't want to ask questions in front of the group, send them in:

abshearon@gmail.com or 412-897-1000. See you on Tuesday.

Anne Shearon * Treasurer**

Newsletter submitted by Jan Merritt

INCOME			Total			
Member Dues	70 members projected	\$1750.00	\$1750.00			
Fundraisers	Quilt Show	\$15210.00				
	Cup & Quarter	\$160.00	\$15370.00			
Programs	Workshop fees	\$800.00	\$800.00			
TOTAL INCOME			\$17920.00			
EXPENSES						
Facilities	meetings	\$800.00				
	Quilt & Wilt	\$335.00				
	Workshop rent	\$200.00	\$1335.00			
Fundraisers	Quilt Show	\$11820.00	\$11820.00			
Programs	Meeting lectures	\$1300.00				
	Workshops	\$800.00				
	Misc ex					
Community Serv		\$50.00	\$50.00			

Fundraising		\$25.00	\$25.00			
Historian		\$25.00	\$25.00			
Hospitality	meetings	\$50.00				
	Picnic	\$75.00				
	Annual Dinner dessert	\$150.00	\$275.00			
Membership /Greeters		\$50.00	\$50.00			
Newsletter		\$50.00	\$50.00			
Sunshine - memorials						
Sunshine - memorials		\$100.00	\$100.00			
Website		\$25.00	\$25.00			
President		\$50.00	\$50.00			
Vice President		\$50.00	\$50.00			
Secretary		\$25.00	\$25.00			
Treasurer		\$75.00	\$75.00			

Other Guild Exp	Insurance	\$600.00				
	Annual Dinner	\$100.00	\$700.00			
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$16855.00			
	Approved by NPQG Board	09/21/2021				

