

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Reminder – Meeting dates are the first Tuesday of the Month – October 7, November 4 and December 2



We had our second Executive Board Meeting last evening. What a treat – well, maybe not the budgeting part, so much, but what a treat to work with so many inspired women, with so many ideas on how to make the guild experience as rewarding as possible. Not just the educational part – learning, and teaching, and sharing. But also expanding into areas where we see quilting venturing. This is why we joined the guild, after all, isn't it? Such a rush – planning, and sharing, and helping make the Guild what you would like to see it. The October meeting features new ideas and techniques demonstrated by two tireless quilters, Johanna Blarrik and Vivian Benton. The November meeting is the auction – giving us the chance to watch the fruit of our labor go to the highest bidder, and giving us the chance to be the highest bidder on truly quality stuff! And, we get to have fun at the same time! Can't beat that.

And the December meeting, a lecture by an author who has written a book about a quilt (which is a ridiculously simple description of an intriguing subject, but I haven't had the chance to explore his website) and it has gotten widespread attention. The art of quilting is growing and diversifying. As we explore it, our own quilting can only grow and diversify in exciting ways.

It has been brought to my attention that there is some interest in moving the meeting starting time to 7:00 p.m., for the sake of letting people get out earlier. This may help people who feel they need to leave earlier for work the next day or maybe to avoid driving too late. The Board feels that this is something for the members to vote on. At October's meeting we will do that – take the time for a simple yes or no/yay or nay vote. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jan



PROGRAMS – Denise Ludwig and Carol Hartman

October 7, 2014 – NPQG Meeting – Our own member, Johanna Blanarik, owner of “Piecing It Together” Quilt Shop (Babcock Blvd) will be demonstrating some new and exciting products. Johanna is approaching her twentieth year in business and has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in quilting. She will be sharing some of the new Quiltsmart designs and has a surprise activity in store for all of us.

Business Meeting is important – Voting on meeting start time and discussion concerning Christmas Charity collection, auction information,

October 11, 2014 – “FUNKY BIRDS” workshop. Reminder that payment for this class is due. You can pay Denise at the October 7 meeting. Also, there is still room for you if you would like to take the class. Also, please Denise know if you are in need of the book “Hot Flashes of Inspiration” which will be discounted for those taking the class. Please refer to last month’s newsletter for the material list for this class.

Class taught by Sandy Lord – St. John’s Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. Starts at 10:00 AM – you may arrive at 9:30 AM to set up. Lunch is included in the \$35 fee.

October 27, 2014 (Monday) – “Another Quilt N Wilt” – Kearns Center 10 AM to 10 PM \$10 payable when you attend. Another opportunity to sew all day with friends in a comfortable setting. Bring a project of your choice and enjoy the day.

November 4, - NPQG Meeting – Auction - Bring your quality donated items (examples: handmade items(table runners, pillow cases, towels), fresh baked products (remember the apple pies from last year), food products, quilting supplies/tools and assorted items and prepare to bid on some fantastic items. This is always a fun event and full of friendship and laughter. You will be surprised on the items up for “bid”.

If you would like to volunteer to be a runner or assist in conducting the auction, please contact Denise Ludwig or Carol Hartman

Guests are invited to attend the auction.

We will have a regular “Fat Quarter” during this auction. As usual, “Fat Quarter” snacks/goodies will be accepted.



December 2, 2014 – NPQG Meeting – Dalen Keys, Children’s Book Author combined with quilts that tell the story will be our guest speaker. We will also be collecting items for our Christmas Charity.



“Fragments, Fractals: Write it,, Print it, Sew it.” An exhibition of story quilts by artist Tina Williams Brewer. Opened Friday September 19 and runs until November 16 at 709 Penn Gallery.

“Features 10 pieces that tell stories of the natural movement of migration, from a simple view of water migration to a more complicated visual approach to forced migration. As artistic inspirations for this exhibit, Brewer used fragments of move list John Edgar Wideman’s “Cry In” from “Briefs: Stories for the Palm of the Mind: and Rachel Goldstein’s poetry.”

“Everything gets lost in the movement of migration.” Brewer said. “In order to simplify so that we may understand, there is a need to peel back the layers and explore the beginnings of the original water currents.”

The gallery is located in Downtown Pittsburgh at the corner of Penn and Seventh Aves.



COMMUNITY SERVICE – Sylvia Lynn

My dear friends, I can’t wait until our meeting on October 7 because I have two bins filled with kits to make Satchels of Caring for those going through Chemo. Please come find one or two or more you like and start sewing. Everyone has a number on it and all you need to do is sign out a matching number and then when you have completed the bag put it back into the zip lock bag with the number on it and bring it to the quilt meeting. There will be a separate email pdf with the sewing instructions for you to use. This way we cut down on copy expenses for the guild. Or, you can go to <http://www.satchelsofcaring.org> and click on HOME – about half way down the page you will see download sewing instructions PDF, click and download. Thanks for your help.

SUNSHINE – Elsie Richards

Please let me know if anyone needs a Get Well, New Baby, Sympathy card, etc. sent on behalf of the guild. 412-367-2789 or dbemrich@yahoo.com

FUNDRAISING – Harvene Lynch and Susan Kremmel

“The cup and a Quarter” fund raiser resumes at the October 7 meeting. If you can donate a cup with several fat quarters, we will be glad to raffle them off. Tickets will be sold (3 tickets for \$1) during the meeting and winners will be chosen that evening.

HOSPITALITY – Lynn Noel and Barbara Turke

Greetings from the Hospitality Chairpersons – We have such a talented membership in our guild. Not only can we assemble beautiful quilts, we also are superb cooks! Last month the board members showed off their fine culinary talents and “shopping for snack” skills. Now we are asking a few members to volunteer to bring in something for our Fat Quarter table for October’s meeting. Please contact either Barb Turke (Barbara.turke@gmail.com) or myself (peggy1900@hotmail.com) to let us know what is being offered. Everyone appreciates it when we all take a turn at bringing something. Thanks Quilters! Lynn