

NORTH PITTSBURGH QUILTERS GUILD

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“Welcome to NPQG’s 2014-2015 “new year”! I hope you are ready for “new” Happenings in the guild and in your own quilting experiences and results. We open in the September meeting with a presentation by Sandy Lord of the Gallery in Mercer. I think her show will make some of us look at quilting with Stripes in a new way – her enthusiasm is certainly infectious.

“Quilt ‘N Wilt” was a success in so many ways – some proved their skills in the grueling Jelly Roll Races, some of us were humbled. But we had fun. And got a lot done. So much so, that we are working on arranging another day of quilting, and socializing, with abandon. **ANOTHER QUILT ‘N WILT – WILL HELD ON October 20 OR October 27 (these are Mondays – the only days Kearns had available). For only \$10.00 you can sew, chat and snack as much as you can. Since this is not an official Guild meeting – we will not expect the Guild to pay as it does in August. Please let Clarice or myself know which day you would be interested in coming. We need to let Kearns know as soon as possible.**

The possibility of changing our meeting times to 7:00 pm is still on the table – please think about it and be prepared to discuss and vote at the October meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting, and at all the rest. Come join us and see what you can get into with us.

Jan

I would like to extend a great big Thank You to everyone for the many, many cards we have received from the recent passing of my Father-in-Law. My husband and I have the cards and notes everywhere in our house so it reminds us of how much our friends mean to us. It has given us so much comfort in knowing our friends and family will always be there not matter what! Thank you, Carol Hartman

Programs – Carol Hartman and Denise Ludwig

September 2, 2014 NPQG meeting –**Sandy Lord** guest speaker. Co-owner with her husband of *The Gallery of Fabrics* located in Mercer PA. Sandy is all set to present her newest lecture (with samples) “Yikes! Stripes!”. She’ll show lots of samples of

interesting ways to use striped fabrics, and this should be a nice complement to the lecture by Jan Krentz last spring. Be sure to attend and join the fun and inspiration as we start a new Guild year.

Sandy will be teaching the “Funky Birds” workshop on October 11. See the end of this newsletter for the list of supplies needed for this class.

October 7, 2014 – NPQG meeting – Our own member, **Johanna Blarrik**, owner of “*Piecing It Together*” Quilt Shop (Babcock Blvd), will be demonstrating some new and exciting products recently on the market. She’ll be highlighting some of the new Quiltsmart designs, how to make a quick ruler bag, how to make bracelets from cardboard, the seam ripper that’s taking the quilting world by storm, some time-saving rulers, and much more.

November 11, 2014 – NPQG meeting – The famous and well-received “Auction” will be held. Start getting your items ready. This is always a fun event.

December 9, 2014 – NPQG meeting – To be announced plus Christmas Party

Sunshine - Elsie Richards – Would like to remind you to let her know if anyone thinks someone needs a Get Well, New Baby, Sympathy card, etc. sent on behalf of the guild.

(412-367-2789) or dbemrich@yahoo.com

Another reminder to the NPQG Board that they will be providing the “Fat Quarter”

For the September meeting.

For those who have not yet paid their dues, the cost is now \$30 and may be paid at the September meeting.

Website – Carol Mahoney

I’d like to change the banner photo on the website. If you would like your quilt to be showcased, send me a .jpg file of a photo of your quilt.

Our website receives emails from people wanting to sell or give away items, have fun things to do, want someone to make something for them, etc. If you are interested in receiving these notices, fill out the form on www.npqg.org The form is under “This and That” and click on “Join email list”. Your email address cannot be seen by anyone and you can unsubscribe at any time.

If you sign up and have problems, please let me know by sending an email to npquilters@gmail.com

Fund Raising Committee – Harvene Lynch and Susan Kremmel

We'd like to welcome new members and all former members back to the “regular” Guild meetings. We look forward to serving you in an effort to earn additional funds for our programs and other activities. We will resume “The Cup and a Quarter” fund raiser beginning in October and continue every other month thereafter, i.e., December, February, and April. Many of you may know that members volunteer to donate a cup with several fat quarters put in them for each of these months. Tickets will be sold during the meetings and the winners will be chosen that evening.

Community Service – Sylvia Lynn

This year we are into bags. Lots and lots of Bags.
We are going to make bags for the Beads of Courage Program and also Satchels of Caring.

The Beads of Courage® Program : Every bead tells a story of strength, honor and hope.

What is the Beads of Courage Program?

The Program is a resilience-based intervention designed to support and strengthen children and families coping with serious illness. Through the program children tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of courage that commemorate milestones they have achieved along their unique treatment path.

How it works

Upon enrollment each child is given the Beads of Courage bead color guide with a detachable membership card. Their Beads of Courage journey begins when each child is first given a length of string and beads that spell out their first name. Then, colorful beads, each representing a different treatment milestone are given to the child by their professional health care provider to add to their Beads of Courage collection throughout their treatment as determined by the Beads of Courage Bead Guide (available from Beads of Courage, Inc.)

The Beads of Courage® Program is available for the following:

- Cancer and Blood Disorders
- Cardiac Conditions
- Burn injuries
- Neonatal ICU Families
- Chronic Illness

All Program bead guides were developed in collaboration with experts in the field (nurses, doctors, child life specialists and social workers) so that each bead guide would reflect meaningful acknowledgment of a child's treatment journey.

We are going to make bags for the children to put their beads and string into for safe keeping.

How can you help right now? Go through your stash and see if you have any of the following which we can cut to size and make up kits for our March workshop meeting?

We need is 2 pieces (9" x 12") of child liked fabric and 2 pieces (9" x 12") in a solid or coordinating fabric for each bag. There will be sample bags at the meeting for you to look at.

Second project is Satchels of Caring.

Our task here at the guild is to sew the Satchels and deliver them to:

Our New Downtown Headquarters:

The Lawyers Building
428 Forbes Avenue, Suite 102
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Our Mission is (Satchels of Care)

A diagnosis of cancer can be a painful, lonely experience. When faced with overwhelming adversity and challenges, we often find that the smallest gestures make the biggest impact on our lives. The Satchels of Caring Foundation has been committed to supporting those with cancer in the Pittsburgh region since the organization initiated its program in 2003 as the CREW Pittsburgh Foundation.

We use high quality donated fabrics to stitch unique Satchels of Caring, which are filled with therapeutic and inspirational contents, such as a soft turban, scarf, support literature, a journal donated by volunteers and friends, and many other items. Since 2003, the Foundation has handcrafted and assembled more than 8,700 Satchels for distribution through local hospitals and treatment/support programs.

For more information, check these websites:

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2011/09/23/beads-of-courage-give-sick-children-hope/>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/videos/beads-of-courage/>

How many of you – like me – wondered what the “Members at Large” committee does. Well, I just found out and would like to share. These two persons are YOUR contact with the Board. Naturally everyone has a question and something to share and doesn't feel comfortable bring it up to the Board themselves, so these two people are your go-to people. They will answer questions for you and speak for you.

The Meeting Start time will be discussed. Should we move the meeting start time to 7 PM or leave it at 7:30 PM. Many members leave early due to many reasons and in an effort to help them stay till the end, if we start earlier, we can finish earlier. Something to think about before the meeting. Another point to ponder is that the second set of doors will be locked by request of Kearns Spirituality Center during our meeting. This is for security reasons. So it is important to get to the meeting on time. We will have someone watching the door during the meeting to open it for you if you are running late. But in order to comply with Kearns's policy, we will be locking the door but providing a sentry to enable you to enter if you are late.

Bingo Card Instructions – Instructions for making a Quilt Bingo card are included in this newsletter.

Quilt Bingo will be explained at the September meeting and when the game will be played will also be announced. Just in case you have nothing to sew and would like to get started on your card, we have included the instructions. Also, if you don't understand what or how to make the card, you will have the opportunity to ask questions during the meeting.

MATERIAL LIST FOR CLASS – TAUGHT BY SANDY LORD

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2014

WONKY BIRDS CLASS SANDY LORD 724-662-0464

This is one of the fun, freeing quilts I have found in a long time. Each bird is YOUR very own creation. With just a few presets, you will learn how to adjust any piece to fit and place! Not a lot is needed for this class but the whimsical blocks with so much personality encourage you to do the next one. No two in a class are the same. Hope you will join me to make this quilt from a small wall hanging to as large as you would like to create!

The basic sewing materials needed:

Sewing machine

Neutral thread (medium tans or medium grays)

Scissors

Seam ripper (this is for insurance. If you don't have it, you'll need it.)

Ruler - at least 18" long any width

Small ruler for cutting smaller pieces, maybe a 3" x 12" or whatever you have - no need to buy new

24" mat for rotary cutting (our blocks will be 17" square)

Rotary cutter

If you have a stash of beads about 1/8 to 1/4 inch bring some. If not, wait until you get a few birds done to select your eyes. Eyes are the finishing touch that bring your unique birds to life!

Fabric: For our class you will need a minimum of three fat quarter SETS. They should be plain or tone on tone with very small patterns. (Suggest no flowers or designs that are CONTRASTING colors.) This fabric is the sashing and background for your birds. So, bring 6 to 8 fat quarters. Then bring scraps. They can be any size but the largest you need is about 10" x 10" for bodies to a tiny 1" x 1" for beaks. Bright, happy prints, geometrics, stripes are all welcome! I will bring my "scraps basket" also for you to find the "perfect piece" if it's not in your stash pile. (This is a fantastic quilt to use some of those pieces that have not found a home yet.)

Guess that's about it. You will need the book, "HOT FLASHES OF INSPIRATION" which I am discounting for people taking the class.

Hope to see you for an exciting class! Sandy

GAME CARD INSTRUCTIONS For Quilt Bingo

Materials for 1 (10-1/2") card

(Each fabric must be chosen from one of the following categories: batik, floral, geometric, heart, leaf, metallic, holiday, novelty, paisley, plaid, solid, star, stripe or 1930s print. Use a black print for the center square.

5 (2-1/2") squares assorted yellow or orange prints

5 (2-1/2") squares assorted red prints

5 (2-1/2") squares assorted blue prints

5 (2-1/2") squares assorted green prints

4 (2-1/2") squares assorted pink or purple prints

1 (2-1/2") square black print

Block Assembly

1. Join 5 yellow/orange print squares to make 1 row. In the same manner, make 1 red, 1 blue, and 1 green row.
2. Join 2 pink/purple squares. Make 2 pink/purple pairs. Join one pink/purple pair to each side of black square to complete pink/purple row.
3. Join rows, placing pink/purple row in center to complete 1 Bingo Game Card Block

Calling Cards consist of one each of every color and category.

Color	Color	Color	Color	Color	Category
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Plaid
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Solid
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Star
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Stripe
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	30's Print
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Batik
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Dot
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Floral
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Geometric
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Heart
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Holiday
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Leaf
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Metallic
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Novelty
Purple or Pink	Blue	Yellow or Orange	Red	Green	Paisley

You need to construct your card using 5 from each color – they can be from any category.