

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild



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September 2015 Newsletter



President's Message

Happy September,

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting on **September 8th at 7:00 at Kearns**. Denise has a great program planned. Our own Vivian Benton will be entertaining us, we will have our first Cup and a Quarter, and a show and tell to see what everyone did over the summer. Please make sure to see me and say hello. I am TERRIBLE with names so if I don't remember yours, please don't feel bad. I have two wonderful sons and I am so bad with names I just call them MattDan so I'm always right. If you wear your nametag, I can at least call you by the right name.

WOW! I can't believe it is already September! I don't know where the summer went. Schools are open, the pools are closing, leaves will start turning soon, we'll have to rake, get our Halloween décor out, set the clocks back, dig out fall clothing, listen to the foreboding winter weather predictions ... YIKES! **Time is running out!**

It seems far away, but the quilt show will arrive faster than you think. I have already started my quilt for the show. I may have bitten off more than I can chew (or sew) but I do have a few back up ideas if I fail to get it finished. I hope all of you are thinking about or starting a quilt to enter in the show. It is a great experience. The judges always give positive feedback and a few thoughts on details that will improve your quilting. So ... don't put things off to the last minute

as I used to do. Join me in pledging to work a little each week to get my quilts done before the day they need turned in!

Thanks to all the members who completed blocks for the Raffle Quilt. Most of all thanks to Carol Hartman for all of the hard work, time, money, and use of her home. Without Carol there would not be a raffle quilt completed in time for the show. She spearheads the design for the quilt, cutting the fabric, laying out the blocks, packaging them for distribution, collecting them, puts them together in rows, hosts a group to help join the blocks, supplies the batting and quilts and binds the quilt. Please take a minute to thank her for all her work.

A big thanks to Linda Williams for hosting a celebration for Charlotte Kewish, an established guild member who is moving to Texas. We wish Charlotte the very best and hope to see her back in the 'burgh at some point. Maybe she will make it in for the quilt show.

Our Quilt-N-Wilt Queen, Jan Merritt, has another event scheduled for September 19th at St. John's Lutheran Church on Cumberland Road. These get togethers are so much fun. We get to sew, visit, laugh, and eat. Some of us get a lot of sewing done, some not so much (me), but we all have a great time visiting, looking at other quilters' projects, catching up with friends we don't see often, making new friends, laughing, and did I say *eating!* Jan does a great job of planning these events. Please try to attend one and get to know your fellow guild members a little better ... and sew...and eat.

See you soon,

Sue



***** Programs *****

Vivian Benton will present a lecture at the **September 8th meeting**. It will be a Travelogue on Bali Batiks, emphasis on a tour of the Hoffman Batik-making plant.

The **October Meeting** brings us a trunk show by Rhonda, from The Quilting Needle. And she will provide a Thangles workshop on Saturday, October 10th. I will have samples and the sign up sheet at the September meeting.

Denise Ludwig ~ Programs

***** Membership *****

Reminder: Dues are payable at the **September** meeting for those of you who still wish to join. The cost is **\$30.00**. (Membership fee plus \$5.00 late fee.)

After the September meeting, the new membership list will be provided to everyone.

Sue Orleman ~ Membership

***** Hospitality *****

Looking forward to the next meeting and to what delicious treats are to be had for **Fat Quarter**.

Mollie Healy ~ Hospitality

Reminder to all ~ First meeting Fat Quarter is traditionally supplied by the Committee Chairpeople

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❖❖❖❖❖ Fund Raising ❖❖❖❖❖

We will start the fall season at the **September** meeting with the sale of tickets for **Cup and a Quarter**. The tickets will be sold **3 for \$1.00**. And, the winner(s) will be pulled that evening. The Committee will be supplying the Cups with the Fat Quarters for the first event. During future fund raisers, members will be invited to participate by volunteering to supply these.

Another fund raiser is planned for the October meeting. We are working on new ideas so keep checking the monthly newsletter for updates.

Looking forward to seeing you all - look for Harvene and Joyce to get your tickets!

Harvene Lynch and Joyce Rankin ~ Fund Raising

***** Community Service *****

Our Community Service Project for this year will be to make quilts for **Gateway Hospice**, which has an office on Arcadia, off McKnight Road. We had a donation of beautiful fabrics and a group of wonderful guild members cut the fabric into kits for you take home and sew. Some of the kits have backing fabrics and some do not. For those that do not, we hope that you can supply the backing. We also have some batting and some flannel for the quilts but some may need a donation from the quilter.

When you come to the September meeting, you will find a table of numbered kits and a sign out clip board.

We are excited by the good this project can do, and we are overwhelmed by the amount of donated fabric!

Shepard's Heart is another charity that has come to our attention, seeking pillowcases. We are thinking of offering the opportunity to make them at the **Quilt'n'wilts** throughout the coming year.

There are many needs in our world and we welcome the chance to help where we can.

Sylvia Lynn and Pat Barber ~ Community Service



❁❁❁❁ Quilt Show 'n'at ❁❁❁❁

Reminder: Mini-quilts are due at the October Meeting !!

The quilt should measure **No larger than 24'x24'**.
There is no theme, just whatever you'd like to make.
We will vote on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!

Carol Beck and Carol Hartman ~ Chairwomen

And while we're at it, remember your donations for the Dream Baskets! Any items related to quilting, sewing, knitting. We plan on Holiday-themed baskets, sports (Steelers), baby or novelty quilts, etc., and notions, tools, books, patterns, and fabrics are always welcome.

Thanks!!

Jan Merritt, Tricia McSorley, and Jill Leindecker



Please note, this flower is called Texas Hummingbird Sage. Proof that butterflies cannot read - or - they choose to ignore signs.

Taken at the wonderful garden in North Park, Peggy Trevanian was hard at work there one day I visited.

Submitted by Jan Merritt