

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

January, 2016

Next Meeting: January 14, 2016

Starmount Presbyterian Church, 3501 West Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27403

Board Meeting - 6:00PM Meeting - 7:15PM

January Meeting

There will be a Board meeting at 6:00 before the guild meeting begins. Board members should be considering their purposed budget requests for 2016.

Welcome to a new year of programs! On Thursday night, we are excited to share with you several ideas and suggestions for making small handmade items. All of these items use a variety of hand, machine quilting and machine embroidery techniques. Handouts, trunk show and slide presentation will be included. Do you have a favorite small handmade item that you would like to share with Guild members? Thursday night will be the perfect time to bring that item and share it with everyone!

Members who wish to donate a fat quarter as a "thank you" to our outgoing president, Joanne Jones, can still bring their fabric to the January meeting. Please pass your contribution on to Pam Prochazka before the business meeting begins at 7:15. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, our outgoing president (who has a rather unique access to fabric - her own quilt shop) is donating this fabric as a stash for Community Outreach projects this year.

At the November meeting a couple of purposed fundraising ideas were reported to the membership. Now we as a guild need to commit to a plan and start implementation. Please come prepared to discuss and vote on the suggestions that were offered by the fundraising committee.

January Birthdays:

Michelle Owens	1/1
Lizabeth Johnson	1/3
Carolyn Draper	1/12
Sandy Huffine	1/14
Paula Ginn	1/15
Joanne Jones	1/20
Caryn Wright	1/21
Tia Erden	1/29

Birthday members are requested to please bring a snack to the meeting on their birthday month.

Upcoming Meetings/Workshops

Please remember that a new year is a wonderful time to begin a quilting project or to pull out and finish that UFO. A new year also means it's time to renew your PQG membership so you can continue to receive the Guild newsletter.

In February, we will have hands-on demonstration stations for a variety of different quilting projects and techniques. Do you have a favorite technique that you would like to share with Guild members? If so, send an email to joanne@yeoldeforest.com so that we can assign you a station for demos in February!

Block of the month: I am looking for other members who are willing to share their favorite block to make. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Russell. If you make a block and do not wish to keep it, think of donating it to the guild so that we can make it into a charity quilt. Do not "square up" your block if you are going to donate it - that will be done when the blocks are put together.

Don't forget that we are starting our "Strip Club." If you wish to participate, please bring one, two or three, 2 1/2" x 44" strip(s) of a FLORAL fabric - any color, to the January meeting, and put it in the Strip Club box. One lucky member will win the raffle and all the strips to make a quilt, and the member who wins gets to decide what color to bring for the next month's Strip Club drawing. Each member who brings a strip gets one chance to win and the maximum amount of strips you can donate is three at a time.

PQG Quilter's Cash is back! Come to the January meeting and earn quilter's currency. Wear your quilted name tag and earn even more! There will be lots of ways to earn PQG Cash this year. Even better, this currency will be the only acceptable auction currency at our end of the year Pot Luck and Social.

Quote of the Month

Proquiltinating: working on quilts when you should be doing laundry or dishes, or picking up kids from school.

Show and Tell at the December meeting

Carol Desantis - Bonnie Hunter Celtic Solstice mystery quilt from 2013 which is a completed UFO, Judy Niemeyer, Flying South, her "retirement" quilt, Judy Niemeyer, Island Sunrise from a class with Judy Pat Talbert - Diamond quilt, Minions quilt
Joanne Jones - Snowman mini quilt, Gingerbread house ornament

Community Outreach

Community Outreach would like all members to bring those scraps of scraps, that you just can't use to make one more square or triangle, to the January 14th meeting. The January sew -in for Community Outreach created several denim dog beds and we would love to use your scraps for stuffing.

The Community Outreach group will have its next sew-in Monday, February 1st at Ye Olde Forest Quilt Shop from 1 to 5 pm. We will be making foundation pieced scrap blocks so bring those scraps that have been accumulating and get a jump on your "spring cleaning."

Guild Activities and Opportunities

We still have board openings for community outreach, historian, and website. Keren Rotberg will be the Guild Secretary.

We now offer advertising in the Guild newsletter, free to our members. Others will be charged \$15 for a business card size ad or \$25 for a quarter page ad. Ads for estate sales, museum quilt shows, and other quilt guilds are free. Contact Teresa Rouzer guild newsletter editor.

Our website receives inquiries about custom quilting, quilt repairs, t-shirt quilts, memory quilts, etc. If you are interested in being a "Talent for Hire" quilter, please contact Michelle Owen.

A Note from Pat Morris:

A special “Thank You” to those of you who made and signed my “Thinking of You” wall hanging. It is hanging in my sewing room. It not only brightens my day but reminds me of the friendships I gained by being a member of this wonderful guild. In addition, thank you for your cards and prayers.

Hope to see you all soon!

Pat

Other Opportunities and Travel

2016 PQG Retreat: let's quilt at the beach!

Plans are being made for a guild quilt retreat at The Clam Digger Inn, Pine Knoll Shores NC for March 31 to April 3 of next year. The room rates are \$65 for Thursday night, \$100 for Friday night and \$100 for Saturday night. To make reservations on line or by phone you will need to know the date you want to check in and then enter or say our group code 1603PIE. Please call the Inn at 252-247-4155 or toll free at 1-800-338-1533.

Your reservation must be made by March 10, 2016. Do not use email to make or change your reservation. We can start making our reservations right away. Meals are pay-as-you-go at the Inn's restaurant or elsewhere as you wish.

Mark the date in your calendar and stay tuned for more information!