

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

August, 2020

NEXT MEETING: August 13, 2020

LOCATION: Your Home on Your Computer or Smartphone via Zoom

TIME: 7:00 pm (The Zoom link will be sent out on August 10th via your email)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Hello there Hot Summer Quilters! I am sitting in the air conditioning debating whether to go back out for my grass cutting chores or just chill inside....well, not a hard decision, I am going to read some quilt magazines and dream till it cools down some. I imagine some of you are sewing or just chilling during the day too while it's so hot. Be safe outside and keep on stitching, quilting, and being creative.

As you can all guess, we are continuing with our Zoom meetings online due to the numbers still on the rise for COVID-19. It's been great seeing and hearing all of you on Zoom. I would like to encourage those of you who haven't been able to join us on Zoom yet to try it, you'll love it! We are having a virtual Show & Tell after our programs and I love seeing what everyone has done while keeping cool.

Here are a few pieces of business that I will convey here rather than during the meeting:

1. The Board voted to draw for the Tesselations Raffle Quilt on December 10th during our Zoom meeting. We have sold 524 tickets. Please see Libby's information regarding tickets below.
2. The Board voted not to participate in the Persimmon Festival on November 7th.
3. We need 2 members to volunteer, and work with 2 Board members to organize, call, and present a list of Officers for next year by our October meeting. Several of the current Officers have said they will continue on in their positions due to the COVID circumstances for our meetings this year. I am also willing to continue in my position of President if ALL of the positions on the Board are filled with Officers. We will have several openings that are a MUST to be filled or we cannot continue as a Guild due to our bylaws. So, please take a leap of faith and volunteer to help guide our Guild for the coming exciting year! Email or call me or another Officer of the Guild. Thank You.
4. And my last important news: Starmount Presbyterian Church has verbally decided not to allow organizations/people to use their facility unless it is a Church function or activity. So

starting with when we are able to meet again in person as a whole group, we need a place to go that is handicap accessible, is safe at night, has some kitchen facilities, and has a reasonable or FREE rent. Keren Rotberg is checking into the Trotter Recreation Center where we were going to have our quilt show. If anyone has any other ideas, please send them on to me, or another Officer of the Guild. We want to work on this now so we are ready to go when restrictions are lifted. Thanks and we will find another great place to meet when this Stay at Home is OVER!!!...Betty

PROGRAM: Hi Group, Jackie Russell and I are working hard to plan Zoom meetings. We have special guests coming for some but we need each of you to think of your special talents you can share with us all and to step up and offer to do so. What can you do for our guild, not just what can the guild do for you. Please call or email either of us... Keren Rotberg

This month our program is " the puffy folded star ornament". Many of you may have done a regular folded star but this one has an added twist of being three dimensional and can be used in a variety of ornamental uses such as a coaster, ornament, package ornament or wall hanging. In the tutorial I will demonstrate how to make one using scraps of fabric so it is a great and fun way to use up those scraps you've been saving. You will need:

1 - 6x6" piece of solid colored fabric

1 6x6" piece of backer fabric

1 strip of binding fabric - 1 1/4" x 18" cut on the bias

1 - 6x6" piece of batting

40 - 3x3" pieces of fabric - choose 5 different fabrics of contrasting colors - cut 8 - 3x3" pieces of each color (for a total of 40 pieces)

hand sewing needle and thread to match fabrics

ruler

pencil

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Jackie Russell-8/24, Patti Stiles-8/23 and Pat Hoffman- 8/24.

SHOW AND TELL: Be prepared to show off your latest projects at the Zoom meeting and/or you can post your items on the PQG Facebook page.

CHARM SQUARES: Remember to keep up with your monthly themed 5" charm squares.

RAFFLE QUILT: We are asking each guild member to sell at least 20 tickets for the Tessellation raffle quilt. At this time there are 33 members, including James and me, that have not gotten their 20 raffle tickets. Since we are drawing the Tessellation raffle quilt in December 2020, we need to get busy. For extra incentive for every 20 tickets that are sold you will receive \$100 in funny money.

Once you decide how many tickets you wish to sell, please call me at (336) 275-1919 and let me know. Those tickets can be picked up at 438 East Radiance Drive, Greensboro, NC on the

front porch of our home in a chair in a lockbox that is not locked.. At the same time you can deposit any ticket stubs and money you have received from the sale of said tickets into the same lockbox. If you have any questions, please call me. We appreciate the extra efforts by everyone under these circumstances in order for us to have a successful raffle. Thanks.... Libby

SPECIAL RAFFLE: "Fireflies & Other Night Lights" made by Scott Murkin

Limit of only 150 tickets to be sold! Tickets are \$5 each Size: 84.5" x 96.5"

We will draw for this quilt when all tickets are sold. Buying one ticket will give you a one in 150 chance of winning! Michelle Owens has raffle tickets for this quilt. Please contact her if you would like to purchase tickets or if you've sold tickets. A picture of the quilt and quilt information is attached. Thanks!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Jeanne and I picked up fabric and finished/unfinished projects from the late Margaret Regan as donations from her husband Mike. There were several quilt tops that I am matching up to backing and cutting batting. If you are interested in quilting any of these, please let me know. I don't want to overload my first volunteer!

Dog Beds: From Barbara Wolfe--I am no longer making dog beds.I hope someone will take up the cause. At the present time, the shelter is not taking any beds until the virus is over. Rescue groups will be happy to take them. I suggest that members who have bags of scraps and nowhere to put them, take a deep breath and toss them in the garbage this one time. Take heart in knowing that you will be making scraps every day. Also, cotton is biodegradable.

WEBSITE: Always remember you can check the website for current and archived newsletters. Newsletters are uploaded to the website (www.piedmontquilts.org) as soon as they are published. Also check out the website for up-to-date information on programs, workshops, Community Outreach sewing dates and more. Photos of our raffle quilt plus information on the quilt is on the RAFFLE QUILT page. Please encourage friends to check out this page to see our beautiful raffle quilt! Updates on our 2020 Quilt Show will be added to the QUILT SHOW page.

MEMBERSHIP: ***SPECIAL NOTE*** The board has voted to raise the membership fee to \$35 (Seniors \$20) for 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: In lieu of World Quilt New England and the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Mancuso Show Management is proud to present our 2nd in a series of Online Quilt Festivals...OLQF will be around the clock from start to finish no matter what your time zone. For our 2nd ever Online Quilt Festival, virtual show-goers will be able to view two quilt galleries, shop the vendors online, and take virtual interactive workshops from the comfort of home. NEW for our August event, quilters will be able to enter into the "Visuals #1" Quilt Competition - Online for show-goers and participants to see! Whether it be your desktop computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone, you can enjoy a great festival no matter where you are! Join us for #OLQF **August 12-15, 2020** right here on Quiltfest.com! Stay tuned for more details!

https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/online-quilt-festival?utm_source=Auntie+Ju%27s+August+News2&utm_campaign=August+Edition+News&utm_medium=email2021

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Our 2021 Membership applications are attached. You can also download it from the website. If you turn in your application before October 31, 2020 you can receive a \$5 discount off the standard Membership price. That is a whole year of quilting fun and inspiration for only \$30! (Senior Membership is already discounted to \$20 so the early-bird discount would not apply.) Our year starts on January 1st so all 2021 Membership renewals are requested as soon as possible.

*****RATE SPECIAL***** Starting in July through the end of 2020 NEW members are able to join our guild at a special rate of \$15 to cover the remainder of 2020. (Senior memberships remain at \$10.)

ADVERTISING: Advertising in the Guild newsletter is free to our members. Others will be charged \$15 for a small ad and \$25 for a larger ad. Ads for estate sales, museum quilt shows and other quilt guilds are free. Contact Gail Lott, Guild newsletter editor.

AD: Free King size white sheets, 1 flat and 3 fitted, have small stains at top on each. Could be used for twin or baby size quilt backings. Free Large Wallpaper sample books. Great to use for crafts while kids are home with COVID. Contact Betty Green craftmyway1@aol.com

REQUEST : Looking for someone to do a T-Shirt quilt and would like a quote. Quilt measures 57 x 72 inches, using 20 shirt fronts, 4 x 5 blocks. Please contact Mary Ellen Burke 336-294-3952
Email address: burke6745@aol.com