

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

March, 2017

Next Meeting: March 16, 2017 – please note the change in date for March only!

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

Gather - 6:30 PM

Meeting - 7:15 PM

Our March guild meeting will feature Susan Pierce, president of the High Point guild who will present a trunk show and tell the stories of her quilts, which include Civil War, travel, and patriotic quilts. You may want to visit her on Facebook at Miss Susie Quilts to see her work. Patterns will be available.

President's Message

It's almost spring and I am so ready for it. My yard has daffodils blooming everywhere. They are my reminder that life is beautiful. I hope you enjoyed the trunk show presented by last month by Lisa Alley. Her stories of her quilting adventures were very interesting.

As you learned from our last newsletter I enjoy searching computer websites like Pinterest for ideas and inspiration. In January I found a little 6" block that I loved so of course I saved it and then went to the website where it came from and discovered something special, "The Splendid Sampler." (TheSplendidSampler.com). This is a website for a sampler quilt that challenges every participant to try new techniques on a weekly basis using small 6" blocks. In February, 2016 Nationally known quilter and teacher Pat Sloan from Virginia and her friend Jane Davidson from Australia combined their talents and enlisted the help of many other nationally known quilters to design 100 blocks. They offered 2 patterns a week for free. The techniques include: piecing (of course), embroidery, paper piecing, English paper piecing, applique. Quilters were urged to complete their blocks and then post pictures of their block to the website. The response was amazing! Over 25,000 quilters from around the world participated. The free pattern download has ended but there is a book coming out in April of this year with the patterns. I urge you to look at their website and be inspired. They also have a Facebook page where quilters are posting photos of their blocks and finished quilts.

A quilting tip: when Mary Vick, a quilter from Nebraska, finishes a quilt she makes a pillowcase or bag from the scraps of the quilt to store the quilt in. It also serves as wrapping if the quilt is a gift.

See you at our next meeting,
Mary Jo

This Month in March

March is National Craft Month and March 18th is National Quilting Day. In 1991, the National Quilting Association decided to create a special day to celebrate and inspire lovers of quilting and to encourage others to take up this charming and addictive craft. National Quilting Day was born, and has been celebrated ever since by quilt and patchwork lovers every spring.

You could mark National Quilting Day by joining a quilting group and learning how to make your own quilt – there are numerous classes throughout the country that will teach you different stitches and embellishing techniques. If you are already an experienced quilter, then why not share your love with the next generation?

Upcoming Guild Programs

Below is a list of programs for February thru May. PLEASE pay attention to the dates and locations as some have changed.

April 13 – **Sit and Sew** – We will have a combined meeting and workshop presented by guild members. Join us to learn English Paper Piecing. If you have never done this process, it is the perfect opportunity to learn how. This is a portable project to carry with you when waiting, traveling or watching TV. We will have sample packets from the Paper Pieces Company for everyone who attends. There is a warning on the packages: Addicting and Contagious! You will need to bring a needle, scissors, neutral thread, and a thimble if you use one.

May 11 – **Pineapple Fabrics – Change of Location!** Pineapple Fabrics is a locally owned fabric store in Archdale NC, that sells over the internet only (except when they have Warehouse Sales open to the public). They have graciously agreed to host our May meeting and will provide refreshments. After our meeting, they will open the warehouse so we can go shopping. You will hear more about this closer to the date. Visit their website to see what they offer: <http://www.pineapplefabrics.com/>

\$\$\$ Quilt Money is back! \$\$\$

We are seeking a volunteer to be the bank/banker to assist with dispensing money earned. You can spend your Quilt Money at an auction to be held at our December meeting. Please note that our supply of small bills is limited, so when you reach \$1000, please see the banker to exchange your small bills for larger ones.

Here is how you can earn Quilt Money:

Meetings	\$50	meeting attendance
	\$50	wearing your name tag
	\$50	birthday month
	\$100	bringing show & tell
	\$100	bringing refreshments
Programs & Workshops	\$500	attending a workshop
	\$500	Challenge participation
	\$2000	conducting a meeting
	\$2000	teaching a workshop
	\$2000	chairing a special program or challenge
Community	\$1000	Charity project
Outreach	\$1000	quilting demo
	\$1000	teaching an outreach workshop

Extra: Our Quilt Show will also be an important way to earn more \$\$\$\$. Ways to earn it will be announced later.

Strip Club

The strip club will have three drawings this month. The first will be batiks for March, the second will be neutrals for the first quarter, and the third will be a drawing for quilters cash among everyone who participated in the first quarter. Also this month we will start collecting strips for the second quarter with the theme of polka dots. April and May boxes will be out to collect polka dots strips. All strips should be 2 1/2 inches by width of fabric. Same rules as before, up to 3 strips per person per drawing.

Contact Debbie Walsh for any questions you may have.

Cold Weather Notice

Please remember: when cold weather threatens with ice and snow, if GTCC indicates their classes are closed on our meeting night, then our PQG meeting will be cancelled also.

March Birthdays

Pat Morris	3/4
Karen Harllee	3/7
Lucille Amos	3/29

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

Show and Tell at the February Meeting

Ester Jones - Recipe iron-on on kitchen towels as a special gift; fabric swatches with letters to help her child's spelling lessons

Carol DeSantis - Two donation quilts made with Home Decorator fabrics; quilted mantle scarf

Gail Lott - Two donation quilts

Rosemarie Ameen - Wizard of Oz donation quilt; Valentine wonky hearts quilt; Mondo bag; two selvedge table toppers (Rosemarie's selvedge studio box is on the Membership if you want to bring selvedges to her!)

Patti Stiles - Rail Fence quilt for Quilts of Valor; donation quilt made from QOV leftovers; two Red, White & Black 10-minute block donation quilts; quilt top made from kit purchased from Randy many years ago!

Keren Rotberg - Donation quilt; quilt for a friend

Carrol Knight - Two donation quilts

Pam Prochazka - "Bright Hopes" lap quilt; three aprons for kids

Barbara Wolfe - "A Night in Kruger Park" wall hanging; "Kiss My Stash" wall hanging pattern by Hissy Fit Designs; flannel charity pillow

Barbara Gainer - "Flowers for Hannah" 36x36 made with digitally printed fabric

Cheryl Joines - Two "Basketballs in the Bleachers" donation quilts made from scrap fabrics and scrap batting; donation quilt made for Kind Quilts

*** Please be sure to sign up on the "Show & Tell" sheet found on the Membership table at each meeting. Give us the quilt name, who you made it for, color scheme, pattern, book or designer and any other information you might think we'd want to know. You can use one line for each item. Thank you!

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Challenge

Create a Medallion Quilt – one center motif with multiple borders, embellishments, decorative items; creativity is encouraged!

Due: June Meeting

Rules:

The Challenge entry must be a total measurement of less than 100 inches in circumference; there is no minimum size requirement. The entry may be a mini-quilt, wall hanging, doll quilt, mug rug, small table topper or runner. It must be made by one person only. The entry must include a top, batting and backing, and be quilted or tied together. Pin your name and phone number on a folded piece of paper on the back of the quilt for purposes of registration. You may name your quilt and pin that on the front of the quilt to be seen during judging. Turn your quilt in 'incognito' at the entry to the meeting (a sign will direct you) as judging needs to be anonymous!

During the meeting the entries will be laid out for display. Each guild member present will receive three voting chits and will place those chits in the voting box of their three favorite entries. Members are NOT required to use all chits – they may be turned in at the end of the voting.

First, 2nd, and 3rd place will be announced by the end of the meeting based on the number of votes. Prizes are:

First Place: \$3000 quilt money

Second Place: \$2000 quilt money

Third Place: \$1000 quilt money

All other entries receive \$500 quilt money

2017 MEMBERSHIP

Please be sure to pay your 2017 Membership dues as soon. We'd like to have as many members as possible paid up and in good standing early in the year. Regular membership cost is \$25 and Senior Membership (age 70 and older) is \$10. You can turn in your application and dues at the monthly guild meeting or mail them to Michelle Owens (address on the Membership Application form). The Membership Application can also be found on the guild website (go to the Membership page) and there will be copies available at the Membership desk. Be sure to print or take an extra one and invite a friend to join with you!

Our email distribution list is always being updated so all current members should be receiving their newsletter by email as requested. If anyone knows someone not receiving a newsletter, please ask them to first check their Spam or Junk folder. Next they should speak to Joanne Jones to make sure there was no type-o on their email address or if they previously "Unsubscribed" from Ye Olde Forest Quilt Shop. 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.

We have updated the PQG Membership list to include everyone that has turned in a completed membership application and paid their dues as of February 22nd. If you do not see your name, please stop by the Membership Desk at the next guild meeting to join for 2017. Take a moment to make sure all your information is correct. Then take a moment to look at the column for "Special Interest." If you circled letter "E" or "I" on your application indicating you were interested in joining a Quilting Bee or a Round Robin group, look for others on the list with the same interest. Send an email, plan a meeting, see when others are available, get together and quilt!

Guild Activities and Opportunities

Block of the Month

This activity needs to be revived! If you are interested in hosting a quilt block of the month, please see Mary Jo or any Board member. This is a wonderful way to stretch your quilting prowess and challenge yourself to quilt out of your own "box" – one block at a time.

We still have board openings for Programs/Workshops and Guild Historian.

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.

Community Outreach

Ten donation quilts received at the February meeting!

We had fun at our Community Outreach Sit 'n' Sew in February so we are going to do it again! At Linda Ryan's house on Sunday, March 12 from 1-5. We will continue working on the Majestic Mountains quilts we started in February and see new ways we can use the string pieced triangles we learned last time. We will have lots to show at the March meeting.

Be sure to visit the Community Outreach table when you arrive at our monthly meeting for available projects. We have some yardage available for backings if you need it!

Talent for Hire List

In our booth at Holiday Market we sold many items, heard many quilt stories and received lots of inquiries. In the next few weeks our website should receive many inquires looking for someone to help with a quilt related item. From what I understand most of the needs were for quilt repair, t-shirt quilts/memory quilts, long-arm quilting and hand quilting. Even if you think your name is already on the "Talent for Hire" list I would appreciate you contacting me to confirm your contact info and the types of quilting jobs you can be hired to do. I would like as many names as possible on this list. Please contact Michelle Owens at mowens3@yahoo.com or bring the written info to her at the Membership Desk.

Hand Quilter Needed

Katie Sigmon is looking for someone to hand quilt three quilts and one throw. Are you interested? Or can you recommend someone or an organization? Katie is hoping to get these quilted soon so she can pass them on to her children and grandchildren. Any information would be appreciated! Please contact: Katie Sigmon at 336-288-5548

Opportunity to Sell Your Items

If you are interested in selling your quilts and other quilted items, you may contact Debbie Salisbury at the Farm to Home Market in Uptown Roxboro (44 Gordon Street). The market is a retail location selling local, regional and NC products. You can check out their Facebook page FarmToHomeMarket. You can contact Debbie at Salisbury.deb@hotmail.com or 910-546-6010.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Other Events

LANCASTER QUILT SHOW, March 29 thru April 1, 2017, 27th Year at The Continental Inn, Lancaster PA
Free Admission! Free Parking! Wed. thru Fri. 9am to 6pm, Sat. 9am to 4pm

FRIENDSHIP STAR QUILTERS, Sunshine and Moon Glow Quilt Show, April 28 - 30, 2017, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building, Gaithersburg MD, Fri. 12 noon to 6pm, Sat. 10am to 6pm, Sun. 10am to 4pm

SEA ISLAND QUILTERS 30TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT SHOW, May 5 - 7, 2017, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Hwy. 21 2225 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

QUILTERS UNLIMITED QUILT SHOW, Wing It, June 2 - 4, 2017, Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly VA 20151, Fri. 10am to 4pm, Sat. 10am to 5pm, Sun. 10am to 4pm

QUILTING AND KNITTING EXPO, July 21 - 22, 2017, Jamil Shrine Center, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia SC 29210, off I-26 at Exit 106

Advertisements

Sewing Machine Service and Repair - All Models

Adam Ard, Certified Technician
Studio Stitch, 3215B Battleground Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27408
336-288-9200

Classes by Barbara Wolfe and Barbara Wellnitz

March 8, Raw Edge Applique, \$25 - Wolfe
March 18, Mystery Quilt, \$35 - Wellnitz and Wolfe
All classes are 10 to 4 with a break for lunch

Contact either Barbara to sign up and receive information:
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