

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

March, 2019

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2019

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

TIME: 6:30 pm Refreshments/Socializing 7:00 pm Meeting

MARCH PROGRAM: Don Limnios, the 'Stitchin' Magician," will present a program entitled Getting to Know Your Machine. Don's entire professional career has been in the sewing industry.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: Don't be scared. Don't be shy. At our last meeting we had some fabulous news! We now have a Quilt Show Chairperson! Thank you, Pat O'Rork for volunteering for this task. But it will take more than Pat and her cohorts Betty Green and Carol DeSantis to have a successful quilt show. Our quilt show is held every two years and has the potential to add a lot of money to our bank account. But that money has to last 2 years! It will take the entire guild to help to make this quilt show a winner – it is more than sharing all of the beautiful quilts we have made. There are lots of things that need to be done (Pat will be sharing more about that with us at the meeting) and lots of ways you can help! Don't be scared to help – there are lots of people who have worked on previous shows who will help you and answer questions. Don't be shy – it is a good way to meet people. So, please consider volunteering. Every little bit helps! Let's make this the best Quilt Show PQG has ever had!!!-- lillian

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Lucille Amos 03/29, Karen Harlee 03/27, and Bea Mandell 03/23.

Note: Members having birthdays this month are requested to bring refreshments for the meeting.

SHOW & TELL: At February Meeting: Betty Green-small hearts donation quilt. Rose Ameen-selvage quilt, Christmas selvage quilt, purple and white baby quilt, and baby giraffe B-Q pattern by Maple Island. Vonnie Allison-memory quilt and 6 dog beds. Teresa Rouzer- door quilts. Ann Johnson-baby charity quilt. Jane Weinstein-Purple Haze, brown nine patch quilt. Jackie Russell-bird wall hanging, floral lap throw. Carol DeSantis-2018 block of the month Wagon Wheel Quilt.

*** 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 (family, friend or charity), color scheme, pattern, book or designer and any other information you might think we'd want to know. Please use a separate line for each item. I am happy to pull out another sign up sheet if our members fill up the first page. It makes it easier on me to list every quilt and give members all the information on each quilt. **Please sign it in as usual...and then display your quilt where you are sitting so others can see it up close before the meeting starts. It's a great chance to share your work and get ideas from each other.** Thank you!

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: We will have 2019 Membership applications available at the Membership Desk at the next meeting. Applications can also be downloaded from our website. As before, the regular membership fee for ages 16 to 69 is \$25 and the Senior membership fee for ages 70 and over is \$10. We prefer to email your monthly newsletter to you but if you need to have your newsletter by mail there is a \$10 fee. Please note this question at the top of your application. The Membership year begins in January. We would appreciate receiving your application and dues as soon as possible. I will have 2019 Membership Cards available at the March meeting for those who have paid their membership fee. You may get a discount at quilt shops and with vendors at quilt shows, please ask at the shops and shows.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: You will also be receiving the 2019 Membership List with your March newsletter. The list is formatted to be printed on Legal paper (8.5" x 14"). If you do not see your name that may mean your

membership fee for 2019 has not been paid. Please stop by the Membership Desk at the next meeting so you are sure to continue to receive the monthly newsletters. You can use the codes under "Special Interests" (column I) to find other members in the guild who have similar interests as you. Do you want to join a quilting bee? Use the list to find any members who have noted "e" then contact them about creating a quilting bee. Do you want to talk with someone who is interested in quilted clothing? Look for at the list for any members who have noted "r" then give them a call. We will send out an updated list again in June and September.

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.

2019 PQG QUILT SHOW: Sign-up for the 2019 Piedmont Quilters' Guild Quilt Show was exceptional. We are blessed that so many volunteered. Some committees still require assistance. Please review the following listing and consider volunteering. Needing assistance are Admissions, Door Prizes, Entries for Quilt Show (manning collection sites and assisting quilt judge), Promotion for 2019 Quilt Show, Raffle Quilt Exhibitions, Registration, Signs, and a Show Treasurer. Clipboard sign up sheets will make the rounds at March PQG meeting. Remember it takes the whole guild to have a successful quilt show and you are needed! We will also be accepting judge recommendations although we have no show date at this time. Chair is working with personnel of Benjamin Branch of Greensboro Public Libraries (1530 Benjamin Parkway) to set up monthly meetings based on volunteer suggestions.

OUTREACH: Our Rainy Day Sit and Sew was held on Feb 23rd with 9 members attending. We got started on some things for the Boutique and there were several quilts either sandwiched, planned, or started. Can't wait to see them as well as the 'I Dare You' quilts that have been picked up. **Request for donation items for the**

Boutique: any fat quarters, any 1 yard fabrics you want to part with, and/or cute cups or mugs to use to create fat quarter bouquets as gift items for purchase in the boutique. Please stop by the table at the March meeting and see the quilt kits available. Remember to get your \$1000 in funny money for each charity quilt completed.

-Carol DeSantis

STRIP CLUB: The strip club theme for the month of February is **ORANGE**. Strips should be 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric. There are some changes being made regarding the number of entries for the drawing based on the number of strips brought in. Contact Betty Green for any questions you may have.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Each block will measure 12" square. We had so many blocks submitted for charity last year that we've been asked to make this year's blocks just for ourselves. All patterns can be found on <http://www.quilterscache.com>. There are options this time for each month. If you'd like a simpler, more straight-forward quilt using the same five fabrics and six easily pieced units for the whole quilt, choose the "Scrap Sampler Quilt." Please note that, although you can look up each of the individual "Scrap Sampler Quilt" block alphabetically by its name, you might want to at least get the total yardage for each of the five fabrics and see how many of each shape to cut by first searching for "Scrap Sampler Quilt." If, however, you're up for more of a challenge (i.e. either pieced, paper pieced, or appliqued), then choose one from the seasonal blocks. Blocks made from the "Scrap Sampler Quilt" will earn you \$100, whereas Seasonal blocks will earn you \$200 in Funny Money. I can't wait to see all your beautiful creations.

March Blocks: "Saw-Toothed Star" (from "Scrap Sampler Quilt"), "Four Leaf Clover" (a Seasonal-themed block), "Darting Bird" (a Seasonal-themed block), and "Box Kite" (a Seasonal-themed block)

ADVERTISING: We offer advertising in the Guild newsletter, 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

TALENT FOR HIRE: Contact Michelle Owens if you are interested in being hired to do quilting for the public and to confirm or change your information on file. We would like to have as many names of this list as possible. You can bring your information to Michelle at the Membership Desk at each meeting.

UPCOMING SHOWS and EVENTS for 2019:

The Lancaster Quilt Show, March 27 - March 30, 2019, DoubleTree Resort, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster PA 1760

Friendship Star Quilters Fiber Art and Quilt Show, April 26-28, 2019 Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg MD 20877

NC Museum of History Quilt-In: June 15, 2019 from 12 noon to 4 pm at 5 E. Edenton St. Raleigh, NC.

Displays and demonstrations by guilds and groups, demonstrations of quilt labelling and documentation by the Quilt Alliance, conservation suggestions and information from Paige Myers, museum textile conservator, tours of the *QuiltSpeak!* exhibit by curator Diana Bell-Kite, raffles of the just-released exhibit catalogue featuring quilts from the museum's collection, and hands-on activities for new-to-quilting museum visitors! For questions call the museum at 919-814-7000.

