

**Piedmont Quilters' Guild**  
**Newsletter**

**Greensboro, North Carolina**

**May, 2019**

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**NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2019**

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

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

**MAY PROGRAM:** May's program will be presented by Priti Kumar. She will speak on quilting in India and guild members will be able to create a small block following her technique. This will be a mini workshop during our meeting. **Note from Priti:** The technique that I will demonstrate will require 3 to 5 layers of lightweight fabric squares of same size and a lace (or something similar ) to finish the raw edges of the work. Tools: Needle, thread, ruler, scissors and tailoring chalk ( or quilt marking chalk ) to mark fabric. Squares of fabric can be 6 to 8 inches square - your choice. We will be learning the quilting technique traditional in India. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity. See you at the meeting.

**Note:** Shawn Rogers from the Mendenhall Homeplace in Jamestown was the speaker in April. The

Website is [www.mendenhallhomeplace.com](http://www.mendenhallhomeplace.com).

**PRESIDENT'S NOTE: Breaking Out of the Box** Are you stuck in the same old rut? Doing the same patterns time and time again? Passing on classes that would teach you techniques or patterns – secretly scared to try something new? Well, it is time to break out of your box and have some fun!! Quilting is a wonderfully creative medium. Our quilts do not have to be complicated to be beautiful. Simple quilts, like the traditional Amish quilts, are beautiful and, yet, they use a very limited selection of fabrics. Choices in colors and fabrics can change a quilt pattern or design instantly. Taking a twist on a traditional block has led to the happy creation of lots of the patterns we see in the quilt shops today. As you may know, I am chair of the Quilt Show Challenge. I have always wanted to do the Challenge because trying to make a quilt with limitations can really spark your creativity! So here is your chance!

The Challenge info....I will be bringing handouts of the rules to the meeting....i will also be bringing pictures of examples...

**Quilt Show Challenge 2020, Every Day is a Celebration!**

**Choosing your Special Celebration:**

1. Draw from the Month bag.
2. Then draw from the Date bag.

3. Look on the Calendar for your specific Month and Date.
4. Choose one of the special celebrations listed in **red** or **blue**.
  - a. Celebrations listed in **black** are not eligible.
  - b. If your specific Date has only one Celebration, then you may choose a second date.  
This is one time only.
5. You will sign the Calendar on your date and circle your chosen Celebration.
6. Once each month has been chosen, we will start over with all 12 months.
7. On any following rounds of months if the date you have drawn has already been chosen, you will be allowed to choose again.

**Rules for the Challenge Quilt:**

1. This is your interpretation of your Special Celebration!
2. The quilt must measure 15" wide by 25" high.
3. Your Special Day must be visible on the front side of the quilt. This includes the Month, Date, and the name of the Celebration.
4. Each quilt top must include a *minimum* of 4 **traditional pieced** quilt blocks at least 2 inches square finished and no more than 5 inches square finished.
5. Binding must be in a solid color fabric.
6. Embellishments are encouraged.
7. Any form of applique is allowed.
8. This is a quilt so it must be 3 layers, and must be quilted.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** Susan Lulham- 5/18, Keren Rotberg- 5/24 and Linda Ryan- 5/16.

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

**SHOW & TELL:** Carol DeSantis-St.Patrick's Day Block Quilt, Children's Block Quilt, Gray and Yellow Childrens Quilt and Reversible Gray and Yellow Quilt, all are charity quilts. Donna Paulsen- Charity Quilt, Block of the Month and boutique items. Gail Lott- Gray Bunny Baby Charity Quilt. Patti Styles- 2 pet beds, 3 charity quilts and two quilts, one is a wedding present. Ann Johnson- charity quilt. Bea Mandel-Star Wars cathedral windows 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.

**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.**

**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. For those who have paid their membership fee you should have received your 2019 Membership Cards at the March meeting. Ask us if you did not receive your card yet. You may get a discount at quilt shops and with vendors at quilt shows, please ask at the shops and shows.

**WEBSITE:** Always remember you can check the website for current and archived newsletters. Newsletters are uploaded to the website ([www.piedmontquilts.org](http://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.

**MINI CHALLENGE QUILT from 2018:** Time has been extended to the September, 2019 meeting. It is small. You have time to do it. Here are the rules: Get 3-4 fabrics equalling approximately 3 fat quarters from SOMEONE ELSE'S STASH. Add one fabric, add one selvage, add one piece of ribbon. Use some of all on the front of the quilt. You are on your own for backing and binding.

**OUTREACH:** Sew Day scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2019, 10am - 4pm, at Starmount Presbyterian Church where we have our meetings. Please mark your calendars. We will have our usual Community Outreach sewing projects. Please remember to check your donation quilts for hanging threads and for open seams. Please sew on a PQG label (available at Community Outreach table). Sign your donation quilts in so that you can receive your Quilt Money!

**QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE:** Samples of items suggested for the Boutique will be set up at our May meeting. Please check these out and make suggestions about the items shown and suggestions for others. A suggestion form will be at the table so that you can record your ideas. Remember our show comes just before Easter and Mother's Day next year. Supplies to work on these products will be on hand at the June 22 Sew Day.

**QUILT SHOW:** 2020 Kaleidoscope of Quilts. The next quilt show committee meeting will be on May 8th, 7:15 p.m., Benjamin Branch Library, 1530 Benjamin Parkway. We have 20 committees and 3 are still in need of chairs. Volunteer if possible -- we need everyone's assistance. Below is our proposed budget for member perusal and approval.

### 2020 PQG Quilt Show – Proposed Budget

#### **Proposed Expenses:**

Site Rental = \$1,500    Insurance = \$ 200    Publicity = \$350    Door Prizes = \$50 (mailing costs)

Judge's Fee = \$ 700    Raffle Quilt = \$500    Raffle Quilt Tickets = \$ 300    Reception = \$100

Programs = \$ 800    Challenge Quilt = \$0    Ribbons = \$300    Show Equipment = \$ 200

Boutique = \$ 250    Miscellaneous = \$ 100

**Proposed Total                    =        \$5,350**

**STRIP CLUB:** The Strip Club theme for the month of May is **batiks**.. Strips have to be 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric, (like Jelly Roll Strips). Up to 6 strips per person per drawing. They **MUST** be cotton please. For each strip you will have 1 chance to enter the drawing for the total strips we collect each month. (exp: 6 strips = 6 chances) Contact Betty Green for any questions you may have.

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH:** Each block will measure 12" square. All patterns can be found on <http://www.quilterscache.com>. Blocks made from the "Scrap Sampler Quilt" will earn you \$100, whereas Seasonal blocks will earn you \$200 in Quilt Money. I can't wait to see all your beautiful creations.

**May Blocks:** Scrap Sampler: Sawtooth Square.

Seasonal Sampler: Texas Rose **OR** Double Aster **OR** Birds in the Air

**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

### **FOR SALE**

Organize your patterns, quilt books, fat qtrs, etc. in a tall 5 drawer Antique metal file cabinet. Dark green, in great condition with regular size drawers. Includes many green hanging folders. \$50 contact Betty Green at 336-509-5699.

**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:**

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

**Quilters Unlimited:** "Sea to Shining Sea" May 31 thru June 2, 2019 Dulles Expo Center 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly VA

**The Quilting Expo:** July 19 and 20, 2019, Jamil Shriners Temple, 206 Jamil Rd, Columbia SC 29210