

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

October 2017

Next Meeting: October 12, 2017

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

Gather – 6:30 PM

Meeting - 7:15 PM

President's Message

It's finally fall! The weather is changing fast and the cooler temps have me thinking about the up-coming celebrations with friends and family. I have started to make some small quick and easy gifts. Have you? If so please bring them for show and tell. I would appreciate having some more ideas.

For the last meetings of this year we will be having some interesting programs and a lot of fun! I really enjoyed our speaker Cath Evans last month. I learned a lot about threads and fabrics that I did not know. I'm looking forward to this month's guest Carol McDowell. We will also be hearing about and discussing the following: the quilt show, future show and raffle quilt, officers and committees for 2018 and our By-Laws revisions. Hope to see you at the meeting! Mary Jo

October Meeting

Carol McDowell will be joining us from the Foothills Quilters Guild in Elkin. She will speak on using men's ties in quilts. **She has asked that each member bring a man's tie and a small pair of scissors to the meeting.** It should be fun!

Upcoming Guild Programs

NOVEMBER – Vickie Clontz of Annie's Keepsakes will present a program on felted wool projects.

DECEMBER – An exciting program put on by all of us! We of course will enjoy our Annual Holiday Covered Dish meal. Also, taking place will be the drawing for our Raffle Quilt and our Auction using the Quilt Money we have earned this year.

Raffle ticket reminder!

The drawing for our "Butterflies & Blossoms" raffle quilt is December 14th at our guild meeting. Be sure to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money at the December meeting. If you will not be able to attend, please be sure to get your stubs and money to Debbie Walsh or send with another guild member who will be there. Please continue to sell those tickets! Thank you!

Quilt Show Wrap-up

Most of the Quilt Show is over but one aspect remains: Raffle Quilt ticket sales! Please continue to sell tickets because it is the biggest money maker of the Quilt Show and we have barely cleared \$3000. **There are only two months left to sell tickets!** The drawing for the quilt will be at the December meeting.

We want to extend a big Thank you! to all the guild members who helped make the Quilt Show a success in under 6 months! Our Committee Chairs were awesome and everyone worked together and got to know new people. Many visitors to the show commented on the variety of quilts, so a big round of applause for all of you who shared your quilts with us! There was one ribbon that was not awarded but we will present it at the October meeting!

October Birthdays

Barbara Wolfe 10/6

Debbie Walsh 10/31

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

Show and Tell at the September Meeting

Carol DeSantis - "Purple Blocks" renamed "TV Test Pattern" for Charity, 9-Patch and Christmas 9-Patch from Marjorie Johnson's block both for Charity

Donna Paulsen - Fishes Attic Window for Charity, "Mommy & Me" quilts (elephants), 5 wall hangings, 2 denim aprons, 2 children's activity bags, quilt with forest animals

Ann Johnson - Charity quilt

Patti Stiles - Serger quilt

Pat O'Rork - Marmaduke, Tigger & Pooh Bear quilt with race car backing (Garden Path pattern)

Rosemarie Ameen - Selvedge tree pillow *won 1st place at quilt retreat, 2 Halloween quilt projects

Debbie Walsh - Umbrella

Lillian Adcock - "Judy, It's a Blizzard" modern quilt (deconstructed block)

*** 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. **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 for me to list every quilt and give members all the information on each quilt. Thank you! Michele Owens

Membership

NEW MEMBERS

Please take a moment to welcome Beverly Brooks back to PQG! Also say hello to our new member Debbie Wayne! Debbie was also the first to turn in her 2018 Membership Application! Welcome!

2018 MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

We are looking forward to you rejoining the guild for 2018! Our membership year starts in January. Your Membership Application and Membership Fee are due in January if not paid sooner. **To reward you for paying your membership dues early, we will offer a \$5 discount off the regular membership cost of \$25 if you turn in or mail your completed Membership Application and Membership Fee (\$20 with discount) by October 31st.** The Senior Membership Fee (ages 70 and over) remains at your already discounted fee of \$10! New Membership Application forms will be available at the Membership Desk at the September guild meeting.

The subject of newsletters sent by US Mail was brought up at the last board meeting. We will continue the newsletter by US Mail for the remainder of 2017 to the members who have requested it. Starting in 2018 **members may either pay a \$10 fee to receive newsletters by US Mail** or choose to receive it by email or find it on the website each month. Please be sure to use a revised 2018 Membership Application so you can select this option if needed. Please speak with Michelle, Linda, Teresa or Mary Jo if you have any questions. Thank you!

2017 MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!

As we pass the halfway mark of our Membership year we are reducing the Membership Fee! Regular Membership Fee for 2017 will now be \$15 instead of \$25. (The Senior Membership fee remains at \$10.) You can find an Application on our website (Membership tab) or pick one up at the Membership desk during our monthly meetings. Please invite a friend to join our group!

2017 MEMBERSHIP LIST

We have updated the PQG Membership list to include everyone that has turned in a completed membership application and paid their dues. (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!

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, Quilt Show information and more.

Guild Activities and Opportunities

STRIP CLUB

The strip club theme for this month is stripes. Strips should be 2 1/2 inches wide 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.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We will have a new block of the month starting in 2018 that will focus on our Pioneer Heritage. Stay tuned! 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.

TALENT FOR HIRE LIST

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.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Other Events

*** 35th Annual Asheville Quilt Show – "All Things Bright and Beautiful" WNC Ag Center, I-26, exit 40, Airport Rd, Gate 5, across from the Asheville Airport, September 29 - October 1, 9-5 Friday and Saturday, 10-4:30 Sunday, Admission \$7 – free parking, over 400 quilts from all over the US, 25+ unique vendors

*** The Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – October 5, 6, & 7, Fredericksburg VA at the Fredericksburg Expo Center - For more information: 800.699.6309

*** Cabarrus Quilters' Guild – Quilt and Fiber Arts Show, October 13-14, 9am – 4pm, \$7 Admission Cabarrus Arena and Events Center – 4751 Hwy 49 N, Concord, NC 28025

*** Lee's Chapel UMC will have their fall bazaar on Oct 21 from 9am-2pm. Lots of quality crafts, quilted items, bake sale, yard art and jewelry.

*** Randolph Quilters' Guild – Symmetry, November 10-11, 10am to 5 pm – Admission \$5, Randolph County Senior Adult Center, 347 West Salisbury St. Asheboro NC 27203