

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

July, 2015

Next Meeting: July 9, 2015

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

6:30PM – Open House, Meeting & Social

July Meeting:

PQG OPEN HOUSE! Something new we are trying this year! Please invite anyone you know who sews or would like to learn how, or someone who might be interested in joining our guild. We will have volunteer greeters who will show anyone around who is new and let them know what we are all about. Volunteers - please stay around the front welcoming table with Pat Morris - she will let you know if someone needs assistance. Also, the two volunteers who will be at the "exhibit" table should please man the tables at the very beginning of the meeting and be able to explain some of the things that are on display. Business will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting and then the social hour will follow.

Members, please bring any quilt or smaller project to display on the tables - please make sure you label the item with your name. This gives prospective members an idea of what we do and what fun things they can do if they join up with us. This is your time to shine and show off your talents - bring a quilted piece in - and if it's a ribbon winner - bring the ribbon in with it!

We are also asking members to bring a favorite finger food to share with members and guests for the evening. Beverages will be provided by the guild. The meeting will start a little earlier at 6:30 and there will be lots of door prizes throughout the evening. You must be present to win. This will be a fun evening for everyone!

July Birthdays:

Linda Chappell	7/10
Gail White	7/22

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

Upcoming Meetings:

August Meeting: August 13 - We will be starting our first Block of the Month, a red and white Hunter's Star! Please bring your sewing machines and necessary cutting tools, thread and cutting mat. Two fat quarters are all that is needed to make one block. A materials list will be available at the front Programs and Workshops table. Anyone who can bring extra extension cords for the sewing machines and irons - please do. The guild will bring some but we will need extra if everyone participates. Any blocks that you wish to donate to the guild will be made into quilts for charity. The committee asks that everyone make a red and white block at this meeting so we can do that if we have enough donated blocks. The instruction sheet and pattern are free to members and \$10.00 to non-members. If you know anyone from another guild who would like to join us - please ask them - the more the merrier!

We will also have scissor sharpening at this meeting - so bring your knives and scissors with you. Prices range from \$4 to \$7 for the sharpening.

September Meeting: September 10th - Our guest speaker will be "Hissyfitz" who will provide us with a Trunk show and a program on "Why didn't I think of that?" - tips and tricks for sewing short cuts.

September 12th - 10 - 4 pm Saturday workshop at Lee's Chapel Church Fellowship Hall, on Lee's Chapel Road in Greensboro. Hissyfitz will demonstrate fusible applique on a fall "gourds" wall hanging. Learn lots of shortcuts on how to do this easy way of appliqué. Members fee is \$40.00 and non-members \$60.00 for the workshop. A supply list will be available at the August meeting. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to make a beautiful fall wall hanging. Class is limited to 15 people, so sign up soon.

Other Events:

August Road Trip! Friday, August 14, from 10 - 3 will be our field trip to Spoonflower and a Quilt Shop Hop, with lunch in between. Mary Ann Rhodes is in charge of the trip. Member's fee for the trip is \$15.00 and non-members is \$25.00. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch purchase at Great Harvest Bakery in Chapel Hill and we will be setting up car-pooling for the trip. The sooner you sign up the better! Don't miss the chance to see a great opportunity to let your creativity soar! Please sign up at the Programs and Workshops table.

Barn Quilts Workshop! August 8 - The 4'x4' Barn Quilt Workshop to be held at Lee's Chapel Lutheran Church grounds on Lee's Chapel Road in Greensboro, from 10 - 2 pm. If you haven't already signed up for this workshop, please do so at the July meeting. There are limited spaces available. A list of supplies will be available at the front table for Programs and Workshops. Fee for the class is \$20.00. This class is being held outdoors, so the rain date for the class is Sunday August 9.

UFO Challenge! Last chance for UFO Challenge sign ups at the August meeting! Prizes will be given to the top three pieces to be judged by guild members. If you don't complete your UFO by the October meeting - you owe the guild \$5.00. Sign up now for a chance to win and to finish up one of those UFO's

Show & Tell at the June Guild Meeting:

Linda Fishell	6 charity quilts
Joan Jamrog	BOM Ripples and Reflections quilt
Bea Mandel	Queen size Stack, Whack, and Shuffle
Michelle Owens, Lillian Adcock, Linda Ryan, Donna Snyder and Susan Braun	Friendship quilt and 2 charity quilts
Jane Weinstein	New Twist on a T-Shirt quilt
Community Outreach	streamers and 3 charity quilts
Lillian Adcock	Elmo

Guild Activities and Opportunities:

Community Outreach will be meeting at Ye Olde Forest Quilt Shop the first Monday of each month between 1pm and 5pm. We will be sewing on projects for the various charities PQG supports. Please feel free to bring your own future charity quilt or try new projects planned for the session.

Please bring all necessary sewing supplies and your machine. Kelley and Joanne are letting us use the classroom area at Ye Olde Forest. The shop is located at 3005 South Elm-Eugene Street in Greensboro. Plan to join us on July 6 or August 3.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, July 18 at Mendenhall Plantation's Village Fair. The Piedmont Quilters' Guild will have a tent at this event to demonstrate quilting, sell items leftover from the Quilt Show Boutique and talk to visitors about quilting and our guild. Mendenhall Plantation is located in Jamestown NC across from High Point City Lake Park. You can volunteer from 9:15 am to 1pm (includes setting up the booth) or 1pm to 4:30 pm (includes taking down the booth). Please contact Michelle Owens (mowens3@yahoo.com) if you are available to help! You will need to bring a lawn chair, hand-work or hand-quilting to demo and quilts to show.

Parking is available for loading and unloading only in the Mendenhall Plantation parking lot. Volunteers must park across the street in the High Point City Lake parking lot. A police officer will be directing traffic so you can cross the street safely. Food and drinks are available at the Village Fair. Restrooms are also available onsite.

Another opportunity to volunteer is the Day in the Park Festival on Saturday, September 19 held at High Point City Lake Park. We have demonstrated quilting at this event for many years in the Heritage Crafts section of the festival. Please mark this date on your calendar. The contact for this event is Michelle Owens.

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 (tcrouzer@yahoo.com), the guild newsletter editor.

Our website receives inquiries about custom quilting, quilt repairs, t-shirt quilts, memory quilts, etc. If you are interested in being a “Talent for Hire” quilter, please contact Michelle Owen.

Member Spotlight

Nine years ago, when Bea Mandel moved here from Buffalo, NY, she caught the quilting bug. Her daughter gave her the Stargazer Lily quilt book, and since she already knew how to sew, she gave it a try and has been quilting ever since.

Bea likes all parts of quilting, but really enjoys choosing the fabrics. She has made the Frank Lloyd Wright quilt pattern 3 times!

She enjoys taking classes, just finishing up the Quilters Academy #3 (and wishes she would have taken #1 and #2 first!) and also has enjoyed classes with Scott Murkin. Paying it forward, she is teaching a friend’s sister how to quilt, and enjoys that process as well.

Right now Bea is finishing up the commissioned Stack and Whack she showed at the last Show and Tell, is doing a couple of charity quilts, and has a Judy Niemeyer quilt top left to quilt. She has a stack of 6" squares that she uses as “leaders and enders” and says it takes no time at all to make a charity quilt using this method.

Bea has won several ribbons at our quilt shows. She says that she really enjoys our Show and Tell time at guild meetings as it gives her inspiration. She finds quilting fun and is an area she can be creative in.

Other Opportunities and Travel

The Center for Creative Leadership is planning a show of quilts made by our guild members for November, 2015 through March, 2016. They will hold a wine and cheese reception for us in January of 2016 at their facility. You may put a price on any quilt you enter in this show. Contact Barbara Wolfe if you are interested.