



Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, NC

November 2014

I love quilters! We hoard our scraps in hopes of doing something creative with them "someday." And then someone suggests dog beds and suddenly our little bits of fabric have a useful purpose. Word spreads and quilters start bringing bags of scraps to the quilt shop. I'd guess we have donated about 2 or 3 dozen beds in just a few months. If you want to make a pet bed the shelter prefers no larger than 24" square.

Fall is such a great season. The gorgeous leaves make my creative juices flow. It's delightful to quilt holiday gifts in front of open windows. I just hope I have enough time to finish all my projects. I'll be traveling from mid-November to mid-December. I have to have all gifts finished and wrapped before I leave and I feel like the holidays are roaring at me like a freight train.

On Thanksgiving I'll be giving thanks for family, friends, quilters and my incredible stash!

"My soul is fed by needle and thread." Barbara Wolfe

Next Meeting

November 13, 2014
Place: Starmount
Presbyterian, 3501 W.
Market St., Greensboro

4:00 - Git 'er Done
6:45 - Set up and social
7:15 - Meeting

Program ----->>>>>

Greeters:

Birthday folks (see pg 3)

Bring to Meeting:

Handmade Name Tags
Show and Tell

Newsletter Deadline:

Always the 20th - Please
email newsletter informa-
tion to Rosemary at -
news@piedmontquilts.org

November Meeting

Suzi Parron discovered barn quilts on a trip through Kentucky in 2008. She documented over one thousand barn quilts in the process of writing her 2012 book, "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement." A former high school English teacher, Suzi now travels full time, both presenting lectures about barn quilts and working on her second book.

In her talk, Suzi will take us on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art. Suzi's hour-long presentation features over one hundred stunning photographs of barn quilts, some of which rival cloth quilts in their intricacy. You will hear stories of some of the individuals who have painted quilt blocks to honor loved ones or their local culture, along with a few humorous anecdotes. The program is both informative and entertaining, as Suzi explores the way in which our quilting heritage takes on new meaning as this movement continues to expand.

Suzi will have kits, books, and calendars with her - a perfect opportunity for some holiday shopping for yourself or a friend.

There will be no workshop this month.

Nominations

Pres.	Joanne Jones
Pres Elect	Pam Prochazka
Sec.	Mary Jo Wimberly
Treas.	Sandy Huffine
Membership	Pat Morris
Historian	Linda Grogan
Programs/workshops	Jackie Russell
Community Outreach	Susan Tanzer
Hospitality	Kelly Jones
Website	Caryn Wright

We are in need of a newsletter editor. This isn't a hard job, just a few hours each month, and after you've done it a time or two, it goes quicker. I've been doing it for several years, and with some personal changes coming up really need someone else to step up and take this on. Caryn is staying on with the web site, so you don't have to worry about that part of it. - Rosemary

Show and Tell - October

Ann Johnson - Flip Flop quilt for her niece who loves everything "flip flop" and two blue-work embroidered table runners "Snowpeople" from a kit she purchased at the Hampton Roads show
Carol DeSantis - 9 pet beds (Reminder: Empty bed bags are needed! Bring to Barbara Wolfe and Becky Hayes.)
Bea Mandel - Red, black and white leftovers from a "Floating Star" quilt were used to make a child's quilt

Member Spotlight

This month's spotlight is on Jackie Russell, a PQG member for 2 years, and who is currently on the workshops and programs committee of the guild. Many of you may know Jackie from the watercolor class she taught not too long ago...the small quilts depicting pumpkins, or a candle. Jackie started quilting in 1982 when she made her children giant log cabin pillows to use while watching tv. She didn't really know anything about quilting, so just winged it, and the children loved them. She continued to quilt, picking up her knowledge thru books, but then thought that there must be an easier way. In 2000, she started taking Adult Ed quilting classes, and continued for 4 years. She learned a lot of short cuts and tips, and because of these classes, she loves to try new things and designs her own quilts. Picking the colors out for a quilt is her favorite part of quilting. There are so many color combinations, and each combination gives the quilt a different feel, that it is a challenge for her. Her all time favorite quilt is the Texas Lonestar, of which she has made several and given away. Someday she plans on making one for herself. This year she entered 5 quilts in the show, and came home with two ribbons, one for the challenge quilt and one for a geometric, gold, mossy green and predominantly black quilt called Autumn Evening. Autumn Evening is her all-time favorite quilt of all the ones she has done. Currently she is working on 2 projects. The first is a little wall hanging that she saw on line, (possibly on Craftsy) made of 3 1/2 inch hearts. She figured it out on her own, although it took a few tries to get the measurements right. The second big project is a commissioned queen size Wedding Ring quilt for a June wedding of next year. Jackie's parting words are that quilting is keeping her sane, and that anybody who quilts doesn't need a psychiatrist!

Happy Birthday

Lydia Goode
Ruth Hamilton
Mary Jo Wimberly
Debbie Feulner
Jane Weinstein

** greeters, help set-up/clean-up, hold quilts
for show & tell and speaker

Please welcome our new member

Linda Clark

Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

December - Christmas Party and Holiday Dinner ! Please be thinking of something yummy to bring and share at our dinner. Members have never failed to disappoint at this one. Good cheer will abound as we welcome in the holiday season with a special treat at this meeting. Stay tuned !

January - We will be hosting Gate City Quilt Guild and their speaker - Janice Pope. Janice's blog site "Anything but Boring" is all about coming up with new and innovative designs for everyday quilting projects. She has taught both domestically and internationally.

Janice has created and carried her own style of purses for several years and now her patterns are available for everyone. Her patterns are known to be quick and easy and she thinks that's the way it should be!

(In case you were wondering, Gate City's regular meeting night would be January 1. They asked if they could visit our meeting and provide the speaker. We were happy to accept their offer. Our January speaker is local and will be rescheduled.)

Newsletter Advertising

We now offer advertising in the newsletter. It is free for PQG members. Others will be charged \$15 for a business card size and \$25 for a 1/4 page.

We will run free ads for the following:

- estate sales
- museum special shows
- other guilds

We will not email the group for shop announcements or sales.

We will include an announcement of a new shop in the newsletter once at no charge.

Keep up to date on upcoming quilt shows, vendor shows, retreats, and shop hops! Check them out at http://www.quiltersresources.net/quiltshows_nc.html

We will continue to highlight nearby shows in this space next spring.

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