

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

March, 2016

Next Meeting: March 10, 2016

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

Gather - 6:30PM Meeting - 7:15PM

March Birthdays:

Carol Nelson	3/2
Pat Morris	3/4
Karen Harlee	3/7
Bonnie Lawrence	3/9
Elizabeth Murray	3/12
Bea Mandel	3/23
Peggy Mitchell	3/29
Lucille Amos	3/29

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

Upcoming Meetings/Workshops

Please remember that a new year is a wonderful time to begin a quilting project or to pull out and finish that UFO. A new year also means it's time to renew your PQG membership so you can continue to receive the Guild newsletter.

Strip Club for March - STRIPES! Any color, any width striped fabric. Each strip must measure 2 1/2" wide by the width of the fabric (usually 44 or 45" wide) Each member may contribute 1, 2, or 3 strips (no more than 3) to get one chance to win the Strip Club of the Month. The winning member gets to choose the color and or texture for the next month. So cut them today and get them ready for the meeting - our numbers for the donations have increased at every meeting. Let's keep up the good work.

Block of the Month - Strippy Stripes - A fun way to use your coordinating stash fabrics. Each block is 12" finished size and any fabric combination can be used. See the block at the front door as you come in for the meeting and let the creativity in you soar!

PQG Quilter's Cash is back! Come to the March meeting and earn quilter's currency. Wear your quilted name tag and earn even more! There will be lots of ways to earn PQG Cash this year. Even better, this currency will be the only acceptable auction currency at our end of the year Pot Luck and Social.

National Quilting Day – March 19, 2016

A Brief History of National Quilting Day

In 1989, the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society organized a "Quilters' Day Out" on the third Saturday of March to celebrate the rich tradition of quilt making in Kentucky. In 1991, the NQA officers were so enthused with the concept and success of "Quilters' Day Out" that they voted to take it to a national level.

The first National Quilting Day was observed in 1992 and since then it has grown into a global celebration for all quilt makers and quilt lovers. Helen Storbeck, one of the founders of National Quilting Day, wrote in The Quilting Quarterly, "Groups of quilters were encouraged to hold special events, publishers and shop owners were invited to sponsor promotions especially for quilters and it quickly became a grassroots endeavor with quilters in every part of the country participating. In the first year of National Quilting Day, quilters in other countries asked to participate. They were welcomed with open arms. As our feelings of a community network have evolved to include a world community, it is only appropriate that quilters and quilt lovers everywhere united to give recognition to the special art form."

Mark your calendar for the third Saturday in March every year and celebrate National Quilting Day!

Show and Tell at the February meeting

Barbara Wolfe	Fishing Fun Tournament Time, 2 T-shirt quilts
Carol DeSantis	Orphan block donation quilt and a dog bed
Margaret Regan	Kind Quilts, Block of the Month table runner
Ann Johnson	Kind Quilt
Jackie Russell	Lap quilt Rainbow Roman Squares, and 2 table runners, 10 minute quilts
Pat Morris	Lap quilt and a wall hanging
Patti Styles	4 charity quilts
Jane Weinstein	baby quilt
Elsie Hutchens	2 tree of life wall applique wall hangings
Gail Lott	Traditional quilt and circles quilt
Mary Jo Wimberly	Hexagon table mat

Quote of the Month

“Lead me not into temptation. I can find my own way to the quilt shop.”

Guild Activities and Opportunities

We still have board openings for community outreach, historian, and website.

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.

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.