

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

July, 2020

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2020

LOCATION: Your Home on Your Computer or Smartphone via Zoom

TIME: 7:00 pm (The Zoom link will be sent out on July 6th via your email)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Here we are in the midst of the heat of summer, humidity, pop up storms, and staying safe at home during the 2020 COVID pandemic. Let's celebrate summer as we celebrate Independence Day! For me summer is working in my small garden, watching the hummingbirds, smelling all the wonderful flowers, taking naps in the heat of the day, swatting at bugs, dashing through sudden storms to feed the animals, sewing in the evenings, and traveling to see family and friends when and where it's safe. This year with having to limit contact with others, I seem to be reflecting more, and moving more slowly outside while enjoying summer wonders. Keep dreaming, planning and quilting to your heart's desire this summer...See you at the Zoom meeting next week....Betty

PROGRAM: The Art of Japanese Shibori Fabric Dyeing-This month's program will explain the techniques and history of Japanese Shibori fabric dyeing. We'll explore the history of the process and then demonstrate how to dye the fabric so that you can easily do this at home. If you decide you would like to try this, these are the materials you will need :

1 yard 100 % cotton - washed and dried (Kona cotton or Premium Muslin is recommended)

1 pkg Rit Dye (preferably a darker color or Indigo)

1 cup of regular salt

Hot tap water for the dye

several elastic bands

latex gloves

1 large plastic tub or you can use your kitchen sink.

JULY BIRTHDAYS: Prella Tucker-7/1, Jane Schwartz- 7/2, Gail White-7/22 and Ann Johnson-7/31.

SHOW AND TELL: Be prepared to show off your latest projects at the Zoom meeting and/or you can post your show and tell on the PQG Facebook page.

CHARM SQUARES: Remember to keep up with your monthly themed 5" charm squares.

SPECIAL RAFFLE: "Fireflies & Other Night Lights" made by Scott Murkin

Limit of only 150 tickets to be sold! Tickets are \$5 each Size: 84.5" x 96.5"

We will draw for this quilt when all tickets are sold. Buying one ticket will give you a one in 150 chance of winning! Michelle Owens has raffle tickets for this quilt. Please contact her if you would like to purchase tickets or if you've sold tickets. Tickets will be available at the next meeting. A picture of the quilt and quilt information is attached. Thank you!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: A quick reminder of Natty Greene's Good works Wednesday On Sept 16. (Pending pandemic improvements)....Carol

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 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! Updates on our 2020 Quilt Show will be added to the QUILT SHOW page.

MEMBERSHIP: We will have 2020 Membership applications available at the Membership Desk at all meetings. Applications can also be downloaded from our website.

****Rate Special**** Starting July 1st NEW members will be able to join our guild at a special rate of \$15.00 to cover the remainder of 2020. (Senior memberships remain at \$10.00.)

Membership dues will increase in 2021.

New Member: Please welcome our newest guild member, **Carolyn Burgess**.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: You are receiving the 2020 Membership List as an attachment with this newsletter. The list is formatted to be printed on Legal paper (8.5" x 14"). If you do not see your

name, that may mean your membership fee for 2020 has not been paid.

Please stop by the Membership Desk at the next meeting so you are sure to continue to receive the monthly newsletters. You can use the codes under "Special Interests" (column I) to find other members in the guild who have similar interests as you. Do you want to join a quilting bee? Use the list to find any members who have noted "e" then contact them about creating a quilting bee. Do you want to talk with someone who is interested in quilted clothing? Look at the list for any members who have noted "r" then give them a call.

ADVERTISING: Advertising in the Guild newsletter is 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: None