

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

April, 2020

NEXT MEETING: To Be Announced

LOCATION:

TIME:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hello "Stay at Home" Guild members!! I know everyone is doing their part to stay safe and keep others safe from the COVID-19 virus. With that being said, we also are welcoming in **Spring**, long awaited by me for sure. I hope you are enjoying our nice weather and maybe having time to finish the outdoor projects you put off so long when we are all running to meetings and work daily.

I have heard some of you are working on new quilt projects, UFO's, charity quilts, and masks for personal use. Keeping busy helps if you are bored or this temporary isolation isn't your thing. If anyone gets to feeling overwhelmed or lonely please reach out to a friend, a PQG member, or family member. Please also check in on older friends or neighbors and see that they aren't in need of anything and afraid to go out or need someone to just talk to. **WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND CAN WEATHER THIS TOO!!!**

We are restarting something I remember the Guild did years ago—sending cards to those in the Guild that are sick, in the hospital, have a death in the family, etc. Pat O'Rork has volunteered to do this for now and if you hear of anyone or you yourself are sick, etc., please contact Pat.

As per the President and Governors' directives, we will **NOT** be having an April Guild meeting and we will have to "wait and see" about a May meeting. In your "spare" time please remember to cut out your April 5" Charm squares of either Easter fabric or a Yellow fabric. Label them in a baggie for when we do meet. Some of you that missed our March meeting, please also bag up your March charms to turn in the next time we meet and let us check you off as caught up. I am enjoying seeing the different fabrics everyone is turning in for the Charm Swap and by the end of the year you will have a nice stash to use in a variety of ways.

We, the Board and Quilt Show Committee, have not decided/voted on whether to have a show this year or wait till next year. Any suggestions can be sent to me or Pat O'Rork as we wait out the virus. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on getting the Show ready and I know what a disappointment it was cancelling to all of us. Take care and be safe, hope to see you all soon. Betty

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!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: James Bowles - 4/13, Elsie Hutchens - 4/14, Cass Mather - 4/23, and Michelle Volkmann - 4/30. Take some time to wish our April birthday members happy birthday since we won't be able to celebrate them in person.

SHOW & TELL: We had a large number of members participate in Show and Tell at the March meeting. The decision to delay the quilt show was made and members had lots of quilts with them that they had planned to turn in for the show.

March Show & Tell: Vonnie Allison-Batik star donation quilt, Dr. Seus quilt top. Carol DeSantis--two Geese and Hearts charity quilts, 4 quilts made and donated by sister Pam Watson (Criss-Cross Baby Girl, Bugs Bunny, Pink 4 block baby quilt and Calico vintage quilt), and 2 dog beds. Ann Johnson- charity quilt. Margaret Kreis-baby balls for Boutique. Michelle Owens- Victoria Class of 2020 and "Red White and True-Memories of Mother". Bette Brownlow-"Looking through the Castle Window," "Emerging from the Mist," "Islands in the Stream," and "Bunny in the Sky with Diamonds." Mary Ann Rhoades-string star from antique shop. Jackie Russell- "Spring Garden," "Desert Sky," "You are My Sunshine," Butterfly Dreams," and Monopoly Day challenge quilt. Rosemary Tyson- "Trillium," "Autumn Snow," "Sunshine over Water," "Forest and Sky," "Unboxed," and I Want You to be Happy Day challenge quilt. Lizabeth Johnson-No Bra Day challenge quilt

2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: We will have 2020 Membership applications available at the Membership Desk at the next meeting. Applications can also be downloaded from our website. As before the regular membership fee for ages 16 to 69 is \$25 and the Senior membership fee for ages 70 and over is \$10. We prefer to email your monthly newsletter to you but if you need to have your newsletter by mail there is a \$10 fee. Please note this question at the top of your application. The Membership year begins in January. We would appreciate receiving your application and dues as soon as possible. I will have 2020 Membership Cards available at the March meeting for those who have paid their membership fee. You may get a discount at quilt shops and with vendors at quilt shows. Please ask at the shops and shows.

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Good Works Wednesday, scheduled for April 15, has been **cancelled**. Natty Greene's BrewPub is closed.

If you are looking for an adventure, join me in Bonnie Hunter's impromptu Mystery/Quilt Along that starts on Monday March 30. Unlike her mystery quilts you will see each step added to an original center medallion so you see what it's going to look like before the very end! Look up "Quiltville.blogspot.com" and see the entries for the UNITY -Sew in Place Quilt Along. Or now would be a good time to finish UFOs or put together a charity quilt or two. Stay safe!

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.

Ad: Betty @ craftmyway1@aol.com has an urgent need to buy or borrow a used indoor large wire dog cage to be used for training, for a dog weighing 40 to 50 pounds.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Foothills Quilters will host a small nature themed quilt show as part of the NC Trail Days celebration in Elkin on June 4-7. The show will be at the Heritage and Trails Center, 257 W Standard St., Elkin NC. Go to <http://www.nctraildays.com> for more information on the festival.