

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

January, 2017

Next Meeting: January 12, 2017

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

Gather - 6:30 PM

Meeting - 7:15 PM

President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed our Holiday meeting in December as much as I did. The food was great! The "Quilt Money Auction" was a lot of fun – especially the final bidding on the fabric!

It's hard to believe that it is a new year already. Last year went very quickly and I'm sure that this year will as well! As I think about 2017, and yes I did make some resolutions – just like I do every year, one includes working on my quilting PHD (Projects Half Done). Maybe I'll get some of them 3/4's done or even finished. Wouldn't that be great!

I believe that as a Quilt Guild we have a lot to look forward to this year. I am looking forward to working with each of you and with your participation we will make it a fantastic, productive and fun year.

See you at our next meeting.

Mary Jo

PS – don't forget to bring a batik fat quarter with you.

Strip Club

The Strip Club will be doing something a little different this year: 1. Drawings will still be monthly but you will be able to put your strips in for 3 months at a time, still only one to three strips per month please. The first quarter will be batiks. So, January, February and March will each be batiks and there will be a box for each month at the meeting. 2. There will be a quarterly drawing for neutrals. This will be cumulative and drawn at the March meeting. 3. At the end of each quarter will be an additional drawing for all Strip Club participants. The prize is yet to be determined but will be a charm pack or jelly roll or something similar.

Contact Debbie Walsh for any questions you may have.

*** Fabric Strips for the Strip Club are cut 2 ½-inches by the Width of the Fabric (WOF).

Show and Tell at the December Meeting

Carol DeSantis – donation floral nine-patch quilt, donation strip quilt, Twister quilt, modern half-square triangle quilt

Gail Lott - donation quilt made from Barbara Guest's donated UFO project

Margaret Regan - "Something Fishy" by Deb Karasik

Rosemarie Ameen - Jelly roll quilt from Fons & Porter Modern Patchwork, Christmas quilt, Studio box made from Christmas selvages

Carrol Knight - dog/cat snowball quilt and sports quilt for grandsons, jeans quilt

Cheryl Joines - stained glass center of king size commissioned quilt

*** Please be sure to sign up on the "Show & Tell" sheet found on the Membership table at each meeting. Give us the quilt name, who you made it for, color scheme, pattern, book or designer and any other information you might think we'd want to know. Thank you!

Alphabet Soup of Acronyms and Quilter's Lingo, FYI = for your information

BOM = Block of the Month, sometimes sold as a kit

FW = Featherweight, cute and collectible smaller sewing machine made by Singer from 1933 to 1969

GFG = Grandmother's Flower Garden, an English paper pieced quilt construction

HST = half square triangle, a versatile quilt block, lots of design possibilities, see group on Flickr.com

Nickel Squares = 5-inch squares of fabric, also known as Charm Squares, see *Nickel Quilts* books by Pat Speth

QAYG = quilt as you go while constructing the quilt, rather than making the top completely first, then sandwiching the top, batting, and backing, then quilting

Cold Weather Notice

Please remember: when cold weather threatens with ice and snow, if GTCC indicates their classes are closed on our meeting night, then our PQG meeting will be cancelled also.

January Birthdays

Michelle Owens	1/01
Lizabeth Johnson	1/03
Gail Lott	1/06
Carolyn Draper	1/12
Sandy Huffine	1/14
Paula Ginn	1/15
Joanne Jones	1/20
Tia Erden	1/29

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

Upcoming Meetings/Workshops

If anyone is interested in taking over doing the Block of the Month, please see Jackie at this next meeting. The last block of the month was offered at the August meeting. Twelve designs have been offered since last August and if anyone has made a quilt or something smaller from the blocks we'd love to see it, so bring it in for show and tell!

MEMBERSHIP

Please be sure to pay your 2017 Membership dues as soon as possible. We'd like to have as many members as possible paid up and in good standing when we come to the January meeting. Regular membership cost is \$25 and Senior Membership (age 70 and older) is \$10. You can turn in your application and dues at the monthly guild meeting or mail them to Michelle Owens (address on the Membership Application form). The Membership Application can also be found on the guild website (go to the Membership page) or I'll have some copies available at the Membership desk. Be sure to print or take an extra one and invite a friend to join with you!

Our email distribution list has been updated so all current members should be receiving their newsletter by email as requested. If anyone know someone not receiving a newsletter, please ask them to first check their Spam or Junk folder. Next they should speak to Joanne Jones to make sure there was no type-o on their email address or if they previously "Unsubscribed" from Ye Olde Forest Quilt Shop. 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.

Guild Activities and Opportunities

We still have a board opening for Guild Historian.

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.

TALENT FOR HIRE LIST

In our booth at Holiday Market we sold many items, heard many quilt stories and received lots of inquiries. In the next few weeks our website should receive many inquires looking for someone to help with a quilt related item. From what I understand most of the needs were for quilt repair, t-shirt quilts/memory quilts, long-arm quilting and hand quilting. Even if you think your name is already on the "Talent for Hire" list I would appreciate you contacting me to confirm your contact info and the types of quilting jobs you can be hired to do. I would like as many names as possible on this list. Please contact Michelle Owens at mowens3@yahoo.com or bring the written info to her at the Membership Desk.

HAND QUILTER NEEDED

Katie Sigmon is looking for someone to hand quilt three quilts and one throw. Are you interested? Or can you recommend someone or an organization? Katie is hoping to get these quilted soon so she can pass them on to her children and grandchildren. Any information would be appreciated! Please contact: Katie Sigmon at 336-288-5548.

OPPORTUNITY TO SELL YOUR ITEMS

If you are interested in selling your quilts and other quilted items, you may contact Debbie Salisbury at the Farm to Home Market in Uptown Roxboro (44 Gordon Street). The market is a retail location selling local, regional and NC products. You can check out their Facebook page FarmToHomeMarket. You can contact Debbie at Salisbury.deb@hotmail.com or 910-546-6010

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Other Events

27th Annual Myrtle Beach Quilt Party
January 19-21, 2017
Sea Trail Golf Resort and Conference Center
211 Clubhouse Road
Sunset Beach NC 28468

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza
January 27-28, 2017
Statesville Civic Center
300 South Center Street
Statesville NC 28677