

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

January, 2020

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2020

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

TIME: 6:30 pm Refreshments & Socializing 7:00 pm Meeting

JANUARY PROGRAM: We will have an "Off the Wall Quilt Show." You do not need to make anything for this show. Just look through your closets and shelves and find some of those gems you have created over the years. It is meant to be fun. Entries can be quilts, tops or blocks. The quilts will not be hung, but will be held up by their maker who must own up to making the item. There will be awards in each category. The audience will vote for their favorite by applause, whistles or cat calls. No boeing or hissing allowed. (**See the December Newsletter for all the categories.**)

Here are the rules: Don't be insulted if your quilt wins! Don't be insulted if your quilt does win!

Here is a chance to let those poor orphan quilts have their day in the spotlight! It's all in good fun, so look for your entries.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL from your new President! WELCOME to a new year of great quilt meetings and interacting with our wonderful members! Here's an "oldie" a member gave me that was in our 1993 newsletter that I thought you would enjoy. See everyone January 9th.

QUILTER'S QUANDARY

My quandary is, I have too much
fabric, thread, ideas and such.
My storage space has proved to be
inadequate for one like me.
And when I'm set to sew I find
some other task must take my time.

I've filled my boxes to the top.
They've overflowed! I've got to stop!
But when I find a perfect print
in blue and pink and maybe mint,
unless I leave the fabric store
I find I must buy it, plus more.

I have a stockpile big enough
to make ten quilts, but what is tough
is finding time to spend on quilts
without forsaking something else.
Alas, if moments I acquire
aren't used right then, they then expire.

I have such quilts inside my head!
I hope some day they'll grace a bed.
But like my fabric storage space
the time I have cannot keep pace
with what I dream I'd like to make
if I could work without a break.

My extra fabric's on the floor
(I hope that it won't block the door),
but extra time just can't be kept
in bags until the next project
So, I'll use my fabrics, one by one
as time permits, 'til dreams are done.

by Deborah DeRoche, seen in Quilt Chatter, newsletter Mar-April 1993

Board Meeting: The first 2020 board meeting will be Jan. 30th at 7pm in Benjamin Branch Library.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Michelle Owens 01/01, Lizabeth Johnson 01/03, Cheryl Lynn LeRoy 01/05,
Gail Lott 01/06, Betty Brownlow 01/08, and Caryn Wright 01/21.

Note: Members having birthdays each month are requested to bring refreshments for the meeting.

SHOW & TELL: 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 (family, friend or charity), color scheme, pattern, book or designer and any other information you might think we'd want to know. Please use a separate line for each item. I am happy to pull out another sign up sheet if our members fill up the first page. Sign it in as usual and then display your quilt(s) where you are sitting so others can see it up close before the meeting starts. It's a great chance to share your work and get ideas from each other.

December Show & Tell: Ann Johnson-charity quilt, Stephanie Santmyers-charity quilt, Keren Rotberg-jelly roll quilt, Betty Green-rainbow kid's quilt and Christmas Tree, Teresa Rouzer—"Winter Birds" wall hanging, Gail Lott-purple charity quilt, Susan Lulham-baby quilt, Mary Jo Wimberly-thread painting, Carol DeSantis-crooked courthouse scrap quilt, 3 homeless quick quilts, UNC set (tote, quilt and zippered bag) for the boutique, set of 3 stacking buckets for boutique, 1 dog bed, 4 charity quilts and a tote started by Martha Wood, and other zippered bags for boutique.

2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: We have 2020 Membership applications available at the Membership Desk at each meeting. Our year starts on January 1st so all 2020 Membership renewals are requested as soon as possible. Please help us get a start on the new year by completing your application now before you get too busy with the holidays. Applications can also be downloaded from our website.

NEW MEMBERS: A previous guild member rejoined in December for 2020! Please take a moment to welcome and introduce yourselves to Jane Schwartz.

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. Check this page for show dates and information, show meeting dates and show deadlines. I'll also add forms and posters for you to download as they become available. Please encourage friends to check out this page to see our beautiful raffle quilt!

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OUTREACH/BOUTIQUE: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We delivered 18 Totes for the homeless and 9 fleece/pre-quilted fabric (I made three more after our Dec meeting) to the Interactive Resource Center. [Interesting side note: the lady in charge asked if we could use some fabric that was donated. I don't know how to say 'No' and it turned out to be bolts of flannel in baby styles. It was in plastic so it was clean. We can do some baby sewing for the Boutique! Who has good patterns??] Also delivered 8 floral tote bags from the Martha Stouky donation to The Freedom House as well as the remainder of the airline courtesy bags. Our final total of charity quilts donated for the year is 113 quilts. Thanks to all those who contributed to the effort. To recap, in 2017 we produced 75 quilts and in 2018 we produced 103.

Update on Fundraiser at Natty Greene's: We have a new date for our Good Works Wednesday, It is April 15, 2020. More to come as time approaches.

Boutique: Please, please, please bring back the kits you took home to sew for the Boutique. There will be more available (baby bibs, small quilts, pillowcases, burp cloths and who knows what else??)

2020 KALEIDOSCOPE OF QUILTS: These are the dates/times for our March 20-21, 2020 committee meetings at the Benjamin Branch Public Library on Benjamin Parkway:

Jan. 14, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. (2nd Tuesday)

Feb. 11, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. (2nd Tuesday)

Mar. 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. (1st Tuesday)

Meeting agenda will be sent to committee chairs prior to each above meeting.

PQG quilt show basket raffle: We now have enough fabric, books and DVD's to fill 14 baskets (WOW!) for the show so no more donations are needed . Thanks to all who generously gave items to make these beautiful baskets happen.

STARTING THE 5" COTTON SQUARE SWAP FOR 2020, FEBRUARY

WE HAVE 10 SIGNED UP SO FAR, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST 5 MORE

There will be a SIGN UP SHEET out at the January meeting. We will start the swap in February.

Please sign up only if you will be able to participate every month. By the end of the year you will have a large stash of squares to make fun and colorful quilts.

IF ABSENT: You may send your squares by someone else or give to Betty G. or MaryJo W. if you will be absent for a meeting. The squares need to be labeled with your name and which month's swap it is for.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MONTHLY 5" CHARM SQUARE EXCHANGE

Each month the members participating will cut 5" cotton fabric squares to equal the number of members participating to swap with. (Example: 25 members signed up so you will cut 25 squares to bring) It will remain the same number for the year. A different theme is assigned for each month.

Please cut accurately and use only 100% cotton fabric.

You will sign in at the squares swap table each month so we can keep track of participants.

You will put your cut squares on the table in separate piles at the beginning of the meeting.

You will pick up your pile of collected cut squares at the end of the meeting, in order to not disrupt our program or if someone is running late and needs time to lay out their squares. Thank you and ENJOY!

THEMES FOR 2020:

<u>February</u>	Valentine or Pink's	<u>August</u>	Batiks, any color
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<u>March</u>	Children or Animals	<u>September</u>	Fall like: Leaves or Trees
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<u>April</u>	Easter or Yellow's	<u>October</u>	Halloween or Orange's
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<u>May</u>	Flowers or Green's	<u>November</u>	Thanksgiving or Brown's
<u>June</u>	Polka Dots or Balloons	<u>December</u>	Christmas or Holiday them
<u>July</u>	Patriotic symbols or Red, white, blue		

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.

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