

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

March, 2018

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018

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

Social: 6:45 PM

Meeting: 7:15 PM

President's Notes

A look at a quilter's view of housework:

~ Vacuuming too often weakens the carpet fibers. Say this with a serious face, and shudder delicately whenever anyone mentions CarpetFresh.

~ Dust bunnies cannot evolve into dust rhinos when disturbed. Rename the area under the couch "The Galapagos Islands" and claim an ecological exemption.

~ Layers of dirty film on windows and screens provide a helpful filter against harmful and aging rays from the sun. Call it an SPF factor of 5 and leave it alone.

Let us all be mindful of turning off our cell phones during our meetings and showing our guest presenters our full attention. Thank you and I'll see you at the meeting! ~ Keren

March Meeting

Teresa Johnson-Crews (one of our local area quilters), owner of TJC's Quilt Making Shoppe will present a program on making Memory and T-shirt quilts. She specializes in these two forms of quilts along with binding and long arm quilting.

National Quilting Day is March 17, 2018

In 1991, the National Quilting Association decided to create a special day to celebrate and inspire lovers of quilting and to encourage others to take up this charming and addictive craft. Quilting Day was born, and has been celebrated ever since by quilt and patchwork lovers every spring.

Birthdays in March: Karen Harllee 3/7 Lucille Amos 3/29

Note: Members having birthdays this month are requested to bring refreshments for the meeting,

Show and Tell in February

- Carol DeSantis - Denim quilt as you go for Donation, Winding ways quilt for Donation
- Betty Smith - Two panel baby quilts for Donation to the Women's Hospital
- Betty Green - Two children's quilt tops made with large squares, Fruit and Little Girl prints
- Carrol Knight - Twin-size Paisley quilt (fabric from Pineapple Fabrics), Flannel baby quilt (Connecting Threads kit)
- Ann Johnson - Scrappy quilt for Donation
- Barbara Wolfe - African Circle of Life wall hanging
- Gail Lott - Box of Crayons quilt for Donation
- Margaret Regan - Winding Ways quilt top for Donation
- Patti Stiles - Three quilts for Donation, Two pet beds, Two Blooming 9-Patch table runners, Bargello wall hanging

- Stephanie Santmyers - Rivers & Peaks
- Jackie Russell - Tote bag and mini-quilt wall hanging both from scraps
- Joanne Hawks - Quilted Valentine hearts for Assisted Living Check out www.IFoundAQuiltedHeart.com
- Elsie Hutchens - Antique quilt being donated to PQG for a Raffle Quilt Fundraiser! It was an appliqué summer quilt (no batting) made by her family in PA, the pattern is the Carolina Lily.
- Lillian Adcock - Modern beach-y colored throw-size quilt "Mrs. Yoder goes to Bali" (Batik fabrics on a black background)
- Canvas Quilt Blocks made at the January Meeting: Carol DeSantis, Jackie Russell, Michelle Owens, Lillian Adcock, Mary Jo Wimberly, Keren Rotberg

Please sign up on the "Show and Tell" sheet found on the Membership table at each meeting. List the quilt or project name or pattern, who you made it for, color scheme, pattern, book or designer that was your inspiration and any other information you'd like us to know. PLEASE USE A SEPARATE LINE FOR EACH ITEM. Another sign up sheet can be added if the first page fills up. Thank you!

2018 Membership and Newsletter Information

Please take a moment to welcome Karen Meredith and Jackie Russell back to our guild. Also, welcome and introduce yourself to new members Jane Schwartz and Patricia Parks. Thank you for joining PQG!

We are looking forward to you rejoining the guild for 2018! Our membership year starts in January. Your Membership Application and Membership Fee are now due. New Membership Application forms are available at the Membership Desk or on our website.

Beginning in 2018 members may either pay a **\$10 fee to receive newsletters by US Mail** or choose to receive it by email or find it on the website each month. Please be sure to use a revised 2018 Membership Application so you can select this option if needed. Please speak with Michelle, Linda, or Teresa if you have any questions.

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.

Guild Activities and Opportunities

Future Programs and Workshops

April 12, 2018 - Beverly Clement – Trunk show & fabric sale - Beverly has many quilts and other exciting items constructed from quilt fabric to show us. Fabric is also being brought for purchase. Bring a list of your fabric needs, you may just find it here.

April 14, 2018 - Beverly Clement – Workshop, April 14, Starmount Church Fellowship Hall, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost for members will be \$25.00. She has given us several choices to choose from (some will include kits at an extra charge). Please see Mary Jo at our March meeting to help pick the one we want and to sign up for the class.

May 10, 2018 - Michele J Linder, author of "Square Magic" will show us how to start with a quilt square and create magical block units. These magic squares are addictive! Michelle's wonderful way with squares yields dozens of variations and sizes that the newest quilter can use to create hundreds of beautiful blocks.

June 14, 2018 - Karen Stockwell, Fiber Artist will present "Round Robins", that share your skills, your ideas, creativity and part of yourselves with other quilting friends. A Round Robin is a great way to challenge yourself to reach beyond the way you've always done things. This lecture and trunk show will explain the process.

June 15, 2018 - Karen Stockwell - Class/Workshop, Deconstructed Wedding Rings - The Double Wedding Ring can be surprisingly versatile. What happens if you make the rings different sizes, and don't join them? How about adding some other elements? Let's play with modernizing an old favorite. And with a white or solid background, it can easily be a modern quilt. A 36" x 39" pattern required for the class is \$10 (included in the class fee) and contains full sized templates and directions for 3 different finishing techniques. Good for all skill levels. Sign up for 20 participants, our members only, will be available through Thursday, April 12 and the cost for members will be \$45. After April 12, we will open the class to members of other guilds. We will also be charging a \$5 admittance fee to non-members for Karen's presentation, on June 14, 2018.

July 12, 2018 * ** 6:30 PM start time! Our annual summer covered dish dinner – bring on your favorite picnic pot luck foods. We will have a guest and have fun with “Quilt Libs”.

Community Outreach

Sit and Sew will be on Sunday March 11 at Linda Ryan's from 1-4. We will continue on the three new patterns we started this year. You can see samples at the Community Outreach table.

Mark your calendar for the April Sit and Sew on Saturday, April 14 from 10-4 at Linda's (bring yourself a sandwich). Debbie Walsh will be doing a workshop on paper piecing.

Reminder: if you are bringing charity quilts for show and tell, sign up at the membership desk for show and tell, then stop by the Community Outreach table to sign in the donation and receive your \$1000 in quilt cash! We have a variety of charity quilt kits available, so stop by the Community Outreach table at our meetings to choose yours!

Homeless Totes: if you've completed any please turn them in at the Community Outreach table. If you took some home to complete and didn't, you can either turn them in to me or ask for help. I've written up brief directions. ~ Carol DeSantis

Strip Club

The strips will continue to be Batiks of any color for the 2.5-inch strips cut crosswise across your fabric. You may contribute a total of 3 strips for each monthly drawing.

Block of the Month

Our Block of the Month in Our Pioneer Heritage for March is Dakota Gold and can be found at <http://quilterscache.com/D/DakotaGoldBlock.html>. To review, the blocks for our Pioneer Heritage BOM this year have been: January, Alaska Homestead at <http://quilterscache.com/A/AlaskaHomesteadBlock.html>, and February, Broken Arrows at <http://quilterscache.com/B/BrokenArrowsBlock.html>.

Ahead, we will have Double Wrench in April, <http://quilterscache.com/D/DoubleWrenchBlock.html>, Farmer's Daughter in May, <http://quilterscache.com/F/FarmersDaughterBlock.html>, and for June, Fool's Square, <http://quilterscache.com/F/FoolsSquareBlock.html>.

The guidelines for this year long BOM are simple: the blocks need to measure a finished 10-inch size, you make one block each month for yourself in any colors you choose and a you make a second block in scrappy fabrics that will go to our Community Outreach supply for future donation quilts.

More Class Opportunities

Barbara Wellnitz and I will begin a 2-block-a-month class on The Underground Railroad on Sat March 17 from 10-4. This wonderful historic quilt can be made with 6" blocks or 12" blocks. Contact me at barb.wolfe8@gmail.com for dates, price and quilt information. Also, let me know if you are interested in a French Braid class. Thank you, Barbara Wolfe

How to Earn PQG Quilt Money

At each of our meetings and activities each member has the opportunity to earn PQG Quilt Money. The Board may announce other ways to earn money during the course of the year. Here's how:

Meetings

\$50.00 Meeting attendance	\$50.00 Wear Name Tag.	\$50.00 Birthday Month
\$100.00 Bring Show & Tell	\$100.00 Bring Refreshments	

Programs & Activities

\$500.00	Attend a Workshop	\$500.00	Attend charity sew day
\$500.00	Challenge Participation	\$2,000.00	Present a meeting program
\$2,000.00	Teach a Workshop	\$3,000.00	Chair a special program/challenge

Community Outreach

\$1,000.00	Charity quilt donation	\$1,000.00	Quilting Demo's to other members
\$1,000.00	"A Day in the Park"	\$100.00	Block of the Month donation

How to spend your money

At our December meeting (our end of the year holiday celebration) you will get to spend your money at an auction. The items for the auction will be donated by vendors, members, and others. In the past we have had fabric, quilting tools, art work, quilt books & patterns, gift cards and other surprises! It is a fun spirited auction!

Ads

We offer advertising in the Guild newsletter, free to our members. Others will be charged \$15 for a small ad and \$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

Contact Michelle Owens if you are interested in being hired to do quilting for the public and to confirm or change your information on file. We would like to have as many names of this list as possible. You can bring your information to Michelle at the Membership Desk at each meeting.

Upcoming Quilt Shows and Events for 2018

The first exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum for the 2018 Season opens February 20 through May 12. Hollis Chatelain, Hillsborough textile artist, will have her art quilts, created from her Stories of West Africa coloring book. On April 7, starting at 1:30, Hollis will present a lecture on West African Textiles. More information about this event can be found at www.vaquiltmuseum.org/events-1/

