

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

November, 2018

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 10, 2018 * Please note change of date and time!**

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

Time: 10 AM to 2 PM – Bring your lunch and sewing items listed below

President's Notes

Let us hope that hurricane season will be over soon and we can once again enjoy our guild meetings and fellowship with all our members. Our thread workshop with Cath Evans should prove to be helpful to all.

See you at the meeting!

~ Best regards, Keren

November 10th Meeting: Thread Workshop with Cath Evans

This workshop is all about thread and making thread work for you. We will cover general thread information that includes thread categories, thread types, distinguishing quality of cotton thread, spools vs. cones, thread twist, reading a thread label, bobbins, and much more.

The hands-on portion of this workshop focuses on thread tension. You'll learn to adjust (or not adjust) tension to eliminate thread breaks and achieve that perfect stitch. We'll make a tension chart (with the use of your machine) that will pinpoint the proper tension for each thread / bobbin combination.

The goal is to finish up with everyone saying "I love metallic thread!" Hint: it's all in the tension.

Materials List: there will be a \$20.00 kit that has most everything you will need. The kit includes: fabric, batting, bobbin threads, cotton piecing thread, cotton quilting thread, specialty threads such as poly monofilament, silk, mylar, metallic and three needles. You have the option to make up your own kit.

Other items to bring: sewing machine with a zig-zag stitch, hopefully this is the machine you use the most, but you can always repeat the exercises on that machine at home. Sewing machine manual, power cord, foot pedal standard presser foot, walking foot, extension cord, 2 **empty** bobbins, basic sewing notions, 4" x 14" or similar size ruler, and a fine Pigma Pen or Sharpie.

Bring your lunch and join your friends for this **free** fun and educational workshop!

Birthdays in November:

Lydia Goode 11/1, Mary Jo Wimberly 11/3, Karen Furr 11/4, Vonnie Allison 11/5, Rosemarie Ameen 11/13, Jane Weinstein 11/30

Note: Members having birthdays this month are requested to bring refreshments to the November 10th workshop.

Show & Tell - Items shown at our Community Outreach "Let's Make a Difference Day" on October 20th

Gail Lott, charity quilt

Betty Green, charity quilt

Ann Johnson, 2 charity quilts

Gail White, several charity quilts

Vonnie Allison, 2 bags, 2 t-shirt quilts, Postcard quilt for charity, Scrappy-Do-Dah quilt for charity

Shown by Carol DeSantis: Noah's Ark quilt by Donna Paulsen for charity, Batik double sided quilt by Pat O'Rork

for charity, Crayon box quilt, Flannel quilt, Blue sample blocks quilt, Red sample blocks, quilt by Michelle Volkmann for charity, teal/green/tan pieced top donated by Kathy Boynton for charity
By Carol Desantis: Dark green various squares; Yellow/brown lap quilt; Pink and blue small quilt; Vintage red/green/tan quilt; Children's flannel and fleece quilt; Offset triangles quilt; Large multi block 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 (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. It makes it easier on me to list every quilt and give members all the information on each quilt. Thank you!

December 13th Meeting: End of Year Celebration

Our final meeting of the year should be a thrilling and tasty one. We will be starting our meeting with dinner at 6:30 PM. Bring a covered dish and a guest if you wish. After enjoying all the delicious food, we will have a short business meeting to elect Officers for 2019 and maybe some other fun activities. Then we will hold the drawing for our Raffle Quilt, Show & Tell and finish with our Quilt Money Auction (where there will be lots of goodies for you to bid on!).

2019 Membership Applications

We will have 2019 Membership applications available at the Membership Desk at the November 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.

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 two raffle quilts plus information on each quilt is on the Raffle Quilt page. Please encourage friends to check out this page to see our beautiful raffle quilts!

Interested in joining a Round Robin?

Contact Linda Ryan who will lead the group in establishing the "rules" for our round robin. If you are interested please contact Linda - preferably by texting her on her cell phone or calling her on her home phone. The actual sewing for the round robin will not start until January of 2019.

Community Outreach

At our "Let's Make A Difference Day" of sewing for charity on Oct 20, we had 20 people attend, including 2 from the Greensboro Modern Quilt Guild. During the event we produced the following for our charities:
~ 8 pet pillows were assembled from donated scraps and were given to Betty Green for her cat rescue
~ Michelle reports that we now have over 60 fleece caps available to donate
~ several tote bags for the homeless were completed, and 5 more were turned in during Show and Tell for a current total on hand of 10
~ 17 charity quilts were received during Show and Tell and several others were started from kits or fabric on hand which we will see at future meetings

~ fabrics were cut for more kits and string blocks were made to be used in charity quilts.

Many thanks to all who participated. There will be no November Sit and Sew.

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! ~ Carol DeSantis

Strip Club

The strip club theme for the month of November is Green. Carrying over from Sept and Oct. missed meetings. Strips should be 2 1/2 inches wide by width of fabric. Up to 3 strips per person per drawing. Contact Betty Green for any questions you may have.

Block of the Month: Our Pioneer Heritage

November, Framed Four Patch, <http://quilterscache.com/F/FramedFourPatchBlock.html>,
December, Water Mill, <http://quilterscache.com/W/WatermillBlock.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 you make a second block in scrappy fabrics that will go to our Community Outreach supply for future donation quilts.

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 larger 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

Winston-Salem Quilts, 2018 – Show is Friday, November 2 from 9 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday, November 3 from 9AM to 4 PM at the Gateway YMCA, 1300 S. Main Street, downtown Winston-Salem. Vendors, Boutique, and Special Exhibits including Art Quilts, Modern Quilts, Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilts and more.

The 29th Annual Myrtle Beach Quilt Party for 2019 runs from January 17 through January 19, 2019. Registration began September 1, 2018 at www.mbgp.net. Questions? Call 704-607-5987 or contact myrtlebeachquiltparty@gmail.com.

For Sale: APQS Ultimate Long-arm

This is an awesome long-arm sewing machine. You can easily quilt a king size quilt with ease.

Ultimate 1, 26 inch throat, 12 foot table, ruler table, bobbin winder, laser light for pantograph patterns. The machine has been very well maintained.

Price: \$3500.00

Call me with questions, I will help set up and show you how to use it.
Jane Weinstein 336-707-8883