

Piedmont Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

October, 2020

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2020

LOCATION: Your Home on Your Computer or Smartphone via Zoom

TIME: 7:00 pm (The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday October 5th via your email)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: Welcome quilters to beautiful autumn, my favorite time of the year. After endless days of summer food canning, I am soooo ready to relax and quilt. To me, autumn and quilting are my time to get lost in my thoughts, slow down and find some peace and quiet. In the recent September "American Quilter" magazine, there is an article on how some activities like quilting yield beneficial results similar to meditation. They can improve our mental and physical health and take away our stress. So, enjoy the slowdown of autumn. Take time to sew and quilt while reaping the healthy benefits of the calming effects and de-stressing needed by all of us.

Nominations for Officers Update: We have nominations for all offices except a co-chair for Secretary. Please consider helping fill this and getting to know your fellow quilters as a benefit. We need this filled before Oct 31st. Thank you...Betty

Reminder for 5" Charm Squares Turn In: All squares for the year will be turned in Oct. 17 at our Drive thru/Drive in at Price Park in Greensboro from 3-5 pm. Each month's theme pile needs to be in a separate food baggie labeled with your full name and the month. We will re-distribute each contributing member's TOTAL stash in November at Greensboro, Reidsville, and High Point pickup locations or pre-arranged parking lot meetings. Please see previous newsletters or our website for the monthly themes.

Guild Meet-Up/Drive-In: Scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 3 to 5 pm at Price Park under the shelter (rain date Oct. 24th). This park is near the Kathleen Clay Edwards Library off Hobbs Rd in Greensboro, NC. We will have tables set up for paying membership dues, for turning in raffle quilt ticket money, for turning in all 5" charm squares for the year, for picking up prizes won at Zoom meetings, for charity quilt drop offs and pickups, and others. You will be able to walk from one table to another to pay or turn in items and quickly go on your way. We will be social distancing and working as quickly as we can to have you on your way again.

PROGRAM: Jacqui Mehring will be presenting the October program on Kantha embroidery. There are several examples of this technique attached below the newsletter. Please take a look at these so that you will have an idea of the content of the program.

In order to boost membership, please invite a friend to join our Zoom meetings for the next 3 meetings of this year for free. You can even invite someone who lives out of town, or a former member who has moved away. We anticipate having meetings via Zoom for the coming year, so anyone can join PQG that has a computer or smartphone. Just forward the Zoom invitation to your invitee and copy Michelle Volkmann on the email so she will have a record of the invited guests.

Special Program Announcement: We are planning to have our Viewer's Choice Challenge: "Special Celebration Day" at the **December** meeting. You can still finish your quilt or start one now. Check out the rules for this year's challenge quilt on our website under Quilt Show. If you forgot your date and/or theme or need one, call Lillian Adcock at: 336-457-5398. Send an email with a picture of your quilt with the title to Michell Owens at : mowens3@yahoo.com. BEFORE Thanksgiving. There is still plenty of time to make an awesome challenge quilt.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Barbara Wolfe-10/06, Beverly Wilcox-10/21, and Pat O'Rork -10/28.

SHOW AND TELL: Be prepared to show off your latest projects at the Zoom meeting and/or you can post your items on the PQG Facebook page.

RAFFLE QUILT INFORMATION: Remember to turn in your money and stubs to Libby Bowles for any raffle tickets you've sold for "Tessellation." The drawing will occur in December. There will be tickets available for both quilts on October 17th at the Meet-Up.

How to purchase a raffle ticket: If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets for "TESSELLATION" or "FIREFLIES & OTHER NIGHT LIGHTS" please see a member of the Piedmont Quilters' Guild. Or you can mail a check payable to: PIEDMONT QUILTERS' GUILD. Mail to: Piedmont Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 10673, Friendly Center Station, Greensboro NC 27404-0673. Include your name and phone number so we can call you when you win! We'll hold your raffle ticket stubs for you. **BE SURE TO SPECIFY WHICH QUILT AND PLEASE SEND THE CORRECT TICKET PRICE**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Grandma's Handz, the organization requesting our help with the sensory quilts, or 'fidgety' quilts, will be represented at our Oct Zoom Meeting by Cherise Braun

who will talk about the organization. Ann Johnson will show a completed design. At the Oct 17 event, I'll have materials on hand for you to pick up.

A New Project Idea: Kennel quilts! Similar to pet beds, but these are 18 x 12 inches so they can fit in a kennel or carrier so the animal is more comfortable. They can be pieced or simply use leftover yardage and batting scraps. These quilts need 2-3 layers of batting. There is a tutorial on our website.

Charity Quilts: Kits for charity quilts will be available for pick up on Oct 17!

Progress on the 'Sudan project' quilt: Jeanne Harrison, Mary Ann Rhoades, and Carolyn Burgess have created a design, gathered fabric, and started on the quilt for the Sudanese couple who are working to receive a Habitat for Humanity home through Mary Ann's church. Sample blocks and design elements (nine patches, half square triangles, strip sets and five inch blocks) will be shown at the Oct. meeting and kits will be available on Oct 17 at the Meet-Up.

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.

HELP WANTED: There is a request posted on the website for anyone interested in a for-hire quilting job. This person would prefer a hand quilter, and if anyone is interested, they can contact Barbara Dunnagan, gcpad@triad.rr.com, 336-430-0038.

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. 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.

MEMBERSHIP: ***SPECIAL NOTE*** The board has voted to raise the membership fee to \$35 (Seniors age 70 and older \$20) for 2021.

2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Our 2021 Membership applications are attached. You can also download it from the website. If you turn in your application before October 31, 2020 (see below for address) you can receive a \$5 discount off the standard Membership price. That is a whole year of quilting fun and inspiration for only \$30! (Senior Membership is an already discounted \$20 so the early-bird discount would not apply.) Our year starts on January 1st so all 2021 Membership renewals are requested as soon as possible. The address to send your updated Membership application is:

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RATE SPECIAL From now through the end of 2020 NEW members are able to join our guild at a special rate of \$15 to cover the remainder of 2020. (Senior memberships remain at \$10.)