

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

August, 2015

Next Meeting: August 13, 2015

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

6:30PM – Open House, Meeting & Social

August Meeting:

We will be doing the first "Block of the Month" starting at our August meeting. Please bring one white fat quarter, one red fat quarter and everything you will need to make a block at the meeting, including a sewing machine and extension cord, and an iron.

August Workshop:

August 8th - Barn Quilt Workshop, Lee's Chapel Methodist Church, Lee's Chapel Road in Greensboro. This is a Saturday workshop at the picnic area right off the parking lot. The workshop is from 10 - 2 and all participants must bring their own supplies for the class. If you have not picked up your supply list, please contact Jackie Russell in the evening after 7 pm. Rain date for the class will be Sunday, August 9th from 1 - 4 pm. Please note time change for Sunday. If you haven't already paid for the class please bring a check payable to PQG with you.

August Field Trip:

August 14th - Friday - Field Trip to Spoonflower and Shop Hop. Cost per person is \$15.00. We will meet up at Starmount Church parking lot at 9 am. For those members who don't wish to drive, we will carpool. Please be prompt and if you haven't already paid for the trip, please bring a check payable to PQG and give it to Jackie Russell or MaryAnn Rhodes. We will be stopping at Great Harvest for lunch and will be returning around 3 pm.

August Birthdays:

Margaret Regan	8/1
Jackie Russell	8/8
Marty Bergman	8/10
Linda Fishell	8/14
Patti Stiles	8/23
Joan Jamrog	8/24

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

Upcoming Meetings/Workshops:

September Meeting: September 10th - Our guest speaker will be "Hissyfitz" who will provide us with a Trunk show and a program on "Why didn't I think of that?" - tips and tricks for sewing short cuts.

September Workshop:

September 12th - Workshop with Sandy Fitzpatrick from Hissyfitz. She will be teaching a fusible art class entitled "Gourds". It is a lovely wall hanging for fall and the workshop will be held at Calla Lily Quilt Shop from 10 - 4. Fee for members for the class is \$35.00 and \$45.00 for non-members. There are plenty of openings for the class so please sign up early. This is a great deal for this class! Get a jump on your fall projects and create this beautiful wall hanging. We will have Sandy's quilted piece at the meeting so you can see how beautiful it really is. Don't wait - sign up today!

October Meeting:

October 8th, a Halloween Party! Be thinking of ways to use your quilting knowledge to create a costume for the party. Members are asked to bring some "treats" to share and the UFO challenge projects are due at this meeting. If you have signed up to accept the challenge, you must bring your project to the meeting to prove you have finished or pay the guild a \$5.00 fee! Bring your Halloween quilts for show and tell. Prizes will be given for the top three UFO projects. It'll be spooktacular!

Show & Tell at the July Guild Meeting:

Marty Bergman - Duck baby quilt, Hungry Caterpillar quilt, Judy Niemeyer, Japanese Fan

Mary Jo Wimberly - Handmade wooden lazy-susan made by her 88 year old uncle out of cedar and maple, orphan block pillow and miniature quilt with 1/2" squares

Jane Weinstein - Baby Bee's, Fourth of July

Carolyn Draper - Baby quilt for great granddaughter in Alaska, Trip around the World

Cheryl Joines - 4 community outreach quilts, 2 streamers, 1 giant baby block, 1 kit

Pat Morris – snowmen quilt

Jackie Russell - California King wedding ring quilt

Margaret Kreis - star quilt, butterfly ornaments

Guild Activities and Opportunities:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 19th at High Point City Lake Park's "Day in the Park Festival". The festival hours are 11am to 5pm. The Piedmont Quilters' Guild will be in the Heritage Crafts shelter. Our guild has promoted the art of quilting for many years at the festival! We will demo quilting and sell raffle tickets. I am checking to see if we will also be able to sell items leftover from our Quilt Show Boutique. Maybe we'll be able to gather some new guild members too! High Point City Lake Park is located in Jamestown NC. You can volunteer to help 11am to 2pm (please be there around 10:30am to help set up our area) or 2pm to 5pm (plus packing up our area afterwards). Please contact Michelle Owens (mowens3@yahoo.com) if you are available to help! You will need to bring hand-work or hand-quilting to demo and quilts to show. We will be in a picnic shelter so you do not need to bring a lawn chair or worry about a tent. Plenty of food, drinks, kid's rides, crafts and music will be available at the "Day in the Park Festival". Come out and make a day of it! I really appreciate the volunteers that have agreed to help at this event and all the events in the past.

The Gate City Quilt Guild would like to invite our members, and any of your quilting friends, to take a workshop with Paula Reid. She's creative, fun and a great teacher, too. The class is Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3. She will be presenting at the Gate City Quilt Guild meeting on October 1 which is \$5 for non-members. If you would like to sign up for the class or for more information, please contact Diana Smith at smithdns@bellsouth.net.

FABRIC FABRIC FABRIC (made you look!)

Our guild has received several donations of fabric - both new yardages and large scraps. If you could use some these donations to create quilts for community outreach, that would be greatly appreciated. Due to limited storage space this fabric can only be offered at the August meeting,

RED WHITE AND BLUE

Those members who volunteered to take a red 2.5 inch strip to make rail fence units, please remember to bring your completed 6.5 (unfinished) blocks to the August meeting. We will have a temporary design wall so we can all see the project grow.

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 (tcrouzer@yahoo.com), the guild newsletter editor.

Our website receives inquiries about custom quilting, quilt repairs, t-shirt quilts, memory quilts, etc. If you are interested in being a "Talent for Hire" quilter, please contact Michelle Owen.

Member Spotlight:

Elsie Hutchens has sewn all her life, but did not start quilting until 2010. While at the Shepherd's Center, she took a class with Paula Becker just to try something new. She did a Rail Fence quilt-as-you-go project, then she took 2 more classes from Paula and a number of classes with PQG, not only to make new quilts but to learn new methods. What she did learn, was that she was not so much a "patchwork" type of quilter, but more of a free spirit quilter. She says she tried to "find something I want to do and feel I can do." This has led her into impressionistic work, most recently a tree made out of flower fabric. She is trying to become more realistic in her landscape quilts but it is challenging she says! She does everything by machine, as sewing by hand does not work for her. She does a fair amount of applique and zigzag, with some fusible. She would like to try working from a photo soon, but is not quite ready yet. Right now Elsie is working on another Gai Perry impressionistic quilt, and has a Storm at Sea to finish up, among other quilts.

Elsie joined PQG in 2011, and feels proud of her ribbons won at our quilt shows as a first year newbie, and the honorable mention she won for her landscape quilt last year. She likes to learn from our meetings, along with meeting friends. Show and Tell is a favorite part of the meetings. Elsie serves on the planning committee, and would like members to think about serving on that committee to reach out to others.

Her motto is "get creative!"

New Member Spotlight

Carol Rawleigh heard about the Guild from member Elsie Hutchens. Carol is originally from Hagerstown, Maryland and has lived here in North Carolina since 1972. She is a beginner to quilting and is also interested in fiber art. Her other hobbies include watercolor and gardening for pollinators. Carol is a freelance editor. Carol has 3 children, Alex, who is manager at One Main, Dorothy, who is a health educator for Chatham County Health Dept., and Sarah, who is a program manager for Immigrant Assistance Center at Faith Action International.

Judy Martineau came to our Open House that we had in July. She has done some quilting and she hopes joining our guild will inspire her! Judy is widowed, has 7 children, 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and is a retired RN. She loves to read, travel and enjoys some volunteer work. In addition, she knits and crochets for prayer shawl groups for various church ministries. Judy is originally from Watertown, NY and came to North Carolina through her husband's job at Burlington Industries. The family started a recruiting business which is owned by 3 of her sons.

Welcome Carol and Judy, we hope to see you at our August meeting!

Other Opportunities and Travel

The Center for Creative Leadership is planning a show of quilts made by our guild members for November, 2015 through March, 2016. They will hold a wine and cheese reception for us in January of 2016 at their facility. You may put a price on any quilt you enter in this show. Contact Barbara Wolfe if you are interested.