

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

June, 2015

Next Meeting: June 11, 2015

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

6:00PM General Discussion of Guild Fund Raising 7:15PM Meeting & Program

June Meeting: Nancy Cook will be our guest speaker. Her program entitled "A Lifetime Passion for Fabric and Thread " describes her journey of twists and turns over 20 years in quilting and embroidery. Nancy is a NC artist who creates realistic images of nature in exaggerated scale. Her work has been exhibited world-wide and in public and private collections. Currently she has quilts in SAQA "Seasonal Palette & Earth Stories" traveling exhibitions. She will be showing her fabric art at our meeting. See her work at:

<http://www.nancygcook.com>.

June Workshop: Unfortunately, the workshop on June 12th has been cancelled due to lack of sign-ups.

June Birthdays:

Paula Becker	6/1
Linda Grogan	6/2
Donna Snyder	6/11
Karen Meredith	6/14
Donna Paulsen	6/17
Charlie Webb	6/17
Pam Prochazka	6/30

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

Upcoming Meetings:

July Meeting: PQG Annual Summer Picnic and OPEN HOUSE! Something new we are trying this year. Please invite anyone that you know who sews or would like to learn how, or just someone who might be interested in joining our guild. Please bring a casserole or some food to share. Also, bring some quilts or quilting artwork that you have done so that prospective members can see what we do. It's always good to see what great work our guild produces with all the talented people we have. Bring your ribbons for awards that you've won and the quilts they go with. Tables will be set up at the far end of the room for you to put them on. Let's make this a great time for all and a chance to show off our talents and boost our guild members!

August Meeting: What everyone has been asking for! We are starting our block of the month program. August will bring a red and white 16"x16" Hunter's Star Block done in the easy construction method. We will be making this block at our regular meeting after all the announcements, so bring your sewing machines and sewing tools/notions to make the block at the meeting. A supply list will be at the Programs and Workshops table at the July meeting. If you have scraps and fat quarters in your stash, now's your chance to get to use some of them up. If you are going to make a 2 color block, you only need 2 fat quarters to make this. And if members want to donate a block, we can put them together to make a lap quilt and donate it to charity. The instruction sheet and pattern are free to members and \$10.00 to non-members. If you know anyone from another guild who would like to join us - please ask them - the more the merrier!

We will also have scissor sharpening at this meeting - so bring your knives and scissors with you. Prices range from \$4 to \$7 for the sharpening.

Other Events:

August Road Trip! Friday, August 14, from 10 - 3 will be our field trip to Spoonflower and a Quilt Shop Hop, with lunch in between. Please sign up before the middle of July so we can get a head count and plan the lunch spot. Mary Ann Rhodes is in charge of the trip. Member's fee for the trip is \$15.00 and non -members is \$20.00. Everyone is responsible for their own lunch purchase and we will be setting up car-pooling for the trip. The sooner you sign up the better! Don't miss the chance to see a great opportunity to let your creativity soar.

Barn Quilts Workshop! August will also be the month we will do the 4' x 4' Barn Quilt project. We will be doing the project on the grounds of Lee's Chapel Presbyterian Church, on Lee's Chapel Road in Greensboro. Members will be responsible for the purchase and prep of the plywood and getting it to and from the workshop. Supply lists and prep instructions will be provided at the June meeting. Jackie Russell will teach the class. Fee is \$20.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Because this project must be done outdoors, there will be a rain date. Final plans are being made and a date for the workshop will be announced at the June meeting. Members who have signed up to do the 2'x2' size will also be attending this workshop.

UFO Challenge! It is not too late to sign up for the UFO challenge. You may sign up at the next meeting at the Programs and Workshops table. You must complete one project of your choice and present it at the October meeting. Members will judge which three entries are the best and three prizes will be awarded for the top finished UFO's. If you don't complete your project by then, you must pay a penalty of \$5.00 to the guild! So join in and get one of those projects done and out of your closet - you could be one of the winners!

Show & Tell at the May Guild Meeting:

Kathy Boynton: Small pieced wall quilt, 2 aprons and a casserole holder

Barbara Wolfe: Sparkles on the Water, a five and dime quilt, The Delta Gamma Years, I & II, T-shirt quilt

Patti Stiles: Mystery quilt and 2 charity quilts

Elsie Hutchens: Flowering Tree, an impressionist wall quilt

Pat Talbert: Small 9-patch quilt and a handbag

Caryn Wright: Fox quilt for 1st grandchild and purses from quilt camp

Mary Jo Wimberly: Yard sale find quilt skirt

Jane Weinstein: Red white and blue small quilt from Eleanor Burns

Mary Ann Rhodes: Do What You Love with sewing themed fabric

Caroline Draper: Denim charity quilt in red, white and blue

Guild Activities and Opportunities:

Community Outreach will be meeting at Ye Olde Forest Quilt Shop the first Monday of each month between 1pm and 5pm. We will be sewing on projects for the various charities PQG supports. Please feel free to bring your own future charity quilt or try new projects planned for the session.

At the initial session on Monday, June 1st, we will be making a scrappy, strippy quilt which starts out like the Jelly Roll Race quilt. You will need 20 to 40 (depending on your final size) WOF 2.5 inch strips in your scrappy colors. Those strips will be cut in half (about 20 inches in length) before you join them. You will need 1.5 to 3 yards of your contrasting solid/tone-on-tone. The wide range is due to size, border and binding options.

Please bring all necessary sewing supplies and your machine. Kelley and Joanne are letting us use the classroom area at Ye Olde Forest. The shop is located at 3005 South Elm-Eugene Street in Greensboro.

If you can't make it on June 1st, please join us on July 6th or August 3rd,

Volunteers for the Quilt Show Committees are needed for our 2016 Quilt Show. Many hands make light work! Ask President Joanne Jones or any Board member how to get involved.

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 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

Patti Stiles moved to Greensboro in 2002, and has been a member of PQG ever since.

She made her first quilt in the late 90's when she was living and working in Pennsylvania and couldn't make it to the guild meetings. A group of the ladies from that guild had her buy the pre-cut squares from a fabric store and they helped her get started. It wasn't a great first quilt.

But then life led her to France, where she took a quilt class taught in FRENCH! It was a very comprehensive class, where she learned everything from simple 9-patch to applique, and from tree skirts to full size quilts. Everything in FRENCH! Patti says the only thing she didn't learn was the word for seam ripper....the teacher would go on and on in French, and if Patti didn't understand, the teacher would then switch to English and say "just rip it out!"

She has taken many other classes since she's been back in the states from the local shops and through our guild. She enjoys learning new things and getting a fresh look at things she already knows how to do. She also likes our Show and Tell portion of the guild meetings to see what talent our members have and also for inspiration.

Patti is a topper - she loves to make the quilt tops, but does not enjoy the process of finishing a quilt after that. For every large project she does, there is a charity quilt made out of the scraps.

Patti's favorite quilt is the one on her bed right now. It is an Egyptian themed quilt with matching pillow shams. It is her favorite period of history and she finds it very interesting.

Currently she is working on a rainbow boutique project. In a weak moment she bought the 30+ different fabrics back when Randy had his shop, and has all the pieces cut and bagged, ready to go.

Patti's parting words of wisdom: "There's nothing wrong with being a topper!"

Other Opportunities and Travel

Jessica Smith Vaughan of Oak Ridge, NC, is a volunteer who buys flannel and makes hygiene products (pads) for girls in third world countries, who must miss school when they have their periods. She will be having Days for Girls project day on June 4th from 10 am to 9 pm. It will be at 8934 US Highway 421 in Colfax. The contact number is 910-295-1507. Sergers as well as regular sewing machines will be needed. To find out more about this project, you can google Days for Girls.

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.