

Piedmont Quilters' Guild

Newsletter

Greensboro, North Carolina

October, 2015

Next Meeting: October 8, 2015

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

Board Meeting - 6:00PM.

Social/Meeting - 6:30PM

October Meeting

Halloween Party! Dream up your best quilting inspired costume and wear it to the meeting - it can be scary or simple, but must involve something to do with quilting. Let's see who comes up with the best costume.

UFO challenge projects are due! The members will judge the quilts and the top three will win prizes. If you haven't completed your project you owe the guild \$5.00! We want to hear your stories on what inspired you to start your quilting project and how you made it real.

Birthday members are asked to bring something "spook-tacular" for snacks and other members can bring something as well. Let's not let the kids have all the fun at this time of year!

Block of the month: Fall Leaves - this block is a great stash buster and the colors are bright and fun to put together. One block will be shown at the meeting with directions for everyone. And, if you are just learning how to top quilt, this is a forgiving block to practice on - not much top quilting to do and the results are terrific no matter what color you use.

I am still looking for volunteers to share their favorite block at the guild meetings. If you would like to show a block you love and tell how to make it, please see Jackie Russell at the meeting or email jackiehrussell@sbcglobal.net. You must provide a finished block for member to view, explain how the block is made and provide directions on how to make it.

October Birthdays:

Sue Field 10/3

Barbara Wolfe 10/6

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

Upcoming Meetings/Workshops

November Meeting

November 12th meeting - We will be making Holiday ornaments at this meeting. These are quick quilted ornaments that look complicated but really are not and they are a great "take me with you" project for those times when you are traveling and need something for your hands to do and they make great gifts. Samples of the ornaments will be shown at the October and November meetings. A Supply list will be provided at the October meeting for all the supplies you will need to make them. This is a great way to use up those small pieces of fabric you've

been saving. One ornament takes about 40 minutes to make, and I'm sure you will want to make more than one after the first one - they are like potato chips, ya can't eat just one!

December Meeting

December 10th meeting - Annual Holiday Party! Please bring a dish to share and join us for some holiday cheer. We will have a Santa Swap where you bring a favorite wrapped quilting item and you get to choose one to take home. So think of some fabric or quilting item that you truly love, bring a duplicate and swap it out - no telling what goody you will bring home.

Show and Tell – September Meeting

Pat Morris...Critter Quilt

Mary Jo Wimberly...refashioned shirt and mini quilt

Gail White...Jelly roll race quilt and bag, card holder and a pennant

Ann Johnson...Wall hanging, birds and a Judy Niemeyer batik bed runner

Lizabeth Johnson...4 barn quilts: Our Country, Casino, Memory Star and Switching Crowns

Lillian Adcock...Spicy Spiral table runner, 2 fabric bargello quilt and Pinwheel corners quilt

Barbra Wolfe...2 Mouse squares, one for Halloween, one for Christmas

Joanne Jones...raw edge applique elephants (Huffalumps)

Quote of the Month

“Veni, Vidi, Velcro. I came, I saw, I stuck around.” ~ Anonymous

Community Outreach

“Hat-er-day” - Part of Make a Difference Day 2015 Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 4 pm
Where: First Lutheran Church, 3600 W. Friendly Avenue (Corner of W. Friendly and N. Holden) – Use the main entrance and look for the signs, we'll be in the classroom area. We will be making fleece hats and no-sew fleece throws for chemo patients. Come for a few hours or stay for the whole day. We need volunteers with sewing machines, but we'll also need volunteers to do handwork for the hats if you don't want to bring your machine. We also need help clipping and tying the no-sew fleece throws.

Bring: Sewing Machine , basic sewing supplies - scissors, neutral thread, pins, and needles, extension cord/power strip (be sure to put your name on it), bag lunch.

*OPTIONAL - Fleece! I have fleece for the hats so you don't have to purchase any, but you can bring any you may have left over from another project. We do need two coordinating pieces of fleece yardage (1-1/2 or 2 yards each) for the fleece throws. Please keep in mind while shopping that these hats and throws are mainly for adult patients. For hat decorations: I have precut felt flowers and buttons for decorating the hats; please feel free to bring any decorations you may have on hand.

*OPTIONAL - Please bring a snack to share!

*OPTIONAL - Invite a friend to join in all the fun! Please pass this invitation on to anyone you know that might be interested in helping.

Questions? Contact Michelle Owens.

Guild Activities and Opportunities

2016 PQG Retreat: let's quilt at the beach!

Plans are being made for a guild quilt retreat at The Clam Digger Inn, Pine Knoll Shores NC for March 31 to April 3 of next year. The room rates are \$65 for Thursday night, \$100 for Friday night and \$100 for Saturday night. To make reservations on line or by phone you will need to know the date you want to check in and then enter or say our group code 1603PIE. Please call the Inn at 252-247-4155 or toll free at 1-800-338-1533.

Your reservation must be made by March 10, 2016. Do not use email to make or change your reservation. We can start making our reservations right away. Meals are pay-as-you-go at the Inn's restaurant or elsewhere as you wish.

Mark the date in your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

Block of the month: if you make a block and do not wish to keep it, think of donating it to the guild so that we can make it into a charity quilt. Do not "square up" your block if you are going to donate it - that will be done when the blocks are put together. With our first Block of the Month for August, the Hunter's Star, we received 9 donated blocks (thank you to the members who were kind enough for the donation!). We will be showing that quilt at the November meeting after it is all put together. Keep up the good work quilters!

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), 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.

New Member Spotlight

Jessica Clippinger

Jessica found out about the guild through Calla Lily Quilt Shop. She has been quilting for about 2 years. Her aunt, who has been quilting for years, got her started by giving her a jelly roll.

Jessica lives in Denton and works in Greensboro. She teaches special education at an alternative school. Her parents live near her and she has two sisters. In addition, she has a dog by the name of Kenzi. Her mom has also gotten interested in quilting and embroidery.

Betty Green

Betty, who was a member around 10 years ago, and a past president, decided to come back to the guild. Betty has missed quilting and being with friends at guild. She enjoys hand quilting and has many unfinished projects that she would like to work on again.

In addition to quilting, Betty enjoys working around her house, gardening and rescues cats and dogs. She has two grown children. Her son lives in Greensboro and is a computer manager at Duke Hospital. Her daughter is a flight attendant, living in Wilmington and based in Norfolk, VA. Betty now lives in Ruffin, NC and teaches Foods and Nutrition at Reidsville High School and works part time at Lowe's Home Improvement in Reidsville.

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. The quilts should be brought to our November meeting. If you want to put a price on your quilt, our contact suggests \$450 or less as they sell better at that price point. Contact Barbara Wolfe if you are interested in showing your quilts.

Twin Rivers Quilt Guild "Day of Sharing" Oct. 17 9:00-3:00 Tabernacle Baptist Church 616 Broad St, New Bern, NC 28562.

To All Knitters and Crocheters:

Have you heard of "Knit the Bridge"? To celebrate the 100 Year Anniversary of the Lindley Park Neighborhood, the LPN Association will cover the bridge on Walker Avenue with knitted/crocheted panels in a "Yarn Bomb" on Saturday, November 14th. There will be lots of chances to get together with others for a "Knit-In". If you are interested in participating please see Michelle Owens to check out the flyer. Or email Kathy Newsom directly at Kathyhouseofhope67@gmail.com. Even if you don't participate be sure to look for the decorated bridge in November as you drive down Wendover Avenue!