

PATCHES AND PIECES



Letter From the President

Dear Guild Members, Quilters, family, and friends,

Once again welcome to the Three Rivers Quilters newsletter. I'm pleased to call this group my own. Recently I was on the receiving end of our groups support and kindness. I want you to know that it blew me away, not to mention helped me through a tough spot. Thank you, thank, thank you.

The quilt show is coming up, so I hope everyone is stitching like mad. I'm not sure there is any hope for me, but I wish the best to everyone else. I will leave the info to our Chairs Liz, Nancy and Registrar Tracy. I will be looking for people to help hang and then again for take down... You may get tired of me asking.

Sadly we had to cancel our January meeting due to foul weather, better to be warm, safe, and dry. I hope the weather cooperates with the rest of our meeting dates this year. Tips and hits will be shared in the future.

Take care and hope to see you soon,
Beth xox

2018 TRQ Quilt Show

April 26, 27, 28, 2018

Theme: Seasons

February, 2018

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster, PA March 21-24, 2018 Lancaster County Convention Center. Renee King reneethequilter@gmail.com has all the details for the TRQ trip Mar.21-23. We have room for more quilt lovers.

North Pittsburgh Quilters Guild Quilt Show Fri-Sun, Apr 6-8, 2018, **1000 Ross Municipal Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15237** ([map](#)) "Oh My Starts!" Featuring the Feathered Star Block www.npgg.org

Pittsburgh Creative Arts Festival Fri-Sun April 6-8 David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, USA ([map](#)) <http://pghknitandcrochet.com>

Some Quilt Tips

Fons and Porter Quilting Magazine Supplement 2006

Make threading monofilament thread easier, take a felt tip pen and color the end of the thread **Bernina Educator**

A weekly pill box is perfect to hold bobbins and other small items to take to workshops. **From Love of Quilting**

Use fusible batting when you machine quilt. The quilt is flat, easy to manipulate and never puckers during quilting. **Cara Gulati, Author**

Place several spools of thread for hand sewing in a large salt shaker with a snap-of top. Run end of each thread tail through a hole in the top so it is ready to use. **From Love of Quilting**

Clean fusible web goo off your iron by ironing a fabric softener sheet. **Marianne Fons**

Membership

I will have the current membership list at the Feb. meeting. There is still time to pay your dues and be included. If you are uncertain that your membership is current please contact me.

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Please leave a message if I do not answer.

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PATCHES AND PIECES is the quarterly newsletter for the Three Rivers Quilters Guild and appears in November, February, May and August. Members are welcome to submit items of interest to their fellow quilters. Deadline for submissions is the first Saturday of the month that the newsletter will be published. Please send all items to: Camille Autieri, 1019 Forsythe Road, Carnegie, PA 15106 412-279-7751 <mailto:camteach@comcast.net>

Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Workshops 9:30 – 3:30

Meetings begin at 7:00

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February 20 Workshop

Playing Around with Thread Painting

Camille Autieri

We will use thread painting to:

1. Create
2. Enhance
3. Embellish

Three techniques we will use:

1. Sketch, thread paint, and then applique a “feature” for our piece
2. Use a dissolvable stabilizer and tulle to thread paint an embellishment for our piece
3. Thread paint a pre-printed photo on fabric for our piece.

You must pre-register for this workshop with Renee King 412-519-6469, or reneethequilter@gmail.com. There is a kit that will be provided for an additional \$2. The supply list is available by contacting Camille <http://camteach@comcast.net>

Feb. 20 Meeting : Evening Program to be announced. . Photos can be taken and completed registration forms will be accepted.

March 20 To be announced. Photos can be taken and completed registration forms will be accepted

April 17
No workshop or program is planned as we will finalize plans for the annual Three River's Quilt Show

Since the time is short, here is this year's challenge. This is for members only. Members will vote on the quilts at the April meeting. The theme is the same as for the show, Season(s).

For this challenge you may use any definition of season(s) to create a quilt.

1. The challenge fabric must be used in a noticeable amount on the front of the quilt.
2. You may add up to 4 more fabrics.
3. Maximum perimeter 120" and you choose the shape.
4. The quilt is due at the April meeting.

If you want to participate please contact me and I can mail the fabric to you. The cost is \$8.00 and piece is 24". See sample below. Entries are limited.

Lila Mason 724-518-7730 If I don't answer please leave a message and I will return your call.

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Here are some helpful links to the Three Rivers Quilters website for the 2018 TRQ Quilt Show.

http://www.threeriversquilters.org/QuiltShowEntryForm_2018_15136.pdf

http://www.threeriversquilters.org/2018_Show_Entry_Rules_Final.pdf

http://www.threeriversquilters.org/2018Show_Ribbons_Final.pdf

Busy Bee

One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure. Bring your Orphan Blocks to the February Meeting. We will have an exchange and you can take your new treasures home to make a new quilt. I can't wait to see what our creative members come up with. Call Renee King at 412-519-6469

<http://reneethequilter.com/>

Stitch-In / Linus

We meet at the Linus Center on Weyman Road on the first Wednesday of each month to complete quilts for neonatal units in local hospitals. Thank you all for your support. Linus sends THOUSANDS of blankets to hospitals and other facilities every year - just from the Pittsburgh region. Imagine the numbers nationwide! Come visit us the first Wednesday of most months. Upcoming dates are Feb. 7, Mar.7, April 4, and May 2. You are welcome to come to help 9:30 AM to 12:30PM. QUESTIONS call Pat Griffith 412 854 2010. or email pattyquilts76@yahoo.com

WANTED: Quilt Tops

We need tops made from 5" x 5" squares (cut 5 1/2 ") in a 7 block x 7 block layout, OR 6" squares (cut 6 1/2") in a 6 block by 6 block layout. We accept these year-round. IF you tie your quilts, DO NOT USE PERLE COTTON. Embroidery floss is the best choice.

Retreat

The TRQ Annual Retreat will once again be held at the Das Dutch Haus Hotel in Columbiana, Ohio on October 5, 6, and 7, 2018. Our theme this year is PINK. We will be celebrating breast cancer survivors and honoring those who lost their heroic battle. The cost of the retreat is \$200. This includes double occupancy room for Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Friday and Saturday nights and use of the sewing room. If you are interested in a private room, please contact me for the rate. Some people have asked to come up on Thursday. The hotel will save rooms and charge us the same room rate we are charged for the retreat for the additional night. If you plan to attend the retreat and are interested in this extra night, contact me for the additional rate. You will be on your own for meals for the extra night. I am working with Clarice Shay to have a class again this year. There is no cost for the class and Clarice is always willing to offer assistance to anyone in attendance, regardless if you are taking a class or not.

Community Service

These cold, snowy winter days are the perfect time to work on a community service quilt in preparation for our October meeting. October is our Community Service Month. At the evening meeting, guests from three different charity organizations attend and are presented with quilts made by us - TRQ Members! I am always blown away by your talent and generosity, each year donating over 100 quilts!!! Quilts of any size are appropriate, they are given to children of all ages and to adults going through cancer treatments.

Library

Be sure to check out the TRQ website for available books you may borrow. Be sure to let Betty Jane Szydowski know the books you would like to borrow. She will be happy to bring them to the meeting. 412-885-1042

Crockpot Beef Stew

Perfect meal to have when you get home from the quilt show.

1/3 c. flour
1 tsp smoked paprika
1/2 tsp seasoned salt
1/2 tsp ground black pepper
2 lbs. beef chuck, cut into 1" cubes
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 onion chopped
1 8 oz. pkg. chopped mushrooms
3 potatoes, diced
5 carrots sliced
2 stalks celery chopped
2 clove garlic minced
1/4 c. Marsala wine
1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
3 cans 10.5 oz cans beef broth
1 14.5 oz. can crushed tomatoes
1 1oz. pkg dry onion soup mix

1. Combine Flour, paprika, seasoned salt and pepper in a large, resealable plastic bag. Add the beef, seal the bag. Shake the bag thoroughly to coat the beef with seasoned flour.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over med.-high heat. Shake the excess seasoning off the beef, then stir the beef into the hot skillet w/ the onion and mushrooms. Cook and stir until the beef is evenly browned and no longer pink. Drain and discard any excess grease.
3. Place the beef mixture into a slow cooker. Place the potatoes, carrots, celery, garlic, Marsala wine, and the Worcestershire sauce into the cooker with the beef mixture. Pour the beef broth and tomatoes into the cooker, then stir in the onion soup mix and 1 more tsp. paprika. Cook on high for 4-6 hours or on low for 10-12 hours. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
4. For thicker stew, combine 2 Tbsp each cornstarch and water in a small bowl. Gradually stir the mixture in the stew until thickened.

Serve with fresh bread and salad

Quilt registration by March 21

Co-chairs, Nancy Palmquist and Liz Hayes

We have missed one meeting this year, so be sure you are on schedule to get your quilts ready for the show.

Photos for quilt show entries will be taken before the meetings in February and March, registrations are due right after the March meeting. If you want us to take your pictures the cost is \$1 per picture. A rack will be available for hanging your quilts.

We will have the **sign-up sheets** at the meetings for volunteers. We can't do this without help from everyone. Each member can find a way to contribute. Some jobs are before the show, collecting items for Dream Baskets, doing advertising, etc. Some jobs are to setup at the casino before the show opens, sorting out stuff for Grannies Attic, hanging quilts, and judging. And many jobs are during the show, handling admission, taking money for various sales, or just wandering around the show answering questions. Help where you can, it is what makes it all work. We have **Family and Friend tickets** available at all the meetings before the show. The tickets are \$7 each (cash or check only) Ask Liz Hayes, Nancy Palmquist or Tracy Finnell for tickets.

Finally, we still need some guild members to volunteer to take over chairmanships for 2019 and by doing it now, you can work with the current chairperson to see what needs to be done. On the job training will make it much easier next year.

JOB 1 – Advertising - I think this is a great job for 2 people to share. There are emails to send, some mailings to do and some ads to place. This job starts in January and most of the work is usually done by March.

JOB 2 – Judging Coordinator - This job includes scheduling the judges for the next year (this is done almost a year ahead of the show each year), hosting the judges on judging day, making sure judging goes well, and after the show getting the sheets and gloves cleaned and back in storage.

We are so excited for the show, time will pass quickly, so make sure you are ready.

Registration is now open for the Three Rivers Quilters 2018 show. Submit your quilts now. You may mail your registration or bring it to the meeting in Feb. or March. Entry forms for this year are available on our website www.threeriversquilts.org and will also be available at the meetings in Feb. and March. If you have any questions concerning entering the show, please email or call Tracy. We look forward to seeing you at the show. Tracy Finnell, Show Registrar 412-584-4847 trregistrar@gmail.com

Quilt Show Challenge – This is open to all members. See page 3 for details.

Quilt Show Demonstrations I tell everyone about the amazing talent found in Three Rivers Quilt Guild. I am looking for demonstrators for the quilt show to showcase your talent. Please let me know if you have a skill or technique you would love to share with other quilters. Call Renee King at 412-519-6469 <http://reneethequilter.com/>

Raffle Ticket Sales This year's beautiful raffle quilt was made by Nancy Palmquist and quilted by Tracy Finnell. It has been and continues to be making its way around to be displayed by many of our local quilt shops. Our local quilt shops sell raffle tickets and are very supportive of us; please show your appreciation for their support. The quilt has been to Gloria Horn's and is now at Quilter's Depot. It will soon go to Quilter's Corner. We ask that each member sell 10 tickets. Tickets are \$1 each. You will get a pack of 12 tickets, 10 to sell and 2 for yourself. See me at an upcoming meeting for your tickets. Julie Lesko

Raffle Baskets In 2017 we had wonderful donations from the quilt members. This year please don't forget to donate items for our baskets. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Charlotte Bachman

Grannie's Attic Flea Market – It's Grannie's Attic time again! Time to go through your sewing area and sort out all that stuff you no longer can use or want. Grannie's Attic will accept items associated with quilting and sewing. The items include, but are not limited to magazines, books, notions, orphan blocks, quilt tops, panels, patterns and of course fabric. It is very helpful if you could measure the fabric before donating. Fabric should be measured to the nearest quarter yard, rounding down to the lower quarter yard. Roll the fabric and tie with the measurement attached. I will be bringing tags to the next two meetings. **Do not save batting scraps we will not accept them this year.** Preferably, donations can be brought to the show venue on Tuesday or Wednesday of quilt week between 10 AM and 3 PM. If you can't bring them those two days, we can accept them Thursday morning. I will also be accepting donations at the February and March meetings. Please sign up to volunteer for Grannie's Attic during quilt week. Help is needed every day but particularly Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Last year Grannie's Attic was very successful because of the generosity of the guild with both merchandise and help. Grannie. BettyJaneSzydowski 412-885-1042



Feb. 20 Thread Painting Workshop
Camille Autieri

**Try a new volunteer
job at the quilt show
in April**

**See pg. 5
for opportunities**



2018 Raffle Quilt
Made by Nancy Palmquist
Quilted by Tracy Finnell

Good Friends are like quilts, they never lose their warmth - Unknown

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