* High Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

**July 2019**  **Volume 8, Issue 7**

Please join us the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Westchester Baptist Church (behind Publix) at 135 Westchester Dr., High Point, NC 27262

**From our President, Janet Wells:**

Summer at last! On cold winter days month ago, don’t you remember thinking about warmer weather and sunny skies? Well, here we are. Ninety degrees and humidity. Ugh! Personally, I hate to sweat! Can’t we have more days in the seventies and no humidity?

I think of Matthew Emerson in quilting terms: Unique, inspired, creative and amazing, to name a few of his traits. These are the things I will miss the most. I especially appreciated last year’s 12” block challenge. The made us really think about what could be done within 144 square inches. I wish the Emerson’s much happiness and success in their new home. If there is a guild in Salem, MA, they will be very fortunate to have a new member.

As we start anew, we will need to elect a first Vice President. Please consider taking on this responsibility. It isn’t a difficult job – I did it for six months, so anyone can do it. The basic duties are being in charge of the door prizes, and stepping in if the president isn’t available (sort of like the Miss America first runner up.) So, if someone calls and asks you to consider having your name on the ballot, please say yes.

Be thinking of venues for our Raffle Quilt. We need to sell tickets.

Mystery Quilt I is now complete. Did you keep up? I’ve heard from a few who have finished piecing the top. The quilt police are not going door-to-door checking progress. Complete Mystery I at your leisure. Remember, bring your completed Mystery Quilt to the July 2020 meeting for Show and Tell.

Since we are not having the quilt show this year, I’ll five the fabric requirements for Mystery Quilt II in the August Newsletter. I’ll send the one and only clue in the September Newsletter. This one is scrappy. So, when it is too hot be outside, sort through your stash. This one also will have different construction options.

I had much bus time on my trip to South Dakota to put my thoughts together for this newsletter. Don’t worry, my columns won’t always be this long. By the way, if you have never been to South Dakota, put it on your list of places to go. Every day was an adventure – Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, all were wonderful places to see. If you have never heard of or seen the statue “Dignity”, check it out online. Seeing it in person was this quilter’s dream come true.

Let us use our summer activities, travels and endeavors to inspire our quilting. Hmmm. There is probably a “Dignity” quilt in my future.

Happy thoughts and happy stitches –

Janet

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**From our Vice President, (to be determined):**

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**Officers, Chairs and Committee Reports:**

**Secretary and Historian, Wendy Clagg –**

**High Point Quilt Guild**

**June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Past President Sherri Fields called the meeting to order at 6:45pm. The President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were not present so Sherri volunteered to head up the meeting.

There were 23 members present. Sherri welcomed our new member, Charlene Kaiser.

**Treasurer’s Report**

No report. June Treasurer’s report tabled until July guild meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

May meeting minutes tabled until July guild meeting.

**Charity Quilts**

Ten quilts were turned in this month.

**Program**

Cindi Sullivan introduced member Joann Cloer. Joann has been quilting for five years. In 2015 she bought a long arm quilting machine and has started a long arm quilting business. She recently received certification from APQS.

Joann spoke about preparing your quilts for long arm quilting. She handed out a checklist of what should be done to your quilt top and backing before having it long arm quilted. She also attached the directions for adding borders to your quilt.

*Quilt Top – Make sure your quilt lies flat. Correct any wavy borders or puffy blocks. Make sure the quilt is square. Make sure there are no open seams. Stay stitch ¼” around your quilt to secure the seams, especially if there are no borders. Remove any stray threads on the quilt top and the quilt back that might show through once quilted. Remove all embellishments from the quilt top. Make sure both pieces are free of pet hair. Mark the top edge of the quilt top. Press the quilt top ensuring all seams lay flat.*

*Backing – If piecing the backing, remove the selvage. Use ½” seam allowance. Preferred direction for a back seam is horizontal to the top and bottom of the backing. Press horizontal seams to one side. Vertical seams press open to reduce bulk. Ensure that back is a minimum of 8” to 10” wider and longer than the quilt top. Mark the top edge of the quilt backing. Press backing.*

*After pressing top and back, fold carefully and drape over a large hanger to prevent wrinkles.*

**UFO Challenge**

UFO’s completed and shown this month – Sue Bino (vase with flowers wall hanging) and Susan Pierce (appliqued whale wall hanging).

The next challenge is due in August. Number 3 was drawn so that is the project to work on next. This isn’t a hard-fast rule, as you can select any of your projects to complete.

**Show and Tell**

Sherri Fields – small pink and blue quilt made with fabric left over from her bunny/tulip wall hanging.

Cindi Sullivan – postcard quilt top, the border design came from another pattern.

**Door Prize**

Sue Bino, Charlene Kaiser and Sharon White each took home two Bonus Quarters that were donated by Pineapple Fabrics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pierce

(Filling in for Wendy Clagg)

**Treasurer, Theressa Smith –**

**Programs, Becki Bostick and Cindi Sullivan –**

**Fall Retreat, Facebook, and Education, Sherri Fields –**

There are still spaces at our Fall Retreat at Haw River October 17 – 20, 2019.

**Fund-raising, Susan Pierce –**

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**2019 Quilt and Vendor Show, August 24 and 25, Hartley YMCA, High Point, NC –**

This show has been cancelled.

**Additional Announcements –**

Our new president, Janet Wells, wants the newsletter to go out on the 1st of each month, so please send me any items you wish to have added as soon as possible each month.

Kelly Healy

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Members,

We have been invited to enter quilts in the 2019 Randolph Quilter's Guild quilt show taking place November 8th and 9th.  I will have copies of the registration forms at the next guild meeting.

Susan Pierce

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**Upcoming Shows –**

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**Attachments –** None.

Respectfully submitted,

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