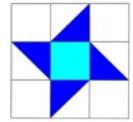


Parker Piece Keepers



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Next guild meeting

January 24, 2017
6:30pm
"Tips and Tricks"
Parker Adventist Hospital

Upcoming events

Sew Day
January 21, 10am
Parker Adventist
Hospital

PPK Board Mtg
February 6, 6:30pm
Parker Adventist hospital

Guild Meeting
February 28, 6:30pm
Parker Adventist Hospital

Web site

www.parkerpiecekeepers.com
(the password for the members
only sections of the site is on
your membership card).
E-mail for website content is
ppkwebsite@yahoo.com

Newsletter

ppknewsletter@yahoo.com
Got a story, joke, picture, news
tidbit, info on a show you know
of? Send it in!

One of my daughters once described me to her friend by saying that my love language is quilting. I share in my family's daily lives through the quilts that can be found in their homes. This is my fifth year as a member of Parker Piece Keepers and I'm looking forward to indulging my passion for quilting and enjoying time with other quilters.



Returning board members, Mary Jo Williamson and Gail Sharkey will be joined by Debi McNaughton, Alice Kober, Mary Gholson and Carol Stout. We all hope that you will be able to join us for the kick-off of 2017 on Tuesday, January 24th in the Conference Center of Parker Adventist Hospital.

Gail has a fun program in store, the new guild board of directors will be installed, we have a fun group of pre-cut fabrics to sell with a "brown bag auction" and we all have an opportunity to share our projects in show and tell. It will be membership night so come to join, re-join, catch-up with old friends or make some new ones. 2017 at PPK is about to begin!

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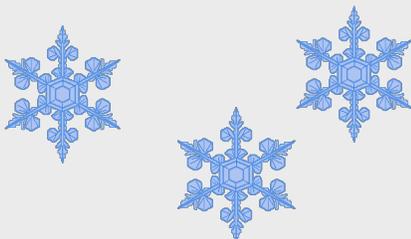
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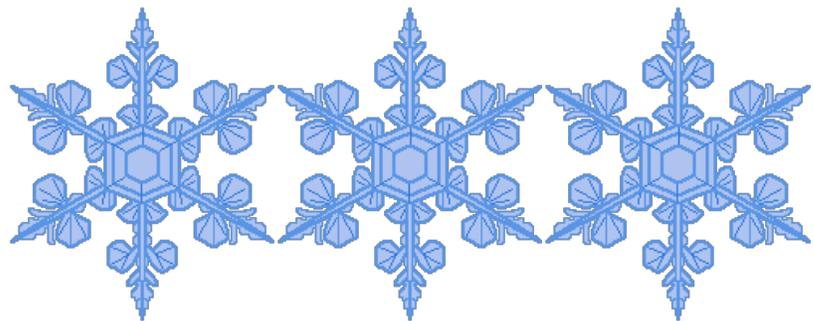
Community outreach coord.
 Eileen, Carol, Andrea and Sonja

Sew Day Coordinators
 Mary Myrup, Gail Sharkey,
 Ila Idhakari



Brown Bag Auction

A very generous donation to PPK included pre-cut fabrics including fat quarters, charm packs and jelly rolls. We are making them available to members at the January meeting by holding a "Brown Bag Auction." We will be selling tickets for \$0.25 apiece and you will be able to use your tickets to select which items wish to have an opportunity to win. We have more than 35 items to choose from. Money raised will help offset the cost of materials for our 2017 outreach projects: lap quilts and rice bags.



2017 PPK Quilting Retreat

2 Openings!!

The 2017 quilting retreat is just days away. There are two people who are not able to attend. If you find yourself without plans for Friday, January 27th through Sunday, January 29th, please contact Andrea Loschen at akloschen@gmail.com as soon as possible. The cost is \$220 for the retreat and 2017 dues of \$30 must be paid beforehand. The cut-off for signing up is Monday, January 23rd by 4:00pm. This is a great way to meet other guild members and make progress on your projects in a beautiful setting with comfortable rooms and delicious meals.

Tips and Tricks

1. To wash small pieces of fabric without fraying the edges, put them in a salad spinner, rather than a washing machine. Spin with hot water and soap. Rinse in cool water, drain, and spin. Press the pieces dry.

2. To make a sewing machine needle easier to thread, shine a beam of light behind the needles eye.

3. To match ends perfectly, lay two binding strips right sides up and overlap the ends by 2". Cut through both layers at a 45 degree angle. Place strips right sides together and stitch a 1/4" seam.

4. To make it easier to remove papers from foundation-pieced projects, run the handle end of a pair of scissors along each stitching line to weaken the paper.

5. To more easily make triangle squares from marked squares, press the sewn triangles open before cutting them apart. This method stabilizes the bias edges and prevents stretching.

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December Guest Speaker

Ann Myhre

Quilt as Inspired™



Play

Experiment

Enjoy Your Creativity

Have Fun



BEEs!!!

Saturday Strippers, 6-8 mbrs
2nd Saturday of the month
Meet at members' houses
Contact Eileen Burnley

Gabsbee, 8 mbrs
1st Thurs of the mo., daytime
Meet at Members' homes
Donna Genitempo
Eileen Burnley

Woolies, 7 mbrs
2nd Monday of the month
Meet at Panera's in Parker
11am-3pm
(don't have to do wool appliqué)

Country Bees, 6 mbrs
3rd Tuesday of the month
Mary Jo's house, 6:30pm
Contact Mary Jo Williamson



Gentle Reminder

Please keep track of the hours you spend on charity projects, we want to show the hours we put into charity at the end of the year, and we can't do it without your diligent effort to turn-in a Charity Project Tallie Sheet each time you complete a project.

A year full of fun!!

As you renew your membership for 2017, here's preview of what's in store for 2017.

January 24, 2017:

Tips & Tricks – We have gleaned a plethora of fun tips and tricks from our fellow guild members. Come see how they use common household and hardware items in the sewing room.

February 28, 2017:

A visit from Parker Adventist Hospital's CEO, Sam Huenergardt. Mr. Huenergardt will discuss the hospital's impact on the community, upcoming plans for growth and improvement, and how the support of volunteer organizations (such as PPK) impacts the hospital's delivery of care to patients and their families and how our donations are being used.

March 28, 2017:

Organizing Your Sewing or Craft Area. Are you just one fat quarter away from being featured on "Horders"? Jill Fleming of Smart Organizing Solutions, was "born to organize" and loves the feeling that comes from helping someone conquer the clutter in their life. She has many suggestions and advice on how to tackle your creative space.

April 25, 2017:

Scrap Quilts and Truck show with Kate Colleran and later that week participate in a 6-hour scrap busting class. Kate's teaching philosophy is to provide a relaxed, stress free atmosphere where everyone can have fun! Join us in learning to use your 2 1/2" scrap strips to create her fun Whirlybird pattern.

May 23, 2017:

Humble Quilts – Under the Radar Program with Jeannie Wright. From 1940-1975 quilts were out of style and undervalued. Jeananne has been gathering (saving) these unwanted quilts for 4 decades and will bring about 30 with her. They are scrappy humble quilts made by humble folks and have been overlooked and under the radar far too long. They are improvisational and often ignore basic quilting rules. This is Jeananne's newest lecture, and you will never see another program like this! Bring your own humble quilts from this overlooked time period in quilt history.

June 27, 2017:

Zentangle with Dusty Darrah. Have you heard of Zentangles? It's a fun creative way to create beautiful images by drawing repetitive structured patterns. It's easy to learn and very relaxing. Come join the fun with Dusty and her "hands on" demonstration.

July 25, 2017:

Annual Charity Sew Day. Everyone wins when we all get together to piece tops for our Charity Outreach committee. Come join the fun and you just may win a door prize!

Hot Spiced Punch

This punch was served at the December PPK meeting.

Ingredients:

1 can of pineapple juice
 1 can of water
 64 oz. bottle of cranberry juice
 1-1/2 cups of brown sugar
 4 cinnamon sticks, broken into pieces
 4 T whole cloves
 1/2 t salt

Directions

If using a stainless steel coffee maker:

Pour liquids into the coffee maker. Place sugar, spices and salt into the basket and plug it in.

If using a stainless steel pot on the stove top:

Sew the spices into a muslin pouch. Put remaining ingredients into the pot, add the spice pouch and heat. Simmer about 15 minutes to allow the spices to be infused into the juices.

Hints

Because of the acidity of the juices, do not make this punch in an aluminum coffee pot or pan.

Use the back of an ice cream paddle to break up the cinnamon sticks.

August 22, 2017:

911 Quilt - A Remembrance. Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing on September 11, 2001. Donna Litt was so moved by that day's events that she created a stunning quilt that still honors those lost on that day 16 years ago.

September 26, 2017:

Voices from the Past, Quilts & Soddies. Go back in time with Brenda Breadon from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum. The sod house is revealed through the journals of women who homesteaded the American West.

October 24, 2017:

Bunco Night - Annual Guild Fundraiser. \$20 per person admission. Prizes will be awarded and you'll get an extra ticket for bringing a friend or spouse. Come join the fun! There will be much laughter, dice throwing and counting! AND, of course, there

2017 Membership Form on page 6

(also available at the January Meeting)



Charity Corner

Parker Piece Keepers is a 501 C(3) organization. Our main objectives are education, producing quilts, other sewing projects for Adventist Hospital and other charitable organizations. The Charity Committee has put together our goals for 2016, and we need your help to be successful. Every member counts, and every member's hands are needed to reach our goals this year.

Item	Measurement	Goal
Baby/Lap size quilts	Up to 40" x 52"	8 per month
Receiving Blankets	24" x 24" and 30" x 30"	6 per month
Rice Bags	9" x 11"	15 per month
Cosmetic Bags	Pattern on PPK Website	On going project
Bibs/Burp Cloths	Pattern on PPK Website	On going project

Our primary goal is making quilts for the hospital; we have kits available at each meeting for you to pickup and return completed project. You can also just make tops for charity. You can use your own fabric or contact one of the members of the Charity Committee and we will be happy to set up a time when you can go through the guilds fabric for your charity project. **THANK YOU!**

January 2017

PARKER PIECE KEEPERS QUILT GUILD

___ New Member Form

___ Membership Renewal Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

Email Address _____

Month & Day of Birthday _____

Do you have any special quilting interests or suggestions for an upcoming program, class or workshop?

Would you like to help us by volunteering to participate on one of our committees? Please visit our website to help you in choosing!

Yearly Dues are \$30.00 _____

After July 1st Dues are \$15.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

CHECKS should be made out to Parker Piece Keepers or PPK

Cash _____ Check _____

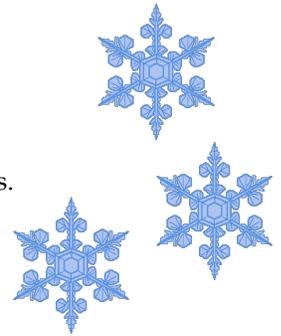
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*Please contact the Vice President of the PPK Guild if you need a nametag!

Minutes for PPK Guild Meeting Dec 6, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:40

- Previous Minutes: No additions. Minutes were approved.
- PPK members voted on and approved the nominees for the new board. The new board will be installed in January, 2017:
 - President: Andrea Loschen
 - Vice President: Debi McNaughton
 - Secretary: Alice Kober
 - Treasurer: Carol Stout
 - Vice-Program: Mary Gholson
- It was noted sadly that Elli Anderson passed away before Thanksgiving.
- Asked if there were any November or December birthdays. Members sang birthdays.
- 18 members and 1 guest attended the meeting



Reports

Librarian: Eileen Burley

Eileen will post 5 boxes of books on the website—or can come to the library and browse at her house. One-month checkout and can get one-month extension.

Community Outreach: Eileen Burley and Andrea Loschen

In 2016, delivered 180 rice bags to hospital at least 80 receiving blankets (obligation was 60) 10 per month done. 65 quilts given to hospital. Another 12 with juvenile themes donated to Parker Task Force.

Members need to turn in tally sheets. Slips are in newsletter. Part of charity arm of Guild--very much appreciated. Hospital tracks volunteer hours—we're part of those hours. They use metrics. Put paragraph in newsletter so that everyone understands that it's important to turn in slips with quilts. Also track materials.

2017 Programs—Gayle Sharkey:

- January: Tips and Tricks meeting. Can still send them. Will include in newsletter. Will also have paper bag auction for large donation of precuts. Tickets will be sold for a quarter and drawings will be held
- February: Parker Adventist CEO will talk about significance of our donations and upcoming news about hospital.
- March: Speaker will discuss how to organize your sewing area. She does house calls.
- April: Scrap quilts with Kate Colleran
- May: Humble quilts Jeanne Anne
- June: Zentagles
- July: Charity Sew
- Aug: Remembrance for 9/11
- Sept: Voices from the past with Brenda Bear-den
- Oct: Bunco game
- Nov: combined with December meeting
- Dec: Ornament exchange and Sandra Clemens, folk artist, will speak

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Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

2016 Program Chair Pat Syta introduced Ann Myhre's Program: "Inspired Quilting: The Ambitious Journey of a Restless Quilter"

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Charity Project Tally

Date

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E-mail

Phone #

Contributed Items:

Time Estimate:



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