

North American Quilling Guild Conference

All Quillers are invited to attend, you do not have to be a paid member of the NAQG.

The 2019 NAQGCON will be held on **April 26 and 27, 2019 at the Wilmington/Christiana Hilton, 100 Continental Dr., Newark, DE 19713**. Guest room rates for our group will be **discount-priced at \$119**. The hotel will extend this special rate from Wednesday through Sunday nights. Reserve your room by calling **1-877-883-0746** and tell them you are reserving your room for the North American Quilling Guild Conference (**Group code: NAQG**) to ensure you receive the discount guest room rate. **Hotel reservations must be made no later than March 26, 2019.** (NOTE: If you reserve your hotel room after the deadline date and need the discount rate, please contact me at darnold16@verizon.net, and I will arrange.)

The closest airport is Philadelphia International (PHL). The best way to and from the airport is to either rent a car and drive I-95 South, or use Delaware Express Shuttle (goairportshuttle.com). You can also take the airport train into Center City, and take a second train to the Wilmington or Newark, DE train stations, where the hotel shuttle can pick you up. The number to call for the **hotel shuttle is 302-454-1500**.

A secondary airport is Baltimore Washington International (BWI). You will need to either rent a car and drive I-95 North, or take the airport shuttle to the Amtrak Station, with a final destination of Newark, DE, where the hotel shuttle can pick you up. This is about an hour and a half away from the hotel, but some folks find it cheaper.

Please let me know if you are using the trains, so that I can coordinate your arrival with the hotel shuttle driver. If you are driving, the hotel is off of I-95 in Christiana.

Conference Theme (suggested by Marion Bertaut) is **“Quill Your Way Across Delaware”**. I will provide everyone with an ID name tag, but would like each of you to find an interesting fact about Delaware and place it on a 4x6 index card, and quill the card for an exchange with other attendees.

Members that extend their stay, I have arranged a tour of antique quilling at Winterthur Museum and Gardens, scheduled for Sunday, the tour itinerary and payment information is included in the Quill America.

Thanks to the generosity of the members who volunteer their time and expertise, we hope to offer a variety of classes/workshops. If you would like to volunteer to teach a class/workshop, give demos or “Make-it/Take-its”, please let me know as soon as possible, and fill out and return to me the **Volunteer Instructor Registration Form** {available from the NAQG web site}. When teachers/classes are confirmed, I will post the class descriptions and notify attendees when to choose classes.

The NAQGCON is a very special event and opportunity to meet other quillers, learn new techniques and share ideas. All conference activity is held in the hotel, including 2 group meals (the cost has been included in the Registration Fee). The general schedule goes something like this: Most attendees arrive Thursday afternoon to pre-register, receive their ‘goodie’ bag w/conference information, interact with other attendees. Friday is a day of classes/workshops, Group Lunch, set up competition entries, vendors will set up their tables. On Saturday members set up any personal work displays, there are demos or make & takes, vendor shopping, raffle ticket sales, and the hours of 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. the general public is allowed to visit and learn to quill. Saturday evening is the Group Dinner, announcements and awards to competition winners, and raffle ticket drawings.

If you plan to donate any giveaways, or items for the raffle table and send by mail to my address: 146 Wedgefield Drive, New Castle, DE 19720, please let me know as soon as possible and include a note inside the parcel so I know what the items are for. **Please do not mail any parcels directly to the hotel.**

This event takes a lot of work and planning, I’m relying on you to return the required forms and payments to me as early as possible, so I know how many to plan for.

Please remember to bring your personal quilling tools, glue, scissors, etc. (packed inside your luggage) for the classes and extra paper to practice all the things you will see and learn. You may contact me at 302-740-2544 or via email at darnold16@verizon.net with any questions, or if you need help with your hotel room reservation.

Deborah Arnold, your 2019 NAQGCON Host

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