

North American Quilling Guild Conference 2012

Hold on to these papers even if you are not planning to attend . . . read on . . .

The 2012 NAQGCON will be held May 4 and May 5, 2012 at the **Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (US Rte. 30), Lancaster, PA 17602, phone: (717) 299-5500 or www.lancasterhost.com**. The hotel offers free shuttle service within a 5-mile radius of the hotel, including to and from Lancaster Airport (Cape Air) and Lancaster Train Station.

Car rental or Amtrak train travel will be necessary to get to Lancaster from international airports. Lancaster Airport (LNS) can be reached by flying into Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) and then arranging a Cape Air shuttle flight to Lancaster Airport. Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) is approximately 35 miles northwest of Lancaster and two miles from the Middletown Amtrak station where you can take the Keystone Line to Lancaster.

Please note that this hotel has 3 stories with just a few steps between floors. There is elevator access only to the handicap rooms and to the Conference area from the Main Lobby, but no elevators to the non-handicap rooms. If you cannot do a few easy steps, be sure to request a handicap room.

If you plan to reserve a room at the conference hotel, **reservations must be made no later than April 4, 2012**. Guest room rates for our members will be **discount-priced at \$99.00 plus tax, per night**. This group rate will be extended three days pre and post contracted event dates. You should reserve your room early by calling 1-717-299-5500 or toll free 1-800-233-0121, let them know you are attending the North American Quilling Guild Conference to get the preferred rate. All conference events are held in the hotel (competition, workshops/classes, and public viewing hours). There will be a storage room available on the conference level Thursday afternoon and overnight for those bringing many items for display and vendors. (*Any cancellations should be made within 48 hours of your scheduled stay.*)

In an effort to keep costs down, there are no meals included in the registration fee. There is a restaurant located inside the hotel and several other restaurants outside the hotel that are within walking distance. *If anyone is interested in going as a group to a local Smorgasbord one evening, please notate it on your registration form so that I can make arrangements.*

This year I'm requesting that all attendees make and bring their own personalized ID nametags to wear, decorated with quilling that best identifies you or your state/country. We will give awards for best nametags.

The tentative schedule for the 2012 NAQGCON is as follows:

Thursday: Most people arrive, register, receive conference materials, greet old friends and make new friends. A hospitality room will be available during the conference for quilling and socializing.

Friday: Will be a day of classes, as well as setting up for the competition, vendors, and personal displays. Vendors will usually set up their booths so they are available Friday night and all day Saturday. Friday evening we will vote on the competition work and possibly have the raffle.

Saturday: Includes classes (if needed); admiring everyone's work; giving/attending demonstrations, as well as greeting and teaching the public who come to see our work; and the announcement of the competition winners.

Class teachers are needed. As of this writing, I have three classes/teachers (The Stained Glass Look; Braiding and Trim; and Adapting Frames for Quilling). Please indicate on the Registration form if you would be interested in teaching a class. Also, please let me know if you are willing to be a greeter (to meet the public), give a demo, share skills, or work on "Make-it/Take-its". Thanks to the generosity of the members who volunteer their services and expertise, we would like to be able to offer a variety of classes/workshops. *Vendors are also needed.* Having an opportunity to see and purchase the latest products, quilling books, kits, tools, and paper strips is a huge perk.

Any and all donations for a raffle and attendee's "goody" bags will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please send them to Kay Charles; 1721 Hidden Lane; Lancaster, PA 17603 (717) 951-7671 and please mark the items so I know which are for the raffle and which items are for the competition. Items donated for attendee's "goody" bags, please send to: Rita Anderson; 2422 Torrington Drive; Toms River, NJ 08755 (732) 886-0867, email: quillingbyrita@gmail.com.

Please remember to pack your own quilling tools, glue, scissor, etc. (they can travel in your checked luggage) and extra paper to try out all of the new things you will see and learn. I am waiting to hear from you and can be reached at (717) 951-7671 with any questions, or you may also contact the NAQGCON Director, Gail Freed: freedgailf@aol.com.

Kay Charles, 2012 NAQGCON Hostess