



Pieceful Times

Newsletter of The Gathering of Quilters Guild

The purposes of the Gathering of Quilters Guild are
to promote the development and art of quilting and
to educate interested persons in all aspects of quilting.

Edited by Hattie Kate Howell October, 2019

<https://gatheringofquilters.wixsite.com/gatheringofquilters>

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Doors open 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT
Holland Free Methodist Church
6605 Angola Road Near Mccord

Speaker Jacqueline De Jonge
Be Colorful World-
How She Started In 1978-Present

Bring: Money, a little (or more!) money for raffles
and shopping

Fat Quarter: Bright all cotton, quilt shop quality.

Address labels: for raffle tickets

Pull tabs from beverage cans, soup etc. for
Ronald McDonald House

Project Linus quilts, afghans, comforters, and
tops

Show & Tell: Your new works from

A friend or so; only \$5 (which can be applied to
dues for the remainder of the year)

Non Perishable food for Holland Free Methodist
food bank

Editor's note

In looking for an image or biography of our speaker, I found online many images of her fantastic quilts, schedules of her classes and other spellings of de Jong referring to someone else entirely. But this I have been told: she is an awesome quilter and teacher from the Netherlands. She is known and admired internationally; so bring a friend and get inspired.

Hattie Kate Howell, Editor



Quilt Shows

All Saints Lutheran Church 5445 Heatherdowns, just west of Reynolds will have a quilt show November 8 & 9. Large display of quilts, attic treasures, and crafts. Lunch at 11:30 and bake sale too. Questions, call 419-865-7701

Sauder Village 2020 quilt show, their 44th, will be held Wed., April 29-Sun., May 3. Their featured guest artist will be Lisa Bongean. Their challenge will feature homage to Amelia a 1920's woman. Go to www.saudervillage.org for more info.

The Gathering of Quilters

September 19, 2019 Minutes

President Rhonda Kistner called the meeting to order at 8:24 following a program by Lisa Spalding on how Batiks are made.

Secretary Report: Carmen El Amin moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Margie Stone seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Susie Todt reported that there is presently \$6,594.87 in the account. Two people will be auditing the books in the next week.

Program: Vicki Karnes reported that next month **Jacqueline de Jonge**, international pattern designer, teacher and fabric designer will be presenting the program. Members are encouraged to invite their friends to this meeting. Start saving your sewing related donations for the stash raffle in November. Tickets will be available at 10 for \$1. This is a great fundraiser for the guild. Bring your address labels and invite your quilting friends, especially young and new quilters. There is no guest fee for this meeting. In January, the Electric Quilt Company will be presenting. They are offering a copy of EQ 8 as a door prize. New Trends in Modern Sewing will be presented at the February meeting by Connie Buick and Collette Henry of Lake Erie Mercantile quilt shop. March brings us Penny Haren speaking on Creative Grids rulers. In April we will learn everything there is to know about sewing needles by Rhonda Pierce. May brings the Quilt Challenge reveal along with a fun night. Members are asked to bring 3 quilt shop quality fat quarters to the meeting. There are bookmarks available with this information. Consider getting some to hand out to your non-guild friends. The guild was asked if they would be opposed to field trips for other meetings. It appeared that most would like to do this.

Quilt Challenge: Diana Trost presented our challenge. We will be making quilts for Project Linus. The quilt should be child friendly using bright, happy colors. The quilt may be themed (pets, sports, cartoon characters, etc.) or based on your favorite block using bright colors. Because these quilts are for children, there may be NO ATTACHED EMBELLISHMENTS. More information will be on the website. <https://gatheringofquilters.wixsite.com/gatheringofquilters> Diana would like to challenge all of us to make a quilt for this wonderful organization. It was suggested that we make a video of all of the donations to put on the website. Beth Rohrbacher reported that she and several other guild members are writing a grant to the Ohio Quilts!! for \$500 to pay for batting. This should help all of us complete our quilts.

The Free Methodist Church where we meet wants us to do charity acts. You are asked to keep track of the quilts that you make for each charity, dog beds, bereavement gowns, etc. and let Sheila Painter know. She keeps track and lets the church know. Sheila would also like to challenge us to make a donation quilt or fidget blanket.

Membership: Beth Rohrbacher reported that we had 9 guests this evening and currently 54 paid members.

Door Prizes: Lois Hoffman, Jill Dale and Hattie Kate Howell won door prizes donated by the Quilt Foundry, Connie Huener won the guild door prize.

Kathy Kanitz reported that there are still openings for the **Mat Board Tote Bag** class on November 21 from 10-3 at the Quilt Foundry. This will be taught by Chris Foreman and will cost \$25. You will need a 30" by Annie's zipper in your color, available at the Quilt Foundry. Kathy Kanitz (734-854-2005) will quilt your fabric on soft and stable foam for \$10. If you want her to quilt the fabric, contact her as soon as possible.

One Day Retreat: Beth Rohrbacher reported that the October retreat will not occur as the parking lot is being resurfaced that day. The retreat will be offered January 11 at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns from 9-6. There will be a lunch, afternoon snacks and drinks. The cost will be \$20 and there is a limit of 20 people. This is an opportunity to get to know your fellow guild members better.

The Board has added the position of Sunshine Ambassador. Carmen El Amin has offered to become the ambassador. This is limited to members and immediate family. Please let Carmen know if there is an event that needs to be recognized.

Upcoming shows: September 20-22 Needle Arts Guild of Toledo, Sanger Library, W. Central Ave.

Sacred Threads- St. Pauls Lutheran, downtown Toledo, until the end of September. Check for times.

Toledo Mennonite Church- October 11 & 12 Nebraska Ave.

All Saints Lutheran Church- November 8 & 9, 5445 Heatherdowns

MINUTES CONTINUED

50/50 Raffle- Diana Burkhardt won \$84.

Fat Quarter Raffle- Sheila Painter won both of the batik fat quarter bundles.

Karen Rupp has a friend who is no longer able to quilt who has **quilt tops in need of quilting** as well as pillow covers to give away. Contact Karen if you are interested.

Newsletter: Hattie Kate Howell needs information for the newsletter by the first of the month. Send her jokes or cartoons also.

Gretchen Schultz reported that Karen Sample, a guild member, passed away recently. Beth Rohrbacher has sent a note to the family.

Fat Quarter Raffle for next month is brights.

Kathy Kanitz moved to **adjourn** the meeting, Jill Dale second. Meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Dale Burnett, Secretary

2020 Gathering of Quilters Guild Quilt Challenge Project Linus Comfort Quilt Challenge

Project Linus is comprised of nearly 300 chapters across the United states and Canada. All are directed by volunteers who work from their homes.

Mission statement:

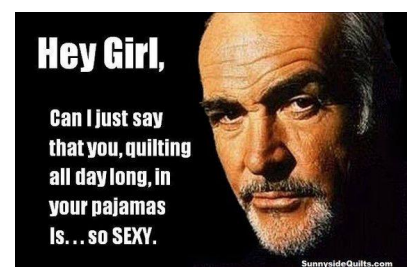
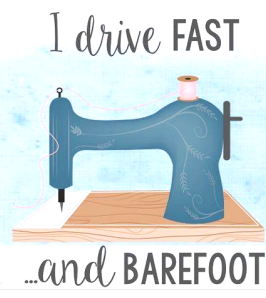
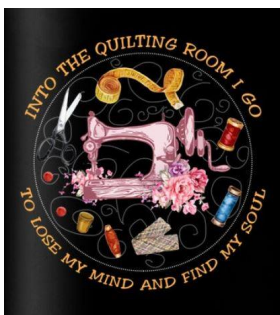
First: Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Second: Provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local chapters

Challenge Guidelines

1. Members may make as many quilts as they desire for Project Linus, but only one quilt per member entered in the guild challenge will be eligible for a prize.
2. Quilt entered must be made entirely by a guild member.
3. Quilt should be child friendly using bright, happy colors. It may be themed; pets, sports, cartoon characters, toys. Or simply your favorite pattern using bright colors.
4. Quilt must have three layers: top, batting, backing and binding. no attached embellishments.
5. Quilted, not tied, and entirely washable and dryable.
6. Sized 40" to 50" wide and 50" to 60' long.
7. Bring to May meeting to be considered for voting. Members of the guild will vote for the quilts which best reflect the guidelines and have quality workmanship. First prize, \$75; second, \$50; third, \$25 gift certificates.
8. Quilts following the guild challenge rules can be accepted from other guilds or individuals, but will not be considered for prize.

Beth Rohrbacher has applied for a grant from Ohio Quilts!! for batting for the challenge quilts.



UP COMING EVENTS

WORKSHOP TO MAKE A CUTTING BOARD TOTE

There will be a workshop on November 21 at the Quilt Foundry for the mat board tote class taught by Chris Foreman. The cost of the workshop is \$25. Kathy Kanitz will quilt your fabric if she receives it before the September meeting. Her charge will be \$10 for the foam. Contact Kathy Kanitz

ONE-DAY RETREAT

There will be a Gathering one-day quilt retreat at All Saints Lutheran Church on Heatherdowns, January 11, 2020. The cost will be \$20 with \$5 going to the church and the remaining going toward lunch and afternoon snacks. The retreat will run from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm. There is a limit of 20 people.

Contact Beth Rohrbacher or Gretchen Schultz

October 17 meeting

Jacqueline de Jonge, Internationally popular quilter and speaker from Holland

will speak on "Be Colourful World-How she started in 1978-Present" Bring your friends, only \$5 for guests, members, free.

November 21 meeting Stash Raffle

Books will be \$3; start gathering your surplus fabric, patterns and sewing related items. This is chance to clean your studio and to get good stuff and for the guild to raise money for programming.

Weekend Retreat

The retreat has filled up, However there are some vacancies in multi-person rooms.

2020 Quilt Retreat is April 1-5 at the 1847 Hotel Millersburg, call Leslie Byrd at (740)817-1860 for reservations! The price will be the same \$65 per person per night.

Mary Ann and I will be there Wednesday through Sunday. Come early stay late!

Kathy Kanitz 734-854-2005, Leslie@Hotel Millersburg, 1 (740) 817-1860, +1 (740) 817-1860

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES

Remember to report your sewn contributions to charitable organizations to **Sheila Painter**. She gives this data (no names!) to the church where we meet as a condition of our meeting there. She regrets having missed some recent meetings, but remember, you can report by phone, email and text, too!

Let's talk pet beds

Area shelters are so grateful for the donations of simple filled pillows for their animals. But it has come to our attention that many, many beds include bad things. DO NOT put in anything stiff or hard, like stabilizers, fusibles, dense machine stitching samples, anything with buttons or garment labels (we don't like them poking our necks, right?!). Be very certain you are NOT tossing in any garbage, sharp objects (YES, needles/pins have been found!), entire garments like sweatshirts or jeans, paper, stiff embellishment scraps, or anything crunchy and hard. If in doubt, leave it out. DO include fabric, thread and batting scraps. As for the cases, make sure the fabric you use is not wispy or thin. The ideal way to sew the case is to stitch twice, 1/8" apart, so if one line of stitching pops, the other will still contain the contents. Sew your case with all four sides sewn with a large opening for stuffing. This way, you can stuff all four corners. We need to be vigilant in making these beds so the area animal rescue facilities will continue to accept and appreciate them!

Sheila