



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 February 2019 www.gatheringofquilters.org

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Meeting begins 7 pm

Doors open 6:30 pm

Holland Free Methodist Church 6605 Angola Rd., just east of McCord.

Speaker: Mary Hogan Fast Fold Hexies

BRING WITH YOU

Fat quarter(s) for raffle, **Bright**

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald house.

Address labels for raffles.

Money for 50/50 and fat quarters raffles: and for dues if you have not sent in your dues.

Dog beds for Humane Ohio, Paws & Whiskers, and Maumee Save-A-Pet

Quilts & Blankets for Project Linus

Show & Tell

Guest Fee: only \$5.

Rhonda's Report February 2019

Did you make a sewing or quilting New Year's resolution? I've made many over the years. Once, I vowed to only buy material if I needed it to complete a quilt that was already in process. That meant borders, backs and binding. Another year I resolved to complete TWO unfinished projects before doing a new project. (I must admit that I accomplished quite a bit that year.) Maybe you set a number for the amount of charity items you will sew for the year. Or, perhaps you want to learn a new technique, join a group, or hold an office position in a guild. Whatever your goal, I encourage you to keep going. February is the month when most New Year's resolutions get left in the dust. Please, keep going. If you haven't set a goal, think about what you'd like to do this year and start on the path to completing it. Here's a few more ideas:



- Work on a raffle quilt for The Gathering of Quilters.
- Organize your sewing space, then rename it a "Studio".
- Join the board (Treasurer and Vice President - must be new for next year).
- Sew charity items.
- Display a quilt at a quilt show: Sauder Village or Kaleidoscope of Quilts.
- Take a class to learn a new technique.

We are so fortunate at The Gathering of Quilters to know members and have speakers who do amazing work. They didn't just wake up one day and have the special talent. They took small steps along the way. So, take a step towards your resolution. You'll be pleased in December when you reflect on the year.

Rhonda Kistner,
President of The Gathering of Quilters Guild

February Program

Mary Hogan our next speaker is author of several books. Talk about **Fast Fold Hexies**. She's from Ypsilanti works teaches at Ann Arbor quilt shop.

from Facebook:

Mary Hogan is a quilter, designer, author, and enthusiastic teacher. Her first book, String Quilt Style was published in 2016. Mary Hogan has been quilting for over 20 years. While appreciating all things quilting, her main focus is piecing in an improvisational manner. Using as many fabrics as possible, her quilts project a sense of energy and movement. There is often a surprising or amusing element somewhere in her quilts.

The Gathering of Quilters

Minutes from January 17, 2019

President Rhonda Kistner **called the meeting to order at 8:06** following a program by Chris Foreman on bags and totes.

Secretary Report: The November minutes had no corrections. Carmen El Amin moved to accept the minutes, Diana Lindhorst seconded. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Susie Todt reported that we have \$7302.35 with an income of \$94 and expenses of \$25.96. The balance is \$73470.95. Colleen Florkowski moved to accept the report, Kathy Deanda seconded. Approved.

Membership: Beth Beth Rohrbacher reported that 3 people joined following the \$5 off offer converting a visitor fee towards membership. Membership lists were emailed out this week. Please let Beth know if there are any changes or corrections. Door prize #1 went to Sharla Cook, Door prize #2 went to Ellen Bowers.

50/50: \$29.00 was won by Ellie Grabarczyk.

Fat Quarter Raffle: Carmen El Amin won the batik fabrics. Next month will be bright fabrics.

Program: Vicki Karnes reported that the Ohio/Michigan quilt raffle took in \$1595 minus \$111 printing cost of tickets. This money will allow us to have more expensive teachers. Thanks to all for selling tickets. Several people went to Michigan games to sell tickets and also to the Mennonite quilt show. You don't need to sell tickets if it is against your religion. Next year we are considering Fall/Christmas quilts to help with expenses. Let board members know if you are interested in this project.

February program- Mary Hogan who lives in Ypsilanti and works at the Quilting Season will be doing a program on Fast Fold Hexies. She has written a book on this.

Kathy Kanitz reported that there is **one opening for the retreat** as someone had to drop out. You can call Leslie at (704)817-1860 to register.

Sheila Painter asked that you give your **fleece selvages** to June Seigneur to make dog toys.

Kaleidoscope of Quilts- We have given \$50 to the show for the best hand quilting award forever. Colleen Florkowski moved to donate the prize, Beth Rhorbacher seconded. Approved. (Edit remarks: The Kaleidoscope Show will be July 12 and 13, 2019. Go to www.GCQC.org for more information. The Kaleidoscope of Quilts Show on Facebook also has information.)

Hattie Kate Howell wants **newsletter** information by January 25.

Kathy Deanda's church is **recycling batteries**. She will collect them at the meetings.

Sandy Dallas moved to adjourn the meeting, Billie Syzmanski seconded. Approved.

Meeting **adjourned at 8:30.**

Dale Burnett, Secretary

Editor's note: Wow, business meeting was only 24 minutes. That is awesomely efficient!

Note from Mary Clark

I have a Bernina 780 Sewing Machine with all embroidery attachment and hoops(jumbo to small). This machine almost new, hardly used. Comes with a new red travel case for both the machine and the embroidery unit. Also included is a large box of assorted stabilizers, over 100 of packaged patterns and thread (Isacord and Floraini)well over 150 spools. Asking \$9,000.00.

Mary Clark

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Words of Wisdom or Not

Thanks Sheila and Marjorie!

What do you get when you cross fabric scraps with an insect? A quilting bee!

The only place housework comes before quilting, is in the dictionary.

You may have heard the expression: "She who dies with the most fabric wins." Well, don't be her. Use it and enjoy it while you can!

Piecing leads to peace of mind, if the points come together right!



SOFT FABRIC,
WARM FABRIC,
BUY IT BY THE
YARD.
HAPPY FABRIC,
PRETTY
FABRIC,
HERE'S MY
CREDIT CARD!

Madam Sew

Project Linus Monthly Meeting

Living Faith United Methodist Church

1240 Columbus, OH

1st Friday, time: 10:00-2:00

February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 10th

National Blanket Day

Saturday Feb.16th.

Sunday Feb 17th 1:00 to 5:00

Lake Erie Mercantile

15555 S. Telegraph Rd. Suite 10,
Monroe, Mi.

Also, Make-a-Blanket Day at Joann's on Monroe
St. Toledo

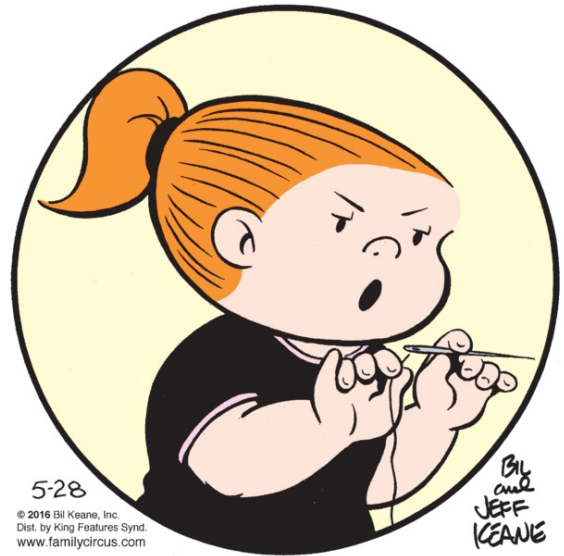
Saturday, Feb 16, 11am-2pm

When you need a break from sewing, what do you read?

If this silliness is too much, email me **what you are reading.**

I just read Fanny Flagg's newest book, The Whole Town is Talking. So good on so many levels. I have just started Barbara Kingsolver's newest, Unfiltered. Her sagas are to good on many levels. My most favorite book on kindness, mission, and quilting has been The Quiltmaker's Gift. It is beautiful as a picture book and is written to be read aloud.

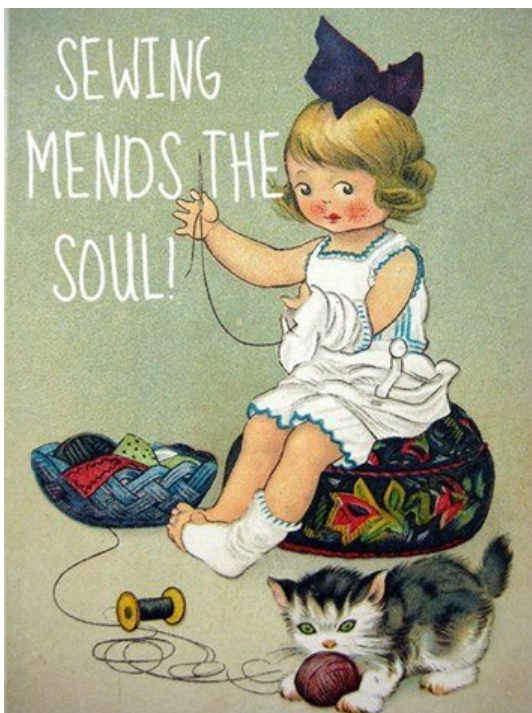
What is your favorite fiction, mystery, or quilting book?



"This would be a lot easier if the needle would stop squinting."

Tips from the common folk:

since we are all special, I am awaiting your suggestions of what you learned or finally figured out. My favorite quilt book for teaching myself has been Quilts from the Quiltmaker's Gift. It is available from the library. Then you can buy it at book store or Amazon when you realize you really want to own it.



Challenges

check online for further information and details.

This weather is ideal for quilting, challenges or as I call it "color therapy".

Do not forget the **Gathering of Quilters Guild challenge** due in May. A bag to use on a walker: for a special season. A tote that could hold a magazine, crossword puzzle from the Blade, wallet or cell phone: necessities.

Sauder Quilt Show challenge: 24" to 36" wall hanging depicting "the Sauder experience." Due for the May show. You need to use some fabric offered in special fat quarter pack.

Kaleidoscope Quilt Show Invitational challenge is themed kaleidoscope of colors, a wall hanging due early July.

Volunteer Sewing Opportunity Sewing and Mending Work At Home

Volunteers are needed for some mending and light sewing work on our cultural interpretation garments. Experience with sewing/ mending a must. Volunteers will have the opportunity to choose items and tasks that fit their abilities and take the pieces home to complete the project. Contact Kelly at

kelly.griffin@metroparkstoledo.com or stephanie.Condon@metroparkstoledo.com for more information.