

Pieceful Times Newsletter

President's Message January 2018

Happy New Year Quilters! I can't believe we are almost half way through our Guild year.

Reminder the meeting date is Thursday, January 18th. We will be learning about using rulers in Schoolhouse Rules! I love that we are learning from our own guild members. I really enjoyed the gift ideas as we learned a lot of amazing and quick gifts from our November meeting. Learning from within the guild was one of the ideas mentioned several times in the pro list of adding the extra meetings, and our program committee has done a great job of recruiting and securing the volunteers.

Don't forget to bring your favorite dessert for our Dessert Potluck. And, as you are making preparation for sorting and cleaning in the New Year don't forget the stash raffle is coming up in March. This has always been one of my favorite activities with the guild, and it is a great way to add to our money stash for speakers! Over the years I have won some great deals – books, magazines, fabric, more fabric etc. One quilter's old stash is another quilter's new stash.

We are still in need of a Nominating Committee. This can be you, or you and a friend. Technically you only need to find nominees for a new president and secretary for the next 2 years (one term). We'd love if you could also help us find a Newsletter Editor, and Program Book Chair – maybe you'd like one of those jobs! Speak right up and it is yours. Every Editor puts their own spin on Pieceful Times. Irene added the member interviews which everyone has enjoyed. Maybe you have a great idea or two. Our goal is to have a smooth transition and election at the May meeting in addition to the Challenge.

How's your quilt coming for the donation to Mom's House? They really do a phenomenal job helping little ones and their moms be successful in our community. With needle in hand,

Colleen Florkowski

The Gathering of Quilters Guild

Guild Meetings are:

- *Held at Holland Free Methodist Church*
- *6605 Angola Rd.
Holland, OH 43528*
- *Doors open @ 6:30 pm*
- *Meeting starts at 7 PM*
- *Next Meeting is
1/18/18*
- *Meetings are the 3rd
Thursday of the
month, Sept—May*
- *No December meeting*



Colleen Florkowski

Our January Topic:
Schoolhouse Rules(ers)

“Teacher Presenters” are:

Linda Ball—Squedge Rulers

Debbie Linenkugel—Ruler Work for Domestic Machines

Shelia Painter—Ruler Tips & Tricks

Beth Rohrbacher—Wave Edge Ruler &
Quilter’s Slidelock Ruler

Karen Rupp—Quick Curve Ruler




Dessert Potluck

Bring a dessert to share & your own beverage.

Paper products provided.

Remember to Bring the following with you to the Guild Meeting:

-  **Canned & packaged food for the Charity Food Kitchen at the Church**
-  Address Labels for raffle use
-  Pop tabs
-  **“Brights” Fat Quarters for Raffle Basket**
-  Show & Tell Quilts

Here are your GOQG Board Members:

President	Colleen Florkowski
Co-Vice Presidents	Tom Sharkey & Linda Ball
Newsletter	Irene Rose
Recording Secretary	Hattie Kate Howell
Treasurer	Susie Todt
Publicity & PR Bookmark	Ellie Grabarczyk
Membership & Webpage	Beth Rohrbacher
2016 - 17 Program Co-Chairs	Jill Holt, Gretchen Schultz, Marjory Wilkin
2017-18 Program Co-Chairs	Kathy Kanitz and Vicki Karnes
Program Booklet	Diana Jacob
50/50 Raffle	Wanda Dyer & Ellie Grabarczyk
Fat Quarters/ Pop Tabs	Danielle Kistner
Challenge	Diana Trost & Irene Rose
Historian/ Photos	Vicki Jones
Annual Retreat	Kathy Kanitz & Margie Stone
Day Retreats	Linda Ball
Door Prizes	Sheila Painter
FaceBook Editor	Irene Rose

The Gathering Fundraiser

Vicki Karnes and Kathy Kanitz spoke at the Gathering meeting last November about a fundraiser idea of making two quilts. One U of M and one OSU quilts to be raffled off November 2018 meeting. The proceeds will go toward increasing the program budget and help us to get nationally known speakers .

We are looking for many different volunteers to make this successful. We need one more person to decide on a pattern/design for each quilt. The OSU person has already volunteered (Thanks to Beth Lenix). Any Michigan fans out there ??

We also need fabric donations to be used in these quilts. Material collection needs to start THIS MEETING January 18. Remember not just U of M or OSU fabrics but coordinating colors, stripes, polka dots, solids and prints. WE NEED THEM ALL !!

We need someone to sew these together and someone to long arm quilt them once they are completed. The quilts are to be raffled at the November 2018 meeting (no need to be present to win).

It is our expectation & hope that ALL members will sell (or purchase) at least \$25.00 in tickets. It is our hope that this fundraiser will increase not only our programming budget, but will help us to get to know each other better and increase comradery of our Gathering group

Please!
Remember to bring only quality, high
thread-count fabric fat quarters (18" X 21")
for the raffle basket!
Thank you.

The Gathering of Quilters Guild Minutes from Nov 16, 2017 For Guild Approval

President Colleen Florkowski called the meeting to order. Diana Trost then introduced Julie Haas, our contact at Mom's House. Ms. Haas described the mission of Mom's House and how it is organized. Mom's House is a non-residential facility which provides a Five Star Early Childhood Center for low income children whose parent is enrolled in school fulltime. She invited members to tour the facility. The Gathering has chosen Mom's House as the recipient for this year's Challenge quilts.

The program for the evening was demonstrations of homemade Christmas items. Demonstrations were given by Diana Trost (placemats), Margie Stone (zippered bag and pillowcase), Ellen Bowers (Ohio mat/wall hanging), and Sheila Painter (Quickie Quilts).

Vikki Karnes and Kathy Kanitz suggested making and selling a raffle quilt as a fundraiser for the guild. Materials and labor would be provided by guild members. It was decided that two lap quilts would be made; one with an Ohio State University theme another with a University of Michigan theme. Raffle tickets would be sold with a drawing to occur in Nov. 2018. The Chairman for the OSU quilt is Beth Lenix We still need a Chairman for the U of M quilt. Donations of fabric and batting are needed, along with help with the sewing.

Beth Rohrbacher reported that 2017/2018 membership stands at 66 members. We had six returning members join this night and one guest in attendance.

The January program will be a Dessert Potluck and Schoolhouse Rules. Some of our members will be doing demos with their favorite rulers. The Fat Quarter theme is Brights.

The 50/50 raffle was for \$30 and won by Sue Todt.

Kathy Kanitz reported that the Retreat is filled and there are two people on the waiting list.

The Door Prize was awarded to Mary Steitz and the Fat Quarters were won by Diana Burkhardt and Debbie Linenkugel.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Rohrbacher

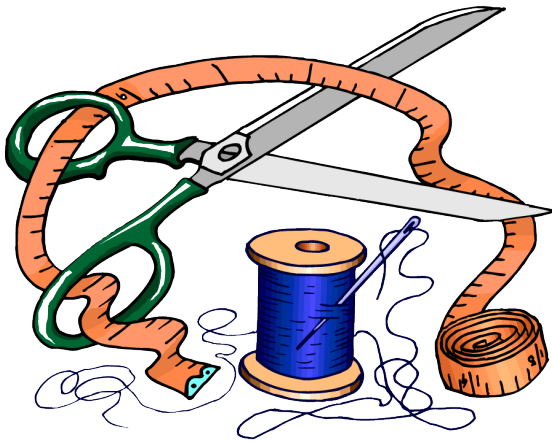
Don't Forget - STASH RAFFLE at the March 15, 2018 Guild Meeting!

Cleaning out cupboards, drawers, tote bins from your sewing room???

Remember **the stash raffle at our March 15, 2018 meeting**. This is a fund raiser for our guild.

Fabric--books--patterns--magazines--rulers--UFO'S--embellishments--anything quilt related is welcome. Plan to donate lots of quilty supplies and items to the Stash Raffle.

And, look forward to playing the Stash Raffle!



Editor's Note to Readers:

If you would like information posted in the newsletter, please contact me by the first of the month with the information.

Contact me at irose0603@gmail.com

Take care. Keep calm and keep quilting.

Irene Rose



Gathering of Quilters Guild Challenge for 2017 - 2018
Mom's House Charity Quilt Challenge
Theme: "I Spy My ABC's and 1, 2, 3's"

Purpose: The quilts will be donated to Mom's House to be used / given to toddlers - kindergarten aged children. The theme is aimed at fun pre-school children learning / education. Your quilt can include I Spy, or ABC's, or 1, 2, 3's, or all of the above. The goal is a fun happy quilt which is about learning.

Mom's House Toledo is a 5-star childcare center available to help low-income, single moms graduate from high school, technical school and college. With intervention and support, they help single moms set and attain lifetime educational goals, and break the cycle of poverty for you and your children.

Mom's House strives to break the cycles of poverty and welfare. Their mission is to guide at-risk single parents through the process of achieving educational goals and provide tools and resources needed to become effective parents.

Guidelines / Rules

Members may make as many quilts as they desire for the guild charity, but only one quilt per member entered in the guild charity challenge is eligible for a prize. The quilt entered in the challenge for a prize must be made entirely by a guild member. The quilt should reflect the theme, "**I Spy My ABC's and 1, 2, 3's**". It may be:

Any color(s) or design

Be of a cheerful, happy appearance

Each quilt must consist of three layers – quilt top, batting, backing – and have a binding. There may be **no attached embellishments**.

The quilt must be quilted, versus tied, and, must be entirely machine washable and dryable.

The quilt size should be between 40" to 50" wide and 50" long.

Quilts are to be brought to the May 2018 meeting to be considered for voting. Members of the guild will vote for the quilts which best reflect the theme and quality workmanship. Winners will receive:

1st Place - \$75 Gift Certificate

2nd Place - \$50 Gift Certificate

3rd Place - \$25 Gift Certificate

Check out our website at:
www.gatheringofquilters.org

Open Guild Positions

There are four (4) positions The Gathering of Quilters Guild must fill at the May 2018 elections. Here are the four positions:

President

Secretary

Program Book Chairperson

Newsletter Editor

If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in one of the positions, please speak up at our Jan guild meeting or contact our president Colleen or another board member.

GOQG Members Charitable Quilty Donations

As part of the arrangement for renting meeting space at Holland Free Methodist Church, we have agreed to report to the church our members' involvement in sewing for charities.

Our president gives a report to the church at the end of each year's contract which includes a summary of the number of quilts/blankets made, as well as dog beds, school uniforms, cancer caps, burial gowns, school bags, etc., and, which organizations were the recipients.

Don't forget, everyone, tell me what charity items you donated since we met last. The tabulation continues, as a condition of our using the church for our meetings.

Never donated a charity quilt? Consider making a small pillow-style quilt from your leftover blocks or fabric, and be part of the count this year! You can pick up a ready-to-sew kit from Project Linus. Not comfortable with doing the quilting? Quilt tops are acceptable, as well....or let me tell you how quick and easy you can get these tops turned into quilts!

Report to me by phone, email, or at any meeting. ~Sheila Painter

Treasurer's Report Not Submitted to the Newsletter

Everyone,

Please be respectful of others and **turn off cell phones, pagers, or other noise makers during our meetings.**
Thank you!

Colleen and fellow GOQG Members

Quilting Economics



Flannel Fabrics Needed

Sheila Painter is requesting donations of flannel fabrics for a charitable cause. If you have any flannels you're willing to donate, please bring them to the guild meeting and / or contact Sheila Painter.

Food for Church Charity Food Kitchen

Please remember to bring a donation of canned or packaged food to the January meeting for the church's Charity Food Kitchen.